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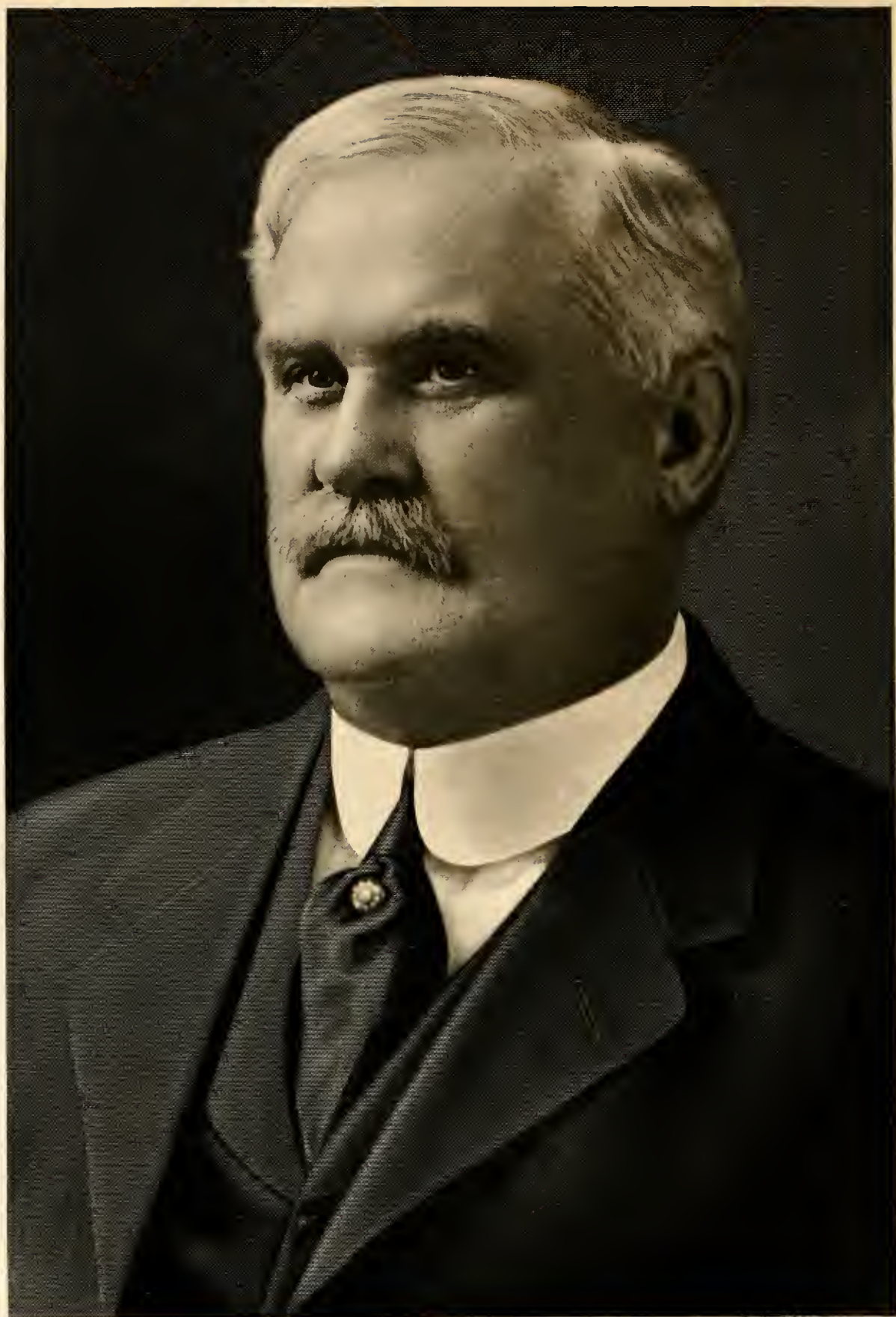
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**PHILIP J. GALLAGHER**, the present rector of St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, came to his charge here in February, 1921. His parish is a large one and the fund which was recently raised to erect the handsome new church, gives evidence of the number and enthusiasm of his parishioners.

Philip J. Gallagher was born at Coledale, Pennsylvania, in June, 1870, his early education being acquired in the public schools of his native town. He afterward went to St. Vincent's College at Beatty, Pennsylvania, and from there he entered Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Maryland, where he studied for the priesthood, graduating with the degree A. B. in the class of 1893, receiving his A. M. degree in 1895, from Mount St. Mary's Seminary. Father Gallagher was ordained a priest on June 13, 1897.

The first church to which Father Gallagher was sent was that of St. Kyrans at Heckscherville, Pennsylvania, and from there he went as an assistant priest to St. Patrick's Church at Norristown, Pennsylvania. He next was sent to Philadelphia, serving in the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary and later to the Church of the Visitation, also in Philadelphia. In 1907 Father Gallagher was appointed professor of canon law at Mount St. Mary's Seminary at Emmitsburg, Maryland, and continued as such for seven years, remaining there for seven years longer as vice-president and director of the seminary. Then he came to preside over St. Matthew's Church in Conshohocken, in 1921.

Interested in various organizations connected with his church work, Father Gallagher is a member of the Knights of Columbus, of which body he is the chaplain. He is also connected with the Catholic Women's Alliance of Conshohocken, as well as presiding officer of the various organizations connected with his church.

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**JOHN LEITENBERGER** has been engaged in business for himself in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, for more than thirty years, first as a blacksmith and wheelwright, specializing in carriage building, and later, since 1917, as proprietor of the Penn Garage, located at the corner of Marshall and Church streets, in Norristown. He deals in commercial truck bodies, and handles "Perfection Springs," and also makes and repairs springs of all kinds to be used for any purpose. In his painting department he does expert work in the painting of automobiles and wagons. He does all kinds of repair work on cars, trucks and wagons, and is agent and service man for U. S. L. Batteries. His plant is the largest of its kind in Montgomery county, requiring the services of six employees in its various departments.

Mr. Leitenberger is of German parentage, his father, Christian F., being a native of Stuttgart, Württemberg, Germany, and his mother, Lavinia (Wocker) Leitenberger, a native of Ulm, Wittenberg, Germany. The parents were married in Norristown, Pennsylvania, in the fall of 1850, soon after their arrival in this country, spent the remainder of their lives in that borough, and were buried in Riverside Cemetery. The father

was a teamster, honest and industrious, and both were highly esteemed among their associates in Norristown. They were the parents of eight children: Louis, who is a resident of Philadelphia; Annie, who married John Parker of Norristown; Charles, a resident of Philadelphia; Elizabeth, who married John H. Long, of Philadelphia (the latter now deceased); John, of further mention; Mary, who is a graduate nurse, practicing her profession in Norristown; George F., a sketch of whom follows; and Amelia (deceased), who married Howard M. Bate, of Conshohocken, Pennsylvania.

John Leitenberger was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, July 6, 1866, and received his education in the public schools of Norristown, attending the Cherry street and the Chain street schools. When he was fifteen years of age he learned the blacksmith's trade with John K. Thomas, whose forge and shop were located at the corner of Main and Barbadoes streets in Norristown. For a few years he worked at his trade in the employ of others in Conshohocken and in Philadelphia, but in 1895 he engaged in business for himself, locating in what is known as the Woodstock Mill property on DeKalb street, near the bridge, and, there for twenty-two years, he was engaged in blacksmithing, horse-shoeing and wagon building, specializing in the latter for commercial purposes. He made wagons to order for the large business concerns of Norristown and vicinity, and was known for the excellence of his workmanship. As the years passed the business outgrew its old quarters, and on May 1, 1917, he removed to his present location at the corner of Marshall and Church streets, where he occupies nearly all of a three-story brick building, 60 x 60 feet. In connection with this business he also deals in trucks and has a service station for same.

In addition to his business responsibilities, Mr. Leitenberger has taken an active part in local public affairs. He has given efficient service as a member of the council for nine years, and has served for one year as assessor in the Second Ward. He is a member of Charity Lodge, No. 190, Free and Accepted Masons; of Montgomery Lodge, No. 57, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of Norristown Encampment No. 37; of Tecumseh Tribe, No. 1, Improved Order of Red Men; Montgomery County Fish and Game Club; Audubon Society; Valley Forge Memorial Association of Montgomery County; Norristown Camp, No. 125, Woodmen of the World; and of Norristown Forest, No. 31, Tall Cedars of Lebanon. His religious affiliation is with Trinity Lutheran Church.

John Leitenberger married, on November 11, 1904, Etta L. Fowler, widow of John Fowler, of Burlington, North Carolina, daughter of Leonard and Mary Fox. The family residence is at No. 622 DeKalb street, Norristown, Pennsylvania.

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**GEORGE F. LEITENBERGER**—Among the citizens of Norristown, Pennsylvania, who enjoy a wide acquaintanceship should be mentioned Mr. Leitenberger, a successful paperhanging contractor, a member of numerous fraternal and social organizations, and connected by



marriage with an old historic family—the Pipers, of whom mention is later made.

George F. Leitenberger, son of Christian F. and Lavinia (Wocker) Leitenberger (q. v.), was born September 1, 1870, in a dwelling on West Penn street, Norristown, Pennsylvania. He attended the public schools in his native town until fifteen years of age, when he began the trade of paperhanger and painter. In 1898 the business which he now conducts at No. 244 West Main street, Norristown, was established in the line of general contracting work for painting and papering, employing several men.

Mr. Leitenberger has always been active in the interests of the Republican party, serving as assessor of the Second Ward at one time and committeeman, and at present is a member of the Borough Council. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Improved Order of Red Men; and the Loyal Order of Moose. He is also a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America; of the Norristown Maennerchor; the Boat and Canoe clubs of Norristown; the Fairmount Fire Company and the State Firemen's Association, and was a member of the executive committee of the latter; and is a member of the Montgomery County Historical Society. He attends the Lutheran church.

Mr. Leitenberger married Bertha E. Piper, and they reside at No. 244 West Main street, Norristown. Henry A. Piper, great-grandfather of Mrs. Leitenberger, was a native of Germany, who emigrated to this country and settled in this section of Pennsylvania. His son, Henry A. Piper, 2nd, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, taking part in the battle of Germantown, and with General Washington during the siege at Valley Forge. He was a gentleman farmer, and erected, at the Broomfield Farm, the first mill in this section of the country. As a local preacher in the Methodist church, he supplied many churches in this part of the State. Henry A. Piper, 3rd, the father of Mrs. Leitenberger, was a lifelong resident on the old homestead farm in Springfield township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, and was a man of leisure. He enlisted in New York and served with the Union Army in Tennessee during the Civil War. He married Maggie Tarrence, and to them were born three children, as follows: Martha, wife of William Tomlinson, of Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania; Bertha A., wife of George F. Leitenberger, above mentioned; and Margaret, who never married.

Mrs. Leitenberger is prominent as a member of the Historical Society of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania; the Civic Club; Garden Club; Ladies' Auxiliary of the Montgomery Hospital; and the Young Women's Christian Association, of which she has been a member of the finance committee since its organization. She is active in all of the religious affairs in the Trinity Lutheran Church. The unique distinction is hers of having been the first of her sex to be elected to the Republican committeemen from the First Ward in Norristown. She is also a member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and is chairman of the Sabbath Observants.

**H. STANLEY DRAKE**—A native son of Norristown, a city of which he is now postmaster, an office he holds through the grace of President Harding, who, on June 30, 1922, confirmed the temporary appointment made the preceding February, Mr. Drake is not a tyro in public life, but for several years has held positions under the State government of Pennsylvania in the department of internal affairs. He is a son of that eminent Norristown physician, Dr. Howard H. Drake, whose medical skill was so long at the disposal of his fellow-men.

H. Stanley Drake, son of Dr. Howard H. and Mary Louise Drake, was born in Norristown, November 17, 1885, and there completed grade and high school study. He attended Swarthmore Preparatory School, then began business life as a draftsman with the American Bridge Company of Pencoyd, Pennsylvania. He continued in his original position three years, then was for some years general inspector of structural steel, continuing until 1916, when he became a clerk in the office of the commissioners of Montgomery county, remaining four years, going thence to the office of the secretary of internal affairs for the State of Pennsylvania, acting as deputy in the weights and measures department of the Bureau of Standards. Mr. Drake was appointed acting postmaster of Norristown in February, 1922, resigning his position with the State to accept the honor. On June 30, 1922, he received the permanent appointment for a term of four years, which he is now filling.

He is a Republican in politics; is a member of Charity Lodge, No. 190, Free and Accepted Masons; Norristown Chapter, No. 190, Royal Arch Masons; Hutchinson Commandery, No. 32, Knights Templar; Lu Lu Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (Philadelphia); Patriotic Order Sons of America; and the Hancock and Montgomery fire companies. In his religious faith he is an Episcopalian.

H. Stanley Drake married, November 12, 1913, M. Elizabeth Johnson, daughter of Charles and Ida Johnson. The family home is at German-town pike and Broad Ax road, Norristown.

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**CHARLES W. HUNSBERGER**—A varied and active career has been that of Charles W. Hunsberger, who at present is engaged in the real estate business at Green Lane, Pennsylvania, and is also a member of the board of directors of the Mutual Auto Insurance Companies and proprietor of a sales agency. As proprietor of a general store and public official, as well as in the abovementioned activities, Mr. Hunsberger has demonstrated his ability to succeed in several diverse lines of business.

Mr. Hunsberger was born in Milford township, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, April 30, 1884, son of John M. Hunsberger, a miller of Bucks county, and of Mary (Steckel) Hunsberger, and received his education in the schools of Quakertown and in Perkiomen Seminary. When his school training was completed he began his active career in a general store in Perkiomenville, where for nine years he was also postmaster. In 1913 he came to Green Lane, and having accumulated some capital while proprietor of the general store in Perkiomenville, engaged in the real estate business, adding to that line insurance. He is a member of



*H. Stanley Drake*





the board of directors of the Mutual Auto Insurance Companies of Harleysville, Pennsylvania, a concern which includes three companies, the Mutual Auto Theft Insurance Company, the Mutual Auto Fire Insurance Company, and the Harleysville Mutual Casualty Company, each of which carries about \$3,000,000 of insurance. He is also proprietor of a sales agency for the Chevrolet automobile, and in all these business interests is successfully handling his part of the work, as well as over-seeing that of others.

All these varied business interests, however, do not represent the full range of Mr. Hunsberger's activities. He has always taken an active interest in the public welfare of the communities in which he has lived and has rendered service as a public official. As justice of the peace he has given satisfaction to those who elected him to the office, and he is also a notary public of the Valley National Bank. He is a member of the board of school directors, and since 1913 has been secretary of the Green Lane Light, Heat and Power Company.

Politically he gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Republican party, and he is well known in fraternal circles, being a member of Perkiomen Lodge, No. 595, Free and Accepted Masons; of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; of the Improved Order of Red Men, having passed through all chairs of the last two orders; of the Patriotic Order Sons of America; the Mystic Circle; and the Fraternal Home Insurance Society. Among all these various interests and activities Mr. Hunsberger's chief interest is the Mutual Auto Insurance Companies, of which he is one of the founders, as well as being a member of the board of directors. His religious affiliation is with the Lutheran church.

At Sumneytown, Pennsylvania, May 24, 1907, Mr. Hunsberger married Florence Kline, daughter of Charles F. and Anvilla (Fenstermacher) Kline, and they are the parents of eight children: Marie, John, Paul, Percival, Harry, Florence, Lillian, Robert.

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**CHARLES S. SANDS**, the popular Royersford photographer, has had a very wide and interesting experience in his chosen field of endeavor, and this community is fortunate in having the advantage of his skill in this modern art.

Mr. Sands was born in Reading, Pennsylvania, March 30, 1866, and is a son of Michael and Savilla (Grant) Sands. Educated in the public schools of his native city he learned hat finishing as a youth, and followed this trade for three years. But he became greatly interested in photography, which was then still somewhat of a novelty. Feeling the utmost confidence in the future of the art as, at once, true art and a profitable commercial field, he learned the mechanics of photography in Reading. He then travelled in all parts of the United States, working in various galleries, and gaining a wonderfully wide and comprehensive experience. Eventually, in 1904, Mr. Sands located in Royersford, opening a studio on Third avenue, and he has since taken rank with the best photographers of the East, making a specialty of portraiture, in which he shows the

true artistic sense, as well as the skill of the highly trained artisan. Mr. Sands keeps his Royersford studio open only during the spring and autumn months, spending the summer at Old Orchard, Maine, where he has a second studio, and spending the winter in St. Petersburg, Florida, where he has a third studio. All these places are fully equipped with the finest and most modern apparatus, and Mr. Sands is held in the highest esteem in each community. He commands the most exclusive patronage, has had sittings from the most prominent men of this country, including vice-presidents, congressmen, and many of the leading capitalists and their families, also noted artists. Mr. Sands is prominent in the public life of Royersford, which he makes his home, and is broadly interested in the political affairs of his native State. Always a thorough going Republican in political affiliation, he has for twenty-five years been more or less active in the interests of the party. For the past four sessions he has served as past assistant sergeant-at-arms of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Fraternally Mr. Sands holds membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is well known in social circles, both at home and in his summer and winter localities.

Mr. Sands married, November 17, 1887, Annie E. Reller, of Reading, Pennsylvania, and they have one daughter, Edith, wife of H. P. Cunningham, of Philadelphia.

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**H. E. ANDERSON**, widely prominent in the insurance world of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, is a leader in the borough of Royersford as an operator and broker in real estate. He is also interested and active in various branches of financial and fraternal circles and is counted among the really progressive men of the community.

Mr. Anderson was born in Limerick township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, November 9, 1883, and is a son of Jacob E. and Sallie D. (Morton) Anderson. His early education was received in the public schools of Royersford, and he was graduated from the Royersford High School in the class of 1899. He further prepared for his career by taking a course at Shissler's Business College, in Norristown. After completing his studies Mr. Anderson became identified with the Consolidated Schuylkill Gas Company, in the capacity of bookkeeper, then later entered the employ of the National Bank of Royersford, as individual ledger bookkeeper, continuing in the latter connection until 1904. At that time Mr. Anderson entered the office of S. B. Latshaw, then a leading figure in insurance and realty in Royersford, and long a highly esteemed citizen of this community. Following the death of Mr. Latshaw, which occurred January 26, 1909, Mr. Anderson took over the business according to the terms of his will, and has since carried it forward to ever increasing success. He has broadened his interests materially and specializes in fire insurance, confining his activities in realty principally to town properties in Chester and Montgomery counties. This business is one of long standing, having been founded by Mr. Latshaw in the year 1881. Mr. Anderson is widely associated with those organizations which follow lines of endeavor parallel with his business activities. He is an officer

and director of the Royersford Trust Company, and of the Fernwood Cemetery Company; is treasurer of the Keystone Building and Loan Association, and broadly interested in all civic and industrial progress. He is also a director in the Sanitary Company of America, which concern owns and operates large plants at Linfield and East Greenville, Pennsylvania, and is a manager of the Perkiomen Valley Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Collegeville, Pennsylvania. Fraternally Mr. Anderson is very prominent, holding membership in Royersford Lodge, No. 585, Free and Accepted Masons; Pottstown Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Palestine Council, Royal and Select Masters, of Phoenixville; Nativity Commandery, Knights Templar, of Pottstown; Reading Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Rajah Temple, of Reading, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Order of Independent Americans, and the Knights of the Golden Eagle. He is president of Hinman Fire Company, No. 1, of Royersford. During the World War Mr. Anderson took an active part in the many home activities, especially in the Liberty Loan drives, and served as chairman of the last two bond drives. He is a member of the First Reformed Church.

Mr. Anderson married, on March 19, 1913, Mary K. Smith, daughter of George and Elizabeth Smith, of New London, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have three children: Sarah and Elizabeth (twins), and Edward Mackey. The family home is at No. 327 Chestnut street, Royersford.

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**WILLIAM H. MOLL**, standing back of the construction work of Norristown, in the manufacture of brick, is one of the progressive and enterprising business men of this section of Pennsylvania. He also has other business interests in this borough, and through his various activities contributes to the general welfare of the people. Mr. Moll comes of a family long prominent in Berks county, this State, and is a son of William and Emmalina (Gery) Moll, both natives of Berks county, and both now deceased. The elder Mr. Moll was for many years a merchant of Seisholtzville, in Berks county, also postmaster of that village. He was active in public affairs, for a number of years served on the Democratic County Committee, and also filled various minor offices. He was a member of the Reformed church. The family consisted of four children: Catharine, Minnie, Sally, and William H.

William H. Moll was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, October 19, 1881. He received his early education in the public schools, from which he was graduated, then later attended Perkiomen Seminary and Schissler's Business College, of Norristown. In 1902 Mr. Moll entered the business world of Norristown, with which he has now been connected for two decades, first associating himself with the Norristown Brick Company, in the capacity of secretary and manager, which positions he has since filled. Holding a considerable amount of stock in this concern, he gives his time and attention to its management, and has been largely influential in placing it upon its present sound and permanent founda-



tion. He is also interested in a prosperous trucking business, of which he keeps general oversight, delegating the management largely to other hands. He is counted among the broadly successful men of the day in Norristown. Mr. Moll is a supporter of the Republican party, although interested only as a progressive citizen in public affairs. Fraternally he is connected with the Loyal Order of Moose, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Modern Woodmen of the World. He is a member of the Reformed church.

Mr. Moll married, on February 16, 1903, Mary Landis, daughter of Isaac and Matilda Landis, of Norristown, and they have three children living: William I., Dorothy, and John H. Two children died in infancy. The family home is at No. 629 Noble street, Norristown.

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**HERBERT SHAMER BUCHER**—The entire business career of Herbert Shamer Bucher has been passed in the Harleysville National Bank, with which he became identified immediately after the completion of his education, the connection having remained unbroken to the present time, a period of more than thirteen years.

Born at Salford Station, Pennsylvania, November 6, 1890, son of Jacob and Esther (Shamer) Bucher, Mr. Bucher was the youngest of eight children, the seven older than he being: Isaac, Oliver, Harry, Zephaniah, Charles, Adam, Ruth.

Herbert Shamer Bucher received his education in the public schools of his native district and in the Norristown Business College, and at once began his association with the Harleysville National Bank, acting in the capacity of clerk, in 1909. During the thirteen years which have passed since that time he has maintained his connection with that financial institution, rendering notably efficient service in each of the various positions which, through one promotion after another, he has been called upon to fill. At the present time (1922) he is the much honored and fully trusted cashier of the Harleysville National Bank, and is well known throughout the community, not only as a safe and conservative business man, but as a worthy citizen and a highly esteemed associate. His religious connection is with the German Baptist church.

Herbert S. Bucher married, at Harleysville, on October 19, 1910, Edna C. Clemens, daughter of Manassas and Mary (Bean) Clemens, and they are the parents of three children, all born in Harleysville: Robert, Daniel, and Jacob.

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**JAMES S. LOVATT**—For the past sixteen years Mr. Lovatt has been a resident of Norristown, Pennsylvania, where he is a well known pharmacist. His parents are George Augustus and Anna (Sheldon) Lovatt, both of whom are living, the father being an active machinist. Their other children are: Elsie, a school teacher in Camden, New Jersey; and Harold S., an electrical engineer with the West Penn Electrical Company, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

James S. Lovatt was born October 22, 1881, at Bridgeton, Cumberland county, New Jersey, where he obtained his public schooling, gradu-



ating from the high school in 1900. He then attended the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, receiving the degree of Doctor of Pharmacy in 1904. For two years following his graduation he was manager of a drug store in Philadelphia before coming to Norristown, May 6, 1906. The pharmacy which he now owns was established by Frank Poley in 1865 and continued by him until 1891, when Jacob Koker succeeded to the proprietorship, and he in turn was succeeded by Mr. Lovatt.

Mr. Lovatt is a Republican in politics; and fraternally a member of Bridgeton Lodge, No. 2, Free and Accepted Masons. He is religiously affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church. He owns a cottage in Lower Salford, and the ten acres of land which he owns provide him full indulgence in his favorite recreation of farming during the summer months.

Mr. Lovatt married, in Wilmington, Delaware, Lois Shaffer, a member of the Geological Society of Philadelphia, and daughter of Samuel and Della (Harding) Shaffer. The mother is a cousin of President Harding and of ex-President Taft, and the father was a veteran of the Civil War. One son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lovatt, March 22, 1906, James S., Jr.

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**HORACE W. SMEDLEY** has for many years been prominent in the business and social life of Ardmore, Pennsylvania. His ability, progressiveness and capacity for leadership have been very helpful in the various activities of the municipality, and his personality has won him a host of friends.

The son of Thomas and Philena Y. Smedley, the former of whom is an agriculturist and for some time superintendent of schools, Horace W. Smedley was born in Delaware county, Pennsylvania, May 8, 1867. His education was gained in the Friends' Private School at Westtown, Chester county, Pennsylvania. He started in business in Philadelphia as a salesman, working for various concerns, beginning at the bottom and working his way to the top. He organized, on June 1, 1892, the Smedley & Mehl Company, dealers in lumber, coal and building supplies, and has been actively engaged since then in this important concern. He is secretary of the Merion Title and Trust Company of Ardmore, Pennsylvania, and as a member of the Republican party has been interested for some years in politics. From 1900 to 1916 he was township commissioner of Lower Merion township, and on June 1, 1919, was elected county comptroller for a term of four years. For twenty years he was a Republican County Committeeman, and in 1922 was chairman of the executive committee of the Republican organization from the First Legislative District.

Interested in club life, he is associated with the Union League of Philadelphia, the Merion Cricket Club, of Haverford, Pennsylvania, and the Plymouth Country Club. He is affiliated with the Friends' Church of Haverford.

At Haverford, Chester county, Pennsylvania, October 16, 1902, Hor-

ace W. Smedley was married to Anna Ralston Hoopes, daughter of E. Marlin and Phoebe (Davis) Hoopes, of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Smedley are the parents of one daughter, Caroline Hoopes Smedley, born May 19, 1906.

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**WILLIAM F. LAMB**—A leader in musical circles in Pottstown, Mr. Lamb is widely known as the director of Lamb's Concert Orchestra, one of the leading musical organizations in Montgomery county, and also as the proprietor of one of the most progressive music stores of Pottstown.

William F. Lamb was born in New Hanover, Pennsylvania, January 7, 1879. His education was begun in the schools of Swamp Creek, now Hanover, and he attended Spring Mount Preparatory School, afterwards attending Perkiomen Seminary, at Pennsburg. Mr. Lamb's first business experience was with C. H. Lichtey, of Reading, Pennsylvania, and when Mr. Lichtey established a store in Pottstown, in 1901, Mr. Lamb came with him to manage the new venture. The association continued for only five months, however, Mr. Lamb purchasing the business at the end of that time. It has been a success from the start, and was carried on at its first location, on Hanover street, for a period of eight years. Then Mr. Lamb bought the present fine site on High street, building a handsome apartment house, with a spacious store on the street floor, and Victor record parlors on the second floor; his library carries seventeen thousand records in stock, and is considered one of the most complete in the State, including all the records of the great artists. While he makes a specialty of Victors and records, Mr. Lamb handles extensively pianos and other musical instruments, including sheet music. He has recently put on sale the Welte-Miguar and Stultz-Bauer reproducing piano, which is capable of giving exact reproductions of the performances of the great artists, and thereby considered a triumph of the mechanical music idea. Mr. Lamb employs the most modern methods in his business activities, and his many original ideas make his store widely attractive to the music-loving public. Himself a musician of no small calibre, he has long been much sought after, especially for concert work. In 1917 he organized the Lamb Concert Orchestra, of twenty-seven pieces, and their annual concert is the event of the year in the city of Pottstown. They are called also to many parts of this and adjoining States for occasions of every kind.

Mr. Lamb is organist at the Swamp Lutheran church, one of the historic old churches of Pennsylvania, and in 1919-20 gave largely of his time in the outlining of plans for raising the necessary funds for the new memorial organ, now the pride of Grace Church of Pottstown. He was also the organizer of the Pottstown Band, and is still active in its support. At one of Mr. Lamb's concerts in Pottstown several members of the Victor Company were present, and later made an enthusiastic note of the event in their house organ, "The Voice of the Victor," wherein they rated Mr. Lamb among their leading dealers. Not only in his own interests is Mr. Lamb a progressive and forward-looking man. Every matter that concerns the city is of interest to him, and he endorses and

supports with cordial good will every forward movement among the people. In political affiliation he is a Republican, and is active for the good of the party. He is a member of the Knights of Friendship of Zieglersville, with which he has been identified for eighteen years, and is also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Royal Arcanum, and the Rotary Club.

William F. Lamb married, in 1910, Viola Missimer, of Pottstown, daughter of Renzaler Missimer, whose father, Noah Missimer, was a popular auctioneer, and was for many years "squire" in Pottsgrove and Pottstown, and they have one son, William (2).

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**ABRAHAM A. GROFF**—For many years prominent in the township of Lower Salford, Pennsylvania, as a miller and extensive dealer in flour and feed, Abraham A. Groff is one of the foremost men of the day in the business life of this section of Montgomery county. He comes of an old family of South Perkasio, Bucks county, and is a grandson of Abraham and Rebecca Groff, highly respected people of Bucks county in the early part of the nineteenth century. Jacob Groff, their son and Mr. Groff's father, conducted the mill for a long period, his activity in this field of endeavor ending only with his death. He married Anna Alderfer, also a member of an old and prominent Montgomery county family, and they were the parents of four children: Abraham A., whose name heads this review; Henry; Benjamin and Ellwood.

Abraham A. Groff was born in South Salford township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, March 4, 1858. His education was acquired in the public schools of the township, where he was thoroughly grounded in the fundamentals of learning. As a youth he became interested in the flour and feed mill which his father owned, and entering the business, learned its details, continuing with it, first as his father's assistant, and later as owner. This business was founded in 1728 by one Clemens, who built the first mill, this mill later passing into the hands of the Alderfer family, where it remained for a period of one hundred and twelve years, passing to the Groff family, an allied family of the Alderfers. Jacob Groff eventually becoming its possessor, and being a man of progressive spirit, he built a substantial addition to the mill (1878) shortly after his son became connected with the business. Continuing at the head of the business until his death, Abraham A. Groff then took over the mill, and from time to time he has made other additions and improvements, until now the building is of modern stone construction, a credit to the owner and to the community in which it stands. Mr. Groff is doing a very large business, and is counted among the foremost men in his field in Montgomery county. He is identified with the Harleysville National Bank in the capacity of director, and keeps in touch with all advance relevant to the welfare of the community as well as to his individual interests. A Republican by political convictions, he is a fearless advocate of the principles of his party, and for some years has served as township auditor. He is a member of the Old Mennonite church.

Mr. Groff married, in Sellersville, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, on



December 8, 1883, Catherine Moyer, a member of an old family represented elsewhere in this work, and daughter of Abraham and Mary (Kemp) Moyer. Their children are: Anna Moyer; Alice; Benjamin; Elizabeth; and Jacob; all born at Lederach.

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**ELMER S. SHELLY** is a man who everyone likes to meet because of his pleasant personality and versatile ability. His business brings him in contact with the people in the sad crises of their lives, and although he may meet them as a stranger he departs as a friend. Mr. Shelly is the son of John M. and Ella (Schilling) Shelly, the former of whom has retired after many prosperous years on his farm, and is now living in Lansdale, Pennsylvania.

Elmer S. Shelly was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, July 31, 1886, and attended the public schools of his locality. Just after becoming of age, he went to the Eckels Embalming Institute of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and after graduating entered the undertaking profession. He settled in Lansdale, and there located his establishment which he has kept modernized with the most up-to-date equipment. As a funeral director he is very able and successful.

He is the longest in business of any in his line in Lansdale, and is secretary of Montgomery County Funeral Directors Association, and a member of Pennsylvania State Funeral Directors Association. Fraternally Mr. Shelly is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Knights of the Golden Eagle, Improved Order of Red Men, and the Loyal Order of Moose. He is a member of Fairmount Fire Company of Lansdale and the Montgomery County Firemen's Association. His clubs are the O. S., and Citizens', and his religious affiliation is with the Evangelical Lutheran church of Lansdale.

Mr. Shelly was married, on February 28, 1914, to Louisa Theilacker, daughter of Raymond and Wilhelmina (Herman) Theilacker, the former of whom was born in Baden, Germany, and the latter in New York City. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Shelly took place in Hilltown Church, Bucks county, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of a son, Elmer S., Jr.

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**HORACE RIMBY**—One of the names which will live long in the memory of the people of Collegeville, Pennsylvania, is that of Horace Rimby, who for about forty years was active in this community as a florist, the Rimby greenhouses being one of the most important plants in this section in its field of production. A man of high enthusiasms, always eager to give to the world of his best, Mr. Rimby was to the community more than a business man, and in the most exalted sense a citizen. His public service and individual enterprise were parallel lines of endeavor, although his activity in public office was limited to his service as borough clerk and justice of the peace. Among his personal friends, or in the wider circles of acquaintance in which a man of his business standing is known, his efforts were always toward the best good for all.

Ammon Rimby, Mr. Rimby's father, was a prominent man in the



*Elmer S. Shelly*



lumber business and mill-work production in Philadelphia a generation ago. With an extensive lumber mill at the corner of Ninth and Oxford streets, in Philadelphia, he manufactured sash, doors, and blinds, and handled a very extensive business. Ammon Rimby married Mary Harpel, and they were the parents of four sons: Lot; Horace, of further mention; Ammon, Jr.; and George W.; also two daughters, Mary, and Elizabeth. Of this family only the eldest and the third son are now living.

Horace Rimby was born in the city of Philadelphia, August 21, 1859. Educated in the institutions of that city, he went to Collegeville, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, at the age of eighteen years to become associated with his brother, George W. Rimby, in the florist's business. They built the first greenhouse in that year, and two years later the brother's health failed, on which account the business was turned over to Horace Rimby. From that time on Mr. Rimby handled its affairs independently, and the history of the enterprise was marked by steady progress as long as it remained in his hands. In 1881 and 1882 he added largely to his area of glass, and again in 1891 built a very extensive greenhouse, the fourth. This last structure permitted such material expansion that he did not enlarge again for some years, as his property at the first location was fully improved. In 1907 Mr. Rimby purchased the Joseph H. Hendricks property, which adjoined his own, and upon this property erected three more greenhouses, making this one of the largest greenhouse plants in this county. He also at that time removed his family into the Hendricks homestead, which they still occupy. Always a man of tireless vigor, keenly interested in the affairs of life, Mr. Rimby rarely knew a day's illness, until in the fall of 1913, when he was obliged to undergo a serious operation. He never recovered from the effects of this operation, and although he lingered for more than eight years, and retained his interest in the business which he had carried on for so many years, his step never regained its old lightness, and he suffered much at times. He died March 23, 1922.

Mr. Rimby's work was to him far more than a mercantile interest. Always a devoted student of nature and her flora, he was a broadly trained botanist, having given much time to this study. An incessant worker, his work was also his recreation, and he rarely sought any other pleasure. A Republican by political affiliation, he gave his best efforts to many civic movements, but cared nothing for political honors. He served for ten years as borough clerk, and for eleven years in the capacity of justice of the peace. He was a member of the American Florists' Association, and a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, of Ironbridge, Pennsylvania. He was a man of deep religious faith, and for many years a member of the Lutheran church of Trappe, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Rimby married, on January 28, 1891, Helena M. Shuler, of Trappe, who for five years prior to that time had been a school teacher at Collegeville and Trappe. Mrs. Rimby is a daughter of Henry Shuler, for many years a prominent farmer of Trappe, well known in local public affairs, and for three years steward of the County Home. Henry Shuler



married Maria Miller, of Sumneytown, Pennsylvania, and they were the parents of seven children, as follows: William, a veteran of the Civil War and a physician by profession, now deceased; Daniel; Clinton; Henry; Camilla, deceased; Sally, wife of James Jacoby; and Helena M., Mrs. Rimby. Horace and Helena M. (Shuler) Rimby had an only son, George H.

George H. Rimby was born April 30, 1894, and was educated for a commercial career. For two years he was active as title clerk at the City Hall of Philadelphia, for the Mutual Trust Company of that city, and later became settlement clerk, also at the City Hall of Philadelphia, for the Mutual and Kensington Trust companies. Some years ago he resigned from these connections to take over the responsibilities of his father's business, in which he now succeeds the honored founder. George H. Rimby married, on June 7, 1921, at Philadelphia, Lillian Townsend, of Cambridge, Maryland, and they now reside in Collegeville.

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**HENRY K. BUSSA**—In the practice of the popular art of photography as one of the really fine arts, Mr. Bussa, of Norristown, Pennsylvania, has won high distinction among the professional photographers of the day, his work taking rank with the finest. Mr. Bussa has been active in this field for many years, having entered it with serious purpose while yet a young lad in school. He is a member of a prominent Wayne county, Pennsylvania, family, being a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Mellendick) Bussa, well known Honesdale people. They are the parents of the following children: Charles A., of Honesdale, a wholesale grocery salesman; Anna, wife of Frank Schuerholz, also of Honesdale; and Henry K., whose name entitles this review.

Henry K. Bussa was born in Honesdale, Pennsylvania, December 1, 1881. Receiving his education at the institutions of his native town, he early chose the field of his future career, and securing a position with a progressive photographer of that time in Honesdale, learned his present business. Four years after he made his start in life he went to Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, where he was employed until the year 1905. At that time he came to Norristown, and here established his own studio, locating first at No. 317 De Kalb street. There he carried on his business for a period of sixteen years, during which time he gained a very wide reputation as a photographer developing a very extensive patronage. On December 1, 1921, he removed to his present spacious and thoroughly modern studio, at the corner of De Kalb and Penn streets, where he is going forward to even greater success. He does general photographic work in all its branches, specializing in portraiture, and is considered one of the foremost men of the day in his field. He also handles a distinct and equally prosperous business in the sale of pictures, and he also handles frames of all kinds, carrying a large stock and having special work done to order. Mr. Bussa has given his best work to Norristown, and his equipment is of the finest and most approved in modern photographic art. He is a man of high ideals, and still in his prime, assuring to the community many years to come in the field in which he is a leader.



Mr. Bussa is well known in the various interests of the borough, being a member of Norristown Lodge, No. 620, Free and Accepted Masons; Norristown Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Hutchinson Commandery, Knights Templar; and also a member of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. He is a member of the Norristown Club, of which he has been a member, in fact since its inception in 1922. He is a member of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Bussa married, on April 15, 1914, Alma Gotwals, a member of a well known Norristown family, and a daughter of Henry Gotwals, a leading citizen of this borough. Mr. and Mrs. Bussa have one daughter, Sarah Elizabeth. The family reside at No. 1338 Powell street.

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**CHARLES TYSON HEDRICK**—As the head of a long established and successful business enterprise of Kulpsville, Pennsylvania, Mr. Hedrick is taking a very practical part in the general advance of Montgomery county, this interest being a feed mill, and his trade extending throughout a wide section adjoining this village. A native of Pennsylvania and of this county, Mr. Hedrick is a grandson of John and Maria (Miller) Hedrick, highly esteemed residents of Towamencin township, in this county, a generation or so ago, and is a son of Charles M. and Annie Elizabeth (Tyson) Hedrick, his father the owner of a creamery in Towamencin township, which he has conducted for many years, and counted as one of the successful business men of that community. The family consisted of four children: Harry; Clara; Charles Tyson, of whom further; and John.

Charles Tyson Hedrick was born in Skippack township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, October 9, 1887. His education was obtained in the schools of his native place. As a young man Mr. Hedrick was associated with his father in the creamery business, remaining in this connection for about eight years, after which, in 1916, he purchased the feed mill which had been the lifelong interest of Henry S. Kulp, of Kulpsville, and which was then a part of his estate. Mr. Hedrick still owns and conducts this business, handling a very extensive trade and enjoying gratifying prosperity. As a progressive and forward-looking citizen he is broadly interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the county, State and Nation, but while a supporter of the Republican party, he has never thus far taken an active part in political affairs. He is a member of the Old Mennonite church.

Mr. Hedrick married, in Worcester township, on June 26, 1909, Mary Bean, daughter of Abraham G. and Amanda (Tyson) Bean, and a niece of Rev. Warren Bean, of Skippack. Mr. and Mrs. Hedrick are the parents of six children, of whom four were born in Towamencin and two in Kulpsville, as follows: Abraham Wilson, deceased; Charles Wilmer; Viola May; Ralph; Marian; and Stanley.

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**GEORGE MITCHELL STILES LIGHT**—Montgomery county is the home of many energetic and able business men who are making successful careers for themselves and contributing the upbuilding forces of their life work to the communities in which they were born. Among

these is George Mitchell Stiles Light, who has been engaged in the real estate and insurance business in Conshohocken since 1908.

Born in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, August 20, 1886, son of John K., a prominent citizen of Montgomery county who served as sheriff from 1898 to 1901, and died October 30, 1903, and Fannie T. Light, Mr. Light received his education in the public schools of his native city, including the high school. When school days were over, he began his business career in the employ of the Bell Telephone Company, of Norristown, but after maintaining that connection for some time returned to Conshohocken, where he became associated with the Conshohocken "Recorder." Energetic and able, he efficiently filled various positions in connection with that publication until 1908, when he resigned, and engaged in business for himself as an insurance and real estate broker. He has been steadily and increasingly successful in this field and is known as one of the "live wires" in this line in Montgomery county. He is secretary of the Fayette Building and Loan Association, and takes a keen interest in the development of the community in which he lives.

Politically he gives his support to the Republican party, and at the present time (1922) he is serving his third term as justice of the peace, to which office he was first elected in 1910. He is well known in fraternal circles, being a member of Fritz Lodge, No. 420, Free and Accepted Masons; of Washita Tribe, No. 53, Improved Order of Red Men; Conshohocken Lodge, No. 117, Knights of Pythias; Washington Camp, No. 121, Patriotic Sons of America; and of Montgomery Commandery Association. He is also a member of the Penn Club, and his religious affiliation is with the Episcopal church.

On April 24, 1911, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Mr. Light married Mabel L. Long, daughter of Robert Douglas and Helen Long, and they are the parents of three children: Phyllis, aged ten years; John K., aged eight years; and Mabel Jane, aged four years.

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**JONAS WAGNER PENNEPACKER** is one of the leading business men in the vicinity of Schwenkville, Pennsylvania. Until November 1, 1922, he was one of the proprietors of a large, general merchandising store in that town, but at that time he sold out his interest in the partnership and is now devoting his time to other interests.

Mr. Pennepacker is a son of John Boyer and Elizabeth (Wagner) Pennepacker, the father being engaged in farming in Perkiomen township, and is one of six children, named as follows: Isaac, living in Schwenkville; Jonas Wagner, the subject of this sketch; Mary, wife of Dr. Knipe, of Limerick; Esther, who died in infancy; Elizabeth, wife of F. K. Schwenk, of Schwenkville; Sarah, wife of Stanley Bartman, of Schwenkville.

Jonas Wagner Pennepacker was born in Perkiomen township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, January 7, 1870, where he attended the rural schools and later Ursinus Academy, taking a two-year general course, and still later studying one year at the Pierce Business College, in Philadelphia. After completing his education he engaged as a clerk

for McNulty & Prizer, from 1891 until 1899. Then, in 1900, he became a partner with Frank McNulty, son of the former owner, which continued until the death of Mr. McNulty in 1901. He then took over the management of the store and was its sole proprietor until in February, 1902, he accepted Jacob Bromer as partner, and from that time until November 1, 1922, the firm name was Pennepacker & Bromer, when the partnership was dissolved as above stated. This store is the largest in this section, keeping in stock a large assortment of articles, and consists of three floors and basement in a building 30 x 90 feet. In addition they have a warehouse, 20 x 30 feet, providing two floors.

In politics Mr. Pennepacker is a Republican, and was borough auditor from its organization until 1920. In fraternal orders he is a member of Warren Lodge, No. 310, Free and Accepted Masons, of Collegeville, Pennsylvania; Norristown Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Hutchinson Commandery, Knights Templar, of Norristown; the Consistory of Philadelphia; and Lu Lu Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Philadelphia. He is a member of the Pottstown Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose; and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; also of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, of Schwenksville. He was director of the Eastern Pennsylvania Business Men's Association for about four years; of the Merchants' Wholesale Association for eight or ten years; and is a member of Acacia Club, of Collegeville; the Masonic Lu Lu Automobile Club; and of the Philadelphia and Perkiomen Valley Business Men's Association. In religion he is a member of the Reformed church and was deacon for several years. He is much interested in horse racing as a diversion.

Mr. Pennepacker was twice married (first) in Green Lane, April 18, 1906, to Hetty Thomson Lukens, daughter of John B. and Margaret (Patterson) Lukens, and her death occurred April 9, 1911. He married (second), January 28, 1914, Ida Linder (Hampton) Rimby, widow of Harry Rimby, at Norristown. There were no children by either marriage.

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**ROBERT L. WOOD** is a son of R. Francis Wood, a well known lawyer, who was born May 15, 1850, and Mary Emlen (Leaming) Wood, born September 19, 1852, died May 11, 1911.

Robert L. Wood was born at Merion, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, November 1, 1886, and prepared for college in the Protestant Episcopal Academy of Philadelphia, graduating with the class of 1903. Matriculating in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, in the civil engineering course, he was graduated in 1908. He began his business career in the Phoenix Iron Works, remaining for a short time, leaving to go with the United Gas Improvement Company as a cadet engineer, where he spent the years from 1909 to 1912. From 1912 until 1923 he was secretary and assistant treasurer of the Cruse-Kemper Company of Ambler. At the beginning of this year, he resigned to become a partner in The John Clark Sims Company, Ltd., general advertising agents, of Philadelphia.



Mr. Wood is an independent Republican, a member of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity of the University of Pennsylvania, and finds his outdoor sport principally with the Sunnybrook Golf Club. He is a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal church of St. Thomas, White Marsh.

Mr. Wood married, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 9, 1912, Sophia Wilcox Wheeler, daughter of Andrew and Mary (Watson) Wheeler, of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Wood are the parents of three children: Mary Wheeler, born May 12, 1913; Robert L., Jr., born August 27, 1914; and Eleanor Peace, born November 7, 1918.

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**JAMES IRVIN DONAGHY**—At the age of three score years and ten Mr. Donaghy looks back on a life of broad usefulness and constant activity, and is still prominently identified with his earlier field of endeavor in the capacity of chief of police of Lower Merion township. Mr. Donaghy was for many years a member of the Philadelphia Police Department, and his experience in dealing with criminals has given him only an unshakable faith in the inherent good in all men, and the conviction that, given rational treatment and reasonable opportunity, this good can be brought out. Mr. Donaghy comes of Scottish antecedents, and is a son of James Hood and Mary (Walker) Donaghy. James Hood Donaghy was born in Clyde, Scotland, and coming to America as a young man, founded the first boat-building establishment on the Schuylkill river, in Montgomery county. A man of large ability and of high ideals, he was cut down in the prime of life, passing away when his son was only six years of age.

James Irvin Donaghy was born in the city of Philadelphia, December 22, 1852. Receiving his early education in the public schools of that city, he had the advantage of a course at Girard College. As a young man Mr. Donaghy became identified with the Philadelphia "Inquirer," with which he remained for one year. He then entered the employ of the old and well known firm of George Metz & Sons, brush and bellows makers, at No. 815 Market street, with which he was associated until the year 1874. He was then appointed to the Philadelphia Police force, first in the capacity of supernumerary. Later promoted to patrolman, his rise in the service was steady, from patrolman to sergeant, then to lieutenant, then to captain of detectives, then to inspector of the Philadelphia Detective Bureau. Eventually, Mr. Donaghy retired, his health being broken, but in 1910, after a brief convalescence, he took up again the work to which he had given the best years of his life, becoming chief of police of Lower Merion township. In all his work in connection with the human derelicts which come before the bar of justice, Mr. Donaghy has advocated in no uncertain terms the necessity of giving to youth an opportunity to make good, even though an unguarded act has brought them under the displeasure of the law. "It is our business," says Chief Donaghy, "to make good citizens, not criminals." And many a young man has recovered from a false step through the inspiration and encouragement given by this leader of men who is not above reaching a hand to him who stands outside the pale, and calling him "brother." Mr.

Donaghy yields no allegiance to arbitrary political dictation, but reserves the right to independent thought and action, supporting the man or the ticket which he believes will best serve the welfare of the people. During the World War he was active as chairman of the Draft Board, and did all within his power to promote the various activities in support of the American Expeditionary Forces. Fraternally Mr. Donaghy is well known, being a member of Cassia Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Ardmore, and of Humane Council, Order of United American Mechanics. His religious affiliation is with the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Donaghy married, in Philadelphia, on September 13, 1882, Sarah R. Kaekle, daughter of Philip and Anna Kaekle, and they are the parents of five children: Harry; James, Jr.; Anna Regina; Philip; and Edna Marie. The family home is at No. 143 Cricket street, Ardmore.

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**FRED FELIX RENNINGER**—Since completing his studies, Mr. Renninger has been associated with the firm of Renninger & Renninger, in the real estate and insurance business, with offices at Glenside, Pennsylvania. In every movement pertaining to the welfare and advancement of Glenside, his birthplace, he takes a keen and active interest; is well known and deservedly popular, and commands the respect, esteem and confidence of all with whom he is in any way associated.

Fred Felix Renninger was born in Glenside, Pennsylvania, December 2, 1897. He attended the primary and grammar schools of his native place and then entered Cheltenham High School, from which he was graduated in 1915, subsequently matriculating at the University of Pennsylvania, class of 1919. Immediately after graduating from college, he returned to his native place and became associated with his brothers in the real estate and insurance business, the firm being known as Renninger & Renninger. Mr. Renninger is also director of the Remlu Building and Loan Association.

Mr. Renninger is a Republican in politics and is staunch in his support of its principles and policies. He is prominent in Masonic circles, being a member of Friendship Lodge, No. 400, Free and Accepted Masons; a member of Lu Lu Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and Philadelphia Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He also affiliates with Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, University of Pennsylvania; Patriotic Sons of America; Lu Lu Temple Country Club; Lu Lu Temple Auto Club; and the Rosemore Club of Glenside.

On October 25, 1921, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Fred Felix Renninger was united in marriage with Nannett Stevens Miedel, daughter of the late George and Maria (Stevens) Miedel, the former having been for many years engaged in the delicatessen business in Philadelphia which is now being carried on by Mrs. Miedel.

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**GEORGE I. BARTLESON**—Manager of the entire plant of the Norris Pattern & Machine Company, Mr. Bartleson has had a varied career in the steel and metal working industry. He was born at Ambler, Penn-

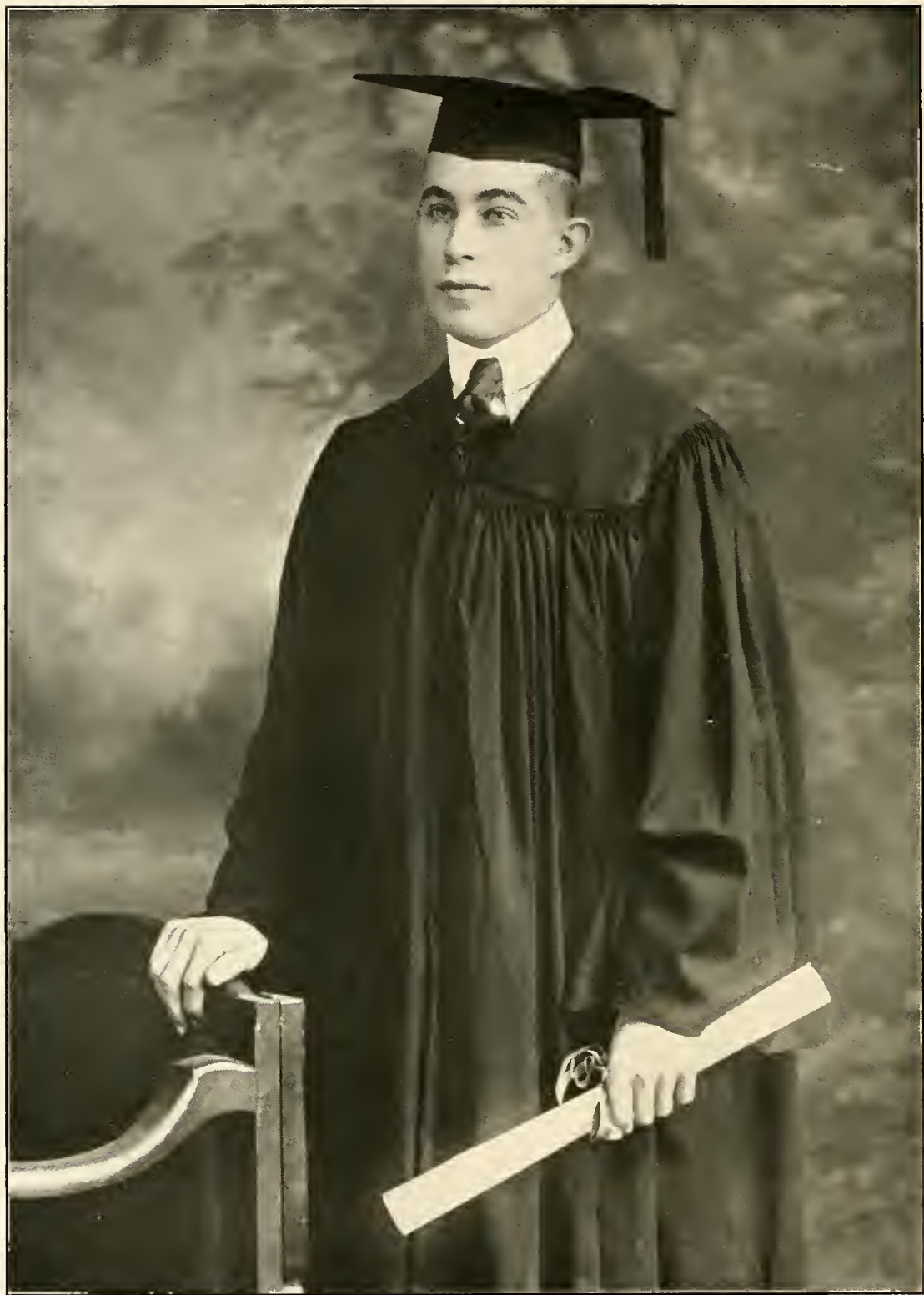
sylvania, January 4, 1888, son of George W. and Minnie (Stevens) Bartleson. His father, who was employed as a chemist in the laboratories of Kesbey & Madison, at Ambler, was born in 1863. Mr. Bartleson's mother was born November 13, 1864. Mr. Bartleson's early youth was spent in Philadelphia, where his parents lived at that time.

Mr. Bartleson received his education in the public schools of Philadelphia, and completed his studies at an unusually early age. After leaving school in 1902, he turned his attention to various kinds of work and spent some time in special study with a view to choosing a life occupation. In 1905, at the age of seventeen, he finally decided to learn the trade of a pattern maker, and accordingly entered the employment of the Midvale Steel Company at Philadelphia, as an apprentice. He found this work very interesting and made rapid progress in learning the trade. He remained with the Midvale Company for seven years, at the end of which time he left them in order to accept a more advantageous connection with another firm. In 1914 he came to Norristown, where he has ever since lived, and formed a connection with R. S. Newbold & Sons. He worked for this firm until 1918, spending the last two years as a pattern maker. In 1918 he joined the Norris Pattern & Machine Company, with which he is still associated. He began his career with this company as a pattern maker at the bench. His thorough mastery of his trade and the energy and enthusiasm with which he devoted himself to his work soon brought him recognition, and at the end of a year and a half he was promoted to the position of foreman of the shop, having two apprentice workers under him. Before he had held this position for a year, the company's force was greatly increased, owing to the demands for metal work arising from the need of the Allied governments for war materials. The shop force was increased to eight men, who worked under Mr. Bartleson's direction. This condition lasted for about a year and a half and then the depression following the war, and the almost total absence of orders in the metal industries, caused the firm to reduce its force to the minimum and to exert every effort in order to weather the storm safely. During the troubled period of business depression the firm retained only two men and a boy in the shop and thus by careful management and rigid economy in all departments succeeded in maintaining its footing in the industrial world and was fully prepared for the influx of orders which came in 1922 when trade began to revive. On April 10, 1922, they increased their working force and at the present time they employ seven men in the shop at all times during normal seasons. Mr. Bartleson, who has been with the firm constantly from the beginning of his association with them, is now the manager of the entire plant, and the present prosperity of the business is due in no small degree to his efforts and the care with which he supervises even the smallest details of production. His fidelity and devotion to the interests of the company are greatly appreciated by its officers and they regard him as an energetic and capable administrator.

In religious faith Mr. Bartleson is a member of the Protestant Episcopal church. Himself a great lover of fishing, hunting, and all outdoor sports, he is a firm supporter of the Boy Scout movement. Believing







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thoroughly in the Boy Scout principles of fair play, good sportsmanship, and healthy physical and mental life, he served for two years as scout master of the Gwynedd Valley Troop, No. 1, of the Boy Scouts. His work for this troop was greatly appreciated, not only by its members, but by the higher officials of the movement, who received his resignation with regret when his other duties obliged him to give up his post as scout master. In politics Mr. Bartleson is an Independent, and takes the greatest interest in political affairs, understanding fully the vital connection between legislative policies and business prosperity. Mr. Bartleson is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and belongs to Lodge No. 1006, of that organization, at North Wales, Pennsylvania.

On June 8, 1912, Mr. Bartleson married, at Doylestown, Mary H. Hanson, daughter of Augustus and Ella (Anson) Hanson. Mrs. Bartleson was born April 19, 1893. Her father, who was a stone mason by trade (now deceased), was the owner and manager of a fine farm property at Ambler. Mr. and Mrs. Bartleson have one son, George I. Bartleson, Jr., who was born December 31, 1916.

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**WILLIAM S. MUSSELMAN**—Among the younger business men of Norristown, Pennsylvania, is Mr. Musselman, who by perseverance and technical knowledge is forging his way to the front as an electrical contractor, and has become known as a skilled radiotrician. He is a son of William H. and Emma M. (Lape) Musselman, the father, a contractor and builder, living at No. 909 West Marshall street, Norristown, Pennsylvania. His ancestors came to this country from Holland about 1810 and settled in Dolphin county, Pennsylvania. An ancestor of the mother's came to this country from Germany about 1827, settling in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania.

William S. Musselman was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 21, 1898, and when his family moved to Norristown he attended the public schools there, graduating from the high school in 1916. He spent two and one-half terms, 1917 and 1918, at Drexel Institute, Philadelphia, studying electrical engineering, and then entered Pennsylvania State College, at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, but after six months of study entered the United States army. After leaving the service he engaged with the Diamond State Fibre Company, at Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, with which concern he remained four and one-half years, and then established his present electrical contracting business at No. 506 Swede street, Norristown, November 16, 1921.

In politics Mr. Musselman is a Republican. He enlisted, September 1, 1918, in the Students' Training Corps at Penn State College, from which he was discharged January 1, 1919, without engaging in active service. He is a member of Sigma Phi fraternity of Norristown; Phi Gamma Delta National fraternity; and the Patriotic Order Sons of America, in Norristown. He is a member of Christ Reformed Church.

Mr. Musselman was married, at Norristown, Pennsylvania, September 1, 1921, to Katherine Seltzer, a daughter of H. S. and Anna (Wills) Seltzer, and has one sister, Sarah Louise. One child was born of this marriage, Ray Seltzer, at Norristown, August 5, 1922.

**CLAYTON L. BROWN**, one of the leading men in the field of real estate and insurance in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, was born in Mount Laurel, New Jersey, December 26, 1877, son of Ezra H. and Emma S. (Sheppard) Brown. Ezra H. Brown, the founder of the business, for thirty-five years carried forward under the firm name of Brown, Cloud & Johnson, latterly Brown & Cloud. The family removing to Norristown in Mr. Brown's boyhood, his education was begun in the public schools of this community. He later attended West Town Boarding School, where he covered his preparatory course. He then entered the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in the class of 1899. He at once became identified with the real estate firm of Brown, Cloud & Johnson. This concern, which is located at No. 41 East Main street, Norristown, was established in 1888, by Ezra H. Brown and Charles F. Cloud. The partnership continued thus until about 1890, when Charles Johnson was admitted to the firm. Clayton L. Brown entering the employ of the firm in 1899, as above noted, continued in a clerical capacity for four years, meanwhile mastering the details of the business and familiarizing himself with its various details. In 1903 he was made a member of the firm, and during the succeeding period of seventeen years he was a leading factor in the progress of the business. Much of the later success of the firm was due, in great measure, to Mr. Brown's progressive ideas and their working out under his energetic direction and forceful personality. In the year 1920 he succeeded to the business and has since been at the head of this interest, one of the most important in its field in Montgomery county.

Mr. Brown has for many years given the weight of his influence to the various organized bodies which have to do with the general advance in real estate and kindred interests. He was one of the leaders of the movement which eventuated in the organization of the Norristown Real Estate Board. He was made the first president of this body, and has since continuously been retained in that office, still serving at the present time (1922). He has long been connected with the People's Building and Loan Association, and a member of its directorate. He is also a prominent member and the treasurer of the Trooper Heights Building and Loan Association, his residence being in the suburb of Trooper. He is identified fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and politically with the Republican party, and active in all endeavors tending to advance its interests. His religious affiliation is with the Society of Friends.

Mr. Brown married, on September 1, 1903, Anna Miriam Grubb, of West Chester, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of five children: Miriam; Clayton L., Jr.; Alfred; Elizabeth; and Robert.

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**GEORGE M. WELKER**—The man who invests time and energy in the youth of his locality is making an investment which brings rich rewards and pays dividends in priceless coin to the end of time. George M. Welker has devoted much time to the improvement of the educational system of his county, and many boys and girls of that section owe to him

their opportunity for securing a higher education. Mr. Welker is proprietor of the general store in Red Hill, and he makes a success of the business, but he looks beyond the mere matter of dollars and cents and has centered his interest and his efforts in the attempt to improve educational opportunities in the county.

William A. Welker, father of Mr. Welker, also conducted the general store, and took an active interest in the community. He married Angelina Hebener, and they became the parents of five children: George M., of whom further; Alice L.; Harvey A., who is a minister of the Reformed church; William H., who is a professor in the Institute of Technology in Chicago, Illinois, and won a \$2,000 prize for an essay on the human structure; and John Allen.

George M. Welker was born in Upper Hanover, Pennsylvania, in the home which the family had occupied for a century, September 24, 1863. His early education was received in a Subscription School and in the public schools of his native district, and was completed with a course in Perkiomen Seminary. When his academic education was completed, he became associated with his father's business, the general store of Red Hill, in the capacity of clerk, and continued that connection until he became the owner of the store in 1893. With a prosperous, well-established business, Mr. Welker has not been content to give all his time and energy to the earning of a living or to the accumulation of property. As a member of the board of directors of the East Greenville Bank and of the Perkiomen National Bank, he has shown himself to be a man of marked business ability, but the interest that has been uppermost during a large part of his active life has been the securing of better educational opportunities for the boys and girls of his section of the State, and in this aim he has been successful to a very large degree. Politically he gives his support to the Democratic party on general principles, but his political action has always been based upon considerations that are above party lines, the character and fitness of the candidate, and the intrinsic value of measures proposed being for him the determining factor. He serves as postmaster of Red Hill.

Fraternally Mr. Welker is affiliated with the Masonic order, being a member of Perkiomen Lodge, No. 595, Free and Accepted Masons; Pottstown Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Pottstown Commandery, Knights Templar. He is also a member of the Knights of Friendship and of the Patriotic Sons of America. His religious affiliation is with the new Gossenhoppen and old Gossenhoppen, both of which he serves as organist. He is also widely known as a choir singer.

George M. Welker married, on June 3, 1884, at Red Hill, Pennsylvania, Anna Pfeliger, daughter of Jacob and Lena (Moyer) Pfeliger, the latter a member of one of the old and highly esteemed Pennsylvania families. Mr. and Mrs. Welker are the parents of two children: 1. Melvin G., who is a chemist for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; he married Bertha Lingfelder, and they have two sons: Robert Henry, and John William. 2. Grover L., who is a well known athlete, having won some twenty cups in various contests, including two from the



University of Pennsylvania, one from Perkiomen Seminary, and four from Westchester. During the World War Grover L. served with the 79th Division, 316th Headquarters Company, winning two gold chevrons. He has taught school for one term.

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**FRANK A. LOGAN**—Of the younger men of Montgomery county many are holding positions of trust, which involve large responsibilities. Among these may be numbered Frank A. Logan, cashier of the Bridgeport National Bank. Mr. Logan is a son of Morris M. and Blanche S. Logan, his father a farmer by occupation.

Frank A. Logan was born in Audubon, Pennsylvania, January 25, 1892. He is a graduate of both the grammar and high schools of Norristown, and at the age of eighteen years started life as a clerk in the Penn Trust Company, of Norristown. Rising from one position to another, each a step higher, Mr. Logan became receiving teller of this institution in December 7, 1915. In January, 1917, he became identified with the Bridgeport National Bank in the capacity of teller. His connection with this institution has been interrupted only by his service in the World War. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, July 5, 1918, serving for about seven months and receiving his honorable discharge on February 8, 1919. Meanwhile, in January, 1919, Mr. Logan was elected cashier of the Bridgeport National Bank, and immediately upon his return, took up the duties of this responsible position. Widely known in this section, Mr. Logan is interested in every phase of public progress, and in political affairs is an independent Republican. Fraternally he holds membership in Charity Lodge, No. 190, Free and Accepted Masons, and Lodge No. 502, Patriotic Order Sons of America. His favorite relaxations are outdoor sports, and he is a member of the Ersine Tennis Club of Norristown. He is finance officer of the George U. Althouse Post, No. 39, American Legion; treasurer of Upper Merion Building and Loan Association, and director of the Schuylkill Valley Protective Building and Loan Association. He is identified with the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Logan married, on October 27, 1920, in Norristown, Margaret Bollinger, daughter of James and Emily Bollinger, and they reside at No. 216 West Wood street, Norristown.

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**GEORGE REEDER HUFF**—Well known fraternally, a director of one of the town's building and loan companies, and a leader in his profession, George Reeder Huff, of Lansdale, has for a number of years been closely associated with the life and civic affairs of his city, making a conspicuous place for himself, and has an influence that is felt in all movements for the betterment of his home locality.

The son of John W., an undertaker and formerly a judge of Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and Martha F. Huff, he was born at Shybeaver, Huntington county, Pennsylvania, on June 15, 1888. Educated in the grammar and high schools of Saxton, Pennsylvania, from both of which he was graduated, he entered the undertaking profession, and has given



his life to a study and practice of this vocation. His father's example and aid have been of much benefit but his success is due, rather to his own native ability and personality.

He came to Lansdale in 1915 and took over the undertaking establishment of Samuel B. Conover, which was founded in 1878 and is the oldest in the borough of Lansdale. He has modernized all equipment and is a funeral director of tact and kindness that wins a warm place for him in the hearts of the bereaved.

Mr. Huff is a director in the Honor Building and Loan Association of his town. Fraternally he is a Mason, a member of Everett Lodge, No. 524, Free and Accepted Masons; Lansdale Chapter, No. 301, Royal Arch Masons; Hutchinson Commandery, No. 120, Knights Templar, of Norristown; Lu Lu Temple, of Philadelphia, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and the Loyal Order of Moose. He is a communicant of the Reformed church.

At Saxton, Pennsylvania, on December 30, 1914, he was married to Martha H. Steel, daughter of Calvin W. and Carrie Ida (Fluke) Steel, of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Huff have two sons: George R., Jr., born January 29, 1916, and Herbert S., born November 19, 1920.

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**U. S. GRANT JENKINS**—Born during that year of the Civil War when the successes of the Army of the West were turning all eyes toward the "Great Commander," the man child that came into the home of Milton and Sarah (Ellis) Jenkins was given the name U. S. Grant. Since 1886 he has been engaged as a plumber in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, and is there well established in a profitable business. He is a grandson of John (3) and Ann (Todd) Jenkins; great-grandson of John (2) and Elizabeth (Lukens) Jenkins; great-great-grandson of John (1) Jenkins, who bought land in Gwynedd, adjoining Lansdale, in 1746; he died in 1803 or 1804; great-great-great-grandson of Jenkin Jenkins, who came from Wales and settled in Hatfield township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, in 1729.

John (2) Jenkins, born in 1742, died in 1805, was an officer of the Revolutionary Army, first lieutenant. He married Elizabeth Lukens, widow of Andrew Lukens, and one of their six children, John (3) Jenkins, was grandfather of U. S. Grant Jenkins.

John (3) Jenkins married Ann Todd, daughter of John Todd, and a grandniece of General Porter, who fought in the Revolution. John (3) Jenkins was a farmer of Hatfield township, Montgomery county, and was widely known as "Assessor" John, having held the office of assessor of taxes in Gwynedd township. He lived to the great age of ninety-six, dying October 5, 1880. He owned the land on which East Lansdale is now built, that part lying south and east of the railroad. He enlisted to serve in the second war with Great Britain, 1812-14, but the following day broke his leg. He died in North Wales, Montgomery county, at the home of his daughter Naomi. John (3) and Ann (Todd) Jenkins were the parents of six children: Naomi, married Abel Lukens; Charles Todd, married Sarah Lukens; Jane, married Samuel Rhoads;

Silas T., married Eliza Morgan; John S., married Eliza Stoner; Milton, of whom further.

Milton Jenkins, youngest of the children of John (3) and Ann (Todd) Jenkins, was born March 9, 1825, died May 23, 1909. He grew to manhood at the home farm in Hatfield township, and obtained a good education in the public schools, supplemented by two years 1868-69 at Freeland Seminary, now Ursinus College. He later became a butcher and after becoming expert in the business as then conducted, he engaged in business for himself at Colmar, Montgomery county.

He married, December 26, 1849, Sarah Ellis, born December 6, 1826, died June 30, 1904, daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Jones) Ellis, her parents married, October 16, 1818. Jonathan Ellis was born April 10, 1797, died August 18, 1875, son of William and Sarah (Barnes) Ellis, his father a well known citizen of Montgomery county, who died aged seventy-eight. Sarah (Barnes) Ellis, died aged eighty. Elizabeth (Jones) Ellis, was a daughter of John and Esther (Conard) Jones. Seven children were born to Milton and Sarah (Ellis) Jenkins: Earl A., born November 21, 1850, married Elizabeth Clark; Ida, born September 24, 1852, died October 8, 1854; Horace M., born December 28, 1853, married Mary Clark; Elma, born February 29, 1856, married George E. Brecht; Anson B., born November 2, 1857; Elizabeth, born January 19, 1860, married Gilbert M. Clark; U. S. Grant, of further mention.

U. S. Grant Jenkins was born in Colmar, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, January 3, 1863, and was educated in the public district school of Hatfield township, Montgomery county, and later in Doylestown Seminary. After leaving school he learned the plumbing trade and business, serving four years as an apprentice prior to locating in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, in 1886. He is master of his trade, and a thoroughly reliable and energetic business man, his success being well earned and richly deserved.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Jenkins has, for several years, served as town constable, and in religious faith is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a member of the Masonic order, affiliated with Shiloh Lodge, No. 558, Free and Accepted Masons; Lansdale Chapter, No. 301, Royal Arch Masons; is a member of the local tribe, Improved Order of Red Men; the Knights of the Golden Eagle; and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Jenkins married, November 15, 1893, in Lansdale, Cora L. Sholl, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Beans) Sholl. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins are the parents of: Milton Carl, born August 22, 1894, married Christine Clymer, and has a son, Robert Carl; Hazel S., born June 3, 1898, a graduate of West Chester School; Byron Everett, born June 19, 1899, deceased.

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**JOHN P. KLINE**—"Squire" Kline came to the village of Red Hill, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, in 1887, a young man of twenty-five, and has been one of the important factors in the growth and development of that prosperous borough. He has served the village and borough

in many capacities, and for many years has been a justice of the peace, thereby acquiring the title "Squire," and under that title he is widely known. "Squire" Kline is a great-grandson of Jacob Kline, a Revolutionary soldier, who died at the wonderful age of ninety-three; a grandson of Philip, and son of Reuben M. and Sophia (Graber) Kline, his father a miller, his mother a daughter of Mrs. Dinah Graber, who also lived to attain the great age of ninety-three years. Old age then is a heritage due "Squire" Kline, and although he has drawn sixty years on account, there is little evidence of their passing.

John P. Kline was born in Upper Hanover township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, September 18, 1862. He was educated in the township district schools and at Perkiomen Seminary, his attendance there, however, covering but two terms. After leaving school he taught for five years in Upper Hanover and Marlborough schools, then was employed as a miller, a calling with which he had become familiar in boyhood, working with his father, who was an expert grist-miller. He continued a miller until 1887, then came to Red Hill, where he formed an association with Mr. Miller, the cigar manufacturer, and in 1890 became his partner. The partnership prospered, and in 1897 a model modern cigar factory was built that in normal times employs two hundred and fifty hands. The company's output has a secure place in the retail market and the business is a prosperous one. "Squire" Kline is a director and vice-president of Schwenksville National Bank, and since April 20, 1888, has held the office of justice of the peace.

In politics "Squire" Kline is a Democrat, and while he has been a justice for thirty-four years, he has given much time to other branches of the public service. For approximately twelve years he has been a school director, and to his influence is due the sentiment which culminated in the remodeling of Red Hill's school building, and in the creation of Red Hill High School. Since Red Hill's incorporation as a borough "Squire" Kline has been secretary of council. He has erected buildings and worked with other pioneers of the village to bring it up to modern standards, his service particularly helpful in securing electricity and pure water. He is secretary-treasurer of the Red Hill Electric Light Company, and of the Red Hill Water Company; chairman of the Red Hill Board of Trade, and interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the community of which he has so long been a member.

In the Masonic order, "Squire" Kline is affiliated with Perkiomen Lodge, No. 595, Free and Accepted Masons; Pottstown Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Nativity Commandery, Knights Templar. He is also a noble of Rajah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; a knight of the Golden Eagle; a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Patriotic Order Sons of America; and treasurer of the Knights of Friendship. In religious faith he is a Lutheran, connected in membership with St. Paul's Church.

John P. Kline married, in Pennsburg, Pennsylvania, October 4, 1884, Elizabeth J. Pffeiger, daughter of Jacob and Lena (Moyer) Pffeiger. Mr. and Mrs. Kline are the parents of three daughters: 1. Amy, born



February 10, 1886, married Alton N. Huttel, and resides in Chicago, Illinois. 2. Eva P., born July 11, 1889, married Ralph Collins, and resides in Montreal, Canada. They have one son, John Alton Collins. 3. Sadie P., born December 16, 1893, who resides at home.

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**FRANK ALLISON BUNTING**—One of the pioneers in the business affairs of Souderton, Pennsylvania, is Frank Allison Bunting, who two decades ago founded its first drug store. Experienced and far-sighted, he believed in the future of the place and was ready to supply a much-felt need. The years have proven his choice to be wise, and he is now one of the prominent citizens and business men of Souderton.

Frank Allison Bunting was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, July 6, 1874, the son of William A. and Rachael (Mac Pherson) Bunting. After attendance in the grammar schools of his locality, he entered high school to prepare for college. After graduating, he entered the Philadelphia Pharmaceutical College, from which he was graduated in 1894. He engaged in the practice of his profession with William Stahler, of Norristown, and thus laid the foundation for his later successful career. For a time Mr. Bunting was chief druggist in the Polyclinic Hospital of Philadelphia, and also managed a drug store for J. W. Harrigan of that city. On August 9, 1902, he started in Souderton its first drug store, and for twenty years has been improving his place of business and equipment, and to-day has a most modern establishment on Main street.

Mr. Bunting usually votes with the Republican party, and is fraternally affiliated with the Masons, belonging to the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Lansdale Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is a past high priest; Hutchinson Commandery, Knights Templar; and he also is a member of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Bunting and his family are communicants of the First Presbyterian Church of Norristown, Pennsylvania.

Frank Allison Bunting married, on January 23, 1901, at Easton, Pennsylvania, Cora S. Richards, daughter of Jacob L. and Millie (Hughes) Richards.

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**PHILIP RENNINGER** has been in the real estate and insurance business ever since his school days and understands it in principle and detail, his experience being salient elements in his success. He has always taken an active interest in community affairs, being in hearty sympathy with all movements to advance the permanent interests of Glenside, Pennsylvania, and has won a wide circle of friends who hold him in the highest estimation for the many sterling traits of character which he has evidenced in many ways throughout his career as a citizen of Montgomery county.

Philip Renninger was born in Glenside, Pennsylvania, January 12, 1891, and received the elementary portion of his education in the public schools of his native place. After graduating from the Cheltenham High School in 1910 he took a course at Pierce's Business College, in Philadelphia, after which he became associated with the real estate and



insurance firm of Renninger & Renninger, at Glenside, and has continued successfully in this particular line of endeavor ever since. Mr. Renninger is a director of the North Glenside Building Association.

On July 7, 1917, Mr. Renninger enlisted in the First Regiment, National Guard of Philadelphia, and was subsequently sent to Camp Hancock, Georgia, later serving with Company C, 109th Infantry, Twenty-eighth Division, overseas, with the rank of corporal. On July 31, 1918, he was wounded at Fismes, France, and on May 15, 1919, was honorably discharged from the service, returning at that time to his home and business.

Mr. Renninger is a Republican in politics, giving to that party the interest and support which is demanded of every good citizen. He affiliates with Friendship Lodge, No. 400, Free and Accepted Masons; Lu Lu Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and holds all the degrees up to and including the thirty-second, being a member of the Philadelphia Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is also a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, Saw Waw Tribe, No. 233, of Glenside; the Patriotic Order Sons of America; Lu Lu Temple, Legion of Honor; also the Veterans of Foreign Wars, North Penn Post, No. 676, of which he is a trustee, and American Legion Post of Glenside; and St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Glenside.

On November 25, 1918, Philip Renninger was united in marriage with Mrs. Elizabeth K. Fox, widow of Fred R. Fox, of Glenside, and the daughter of George and Jennie Kritler. Mr. and Mrs. Renninger are the parents of one child, Philip Kritler Renninger, born October 30, 1920. The family home is at No. 35 Roberts avenue, Glenside. Philip Renninger is essentially a man of business, but always counts as happiest the hours which the demands of his business permit him to spend at home.

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**DAYTON G. KNIPE**—The borough of Telford, Pennsylvania, is fortunate in having so progressive a business man and municipal leader as Dayton G. Knipe. A native of Montgomery county, the most of his life has been spent within its borders, and he is one of its prominent manufacturers and citizens. The son of Amos Knipe, a harness-maker, and Matilda Knipe, he was born in Lower Salford township, Pennsylvania, August 5, 1886. After attending the public schools of his native place, he began to contribute to his own support by various activities. He had his own road to make before he could travel on it, and there was no one to help him do it. Starting in the tobacco business in one of the lowest positions, he learned the trade in all its departments, and is now the principal cigar manufacturer of the borough of Telford.

Mr. Knipe's devotion to business has not prevented his taking a leading part in the civic life of his town, for he is president of the Borough Council, the collector of taxes, and was for three years, constable. His religious affiliations are with the Reformed church.

Mr. Knipe married, on March 20, 1909, at Telford, Pennsylvania, Mamey Stackel, daughter of Adolph and Clara Stackel, and they are the parents of three children: Carrie, born March 3, 1911; Lawrence, born May 8, 1912, and Thelma, born January 6, 1920.

**FREDERICK ARTHUR CLAYTON**—In good opinion and respect of the residents of Lansdale, Pennsylvania, Frederick Arthur Clayton, the banker, ranks very high. He is the son of Dr. A. H. and Sarah E. (Stuckart) Clayton, very well known citizens of Bucks county. Dr. Clayton was a veteran of the Civil War, an eminent physician, and served a long term as a school director in his county.

Frederick Arthur Clayton was born in Richboro, Bucks county, on November 2, 1870. His early education was attained in the public schools of his native place. His taste for bookkeeping and his ability with figures were soon noticed and every effort was made to give him a chance to develop them. He had a private instructor in the art of keeping books and accounting and his first essay in business proved his special study most valuable. After trying several lines of work he finally entered upon his banking career in the private house of J. Hart & Company, of Doylestown, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, with which he remained for several years. He went from there to Doylestown National Bank and spent twelve very prosperous years as teller in this bank. In 1908 he became interested in the Citizens' National Bank of Lansdale, Pennsylvania, and was elected cashier, in which capacity he has been engaged for the last fourteen years.

Mr. Clayton's well known business acumen and unimpeachable probity have made him one of the most consulted men of his city. He is a Republican in his political views; fraternizes with the Moose Lodge of Lansdale, and is a member of the Citizens' Club of Lansdale. He is a communicant of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church of this city.

On May 7, 1892, at Doylestown, Pennsylvania, he was married to Matilda H. Livezey, daughter of Whittingham J. and Susan Livezey. Mr. Livezey was a printer by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton have ten children: 1. F. Arthur. 2. Sarah C. 3. B. Ralph, who during the World War saw eighteen months of service in the 79th Division. Almost from his enlistment poor health overtook him and prevented his getting overseas. 4. Byran P., who was in the Marine Corps during the World War. He was first stationed on Paris Island, but was later sent to Pensacola, Florida, where he remained until mustered out. 5. George L. 6. A. Harrison. 7. Robert L. 8. Edward H. 9. Paul L. 10. Dorothy, deceased.

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**ABRAM K. BURGSTRESSER**, attaining a position of prominence in the industrial world of Montgomery county through his own energy and demonstrated ability, now holds the responsible offices of vice-president and superintendent of the Norristown Magnesia & Asbestos Company. Mr. Burgstresser is a member of a well known Pennsylvania family and is a son of Isaiah Burgstresser, who was born at Erwinna, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, March 5, 1840, and died at Lansdale, Pennsylvania, December 28, 1921. The father's lifetime was spent in farming at Kulpville. He married Sophia Kriebel, a Towamencin Schwenkfelder, and they were the parents of eight children: Abram K., of whom extended mention follows; Annie, wife of Abram R. Lox, of Lansdale; Mary, now Mrs. I. H. Pool; Elizabeth, deceased, wife of W. H. Wolf;

Emma, who is a nurse; Martha, a clerk in Philadelphia; Hannah, deceased; and George, deceased.

Abram K. Burgstresser was born in Kulpsville, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, on October 26, 1880. He was educated in the Lansdale public schools and high school, from which he was graduated in 1897. He then entered the employ of the Reading Railroad Company, at Lansdale, as clerk in the freight department and continued here for seven years. In 1904 he went to work for the Magnesia and Asbestos Company of Norristown, beginning at the bottom and working his way up until to-day (1922) he holds the responsible positions of vice-president and superintendent.

Fraternally Mr. Burgstresser is well known, being a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, Norristown Lodge, No. 620; Norristown Chapter, No. 190; and Hutchinson Commandery, all of Norristown. He is also a member of the Norristown Club. Along political lines he stands by the Republican party. Most of his leisure moments are spent on his farm "On the Hill," at Port Indian, Montgomery county, which is one of the delightful spots in Montgomery county; the residence stands on an elevation affording a broad view of the Schuylkill river, and hills of Valley Forge, and is run by a capable manager; he also enjoys touring, baseball and quoits. His religious affiliation is with the First Baptist Church where he is now a deacon and also superintendent of the Sunday school.

Mr. Burgstresser married, in Norristown, on October 26, 1903, Katharine Detwiler, of Norristown, daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Allebough) Detwiler, also natives of Norristown, the father being teller at the First National Bank. Mr. and Mrs. Burgstresser are the parents of two children: Marion, who was born on September 10, 1907, and will graduate from high school in 1925; and Harvey, born December 3, 1913.

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**HOWARD S. HUNSBERGER**—One of the solid business men of Souderton, Pennsylvania, is Howard S. Hunsberger, who in 1905 became manager of an up-to-date pharmacy on Main street. His wide experience in the trade, and his well-balanced ability and mental equipment have won for him a conspicuous place in the city life. He is the son of Christian Hunsberger, a farmer, and his wife, Mary Hunsberger, and he has a brother who is a prominent druggist, president of the National and Philadelphia Druggists' associations, and who is also a trustee of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.

Howard S. Hunsberger is a native of Souderton, Pennsylvania, born there May 27, 1882. He attended the Souderton public schools, and upon the completion of his education went to work for himself. Four years of his early life were spent at cigar-making, but his tastes were inclined toward a mercantile life, and he acquired a general store, which he conducted successfully for more than eight years. He finally entered the drug business, and has for seven years had a thoroughly modern pharmacy in Souderton. Alert, business-like, progressive, his place of busi-



ness has all the newest and best fixtures, and is one of the most popular stores of its kind in the locality.

Mr. Hunsberger is a Republican in politics. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Hatfield (Pennsylvania) Benefit Society, and is religiously connected with the Lutheran church.

Mr. Hunsberger married, on December 3, 1913, at Souderton, Miriam A. Allderfer, daughter of Christian A. Allderfer, and they are the parents of two children: Miriam, born June 19, 1917; and Bernice, born July 26, 1920.

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**OSWIN D. REITER**—In the village of Red Hill, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, Oswin D. Reiter made his home and established the milling and mercantile business to which he has since devoted himself. He was with the pioneers there, and has been one of the factors of its growth, his contribution to its attractiveness as a residential district being the erection of thirty-four houses. His coming has meant more than these additional homes, for his business has given employment to many during the near quarter of a century that has passed since his coming, while his public spirit has been an influence to encourage others. Oswin D. Reiter is a son of Daniel and Edith (Weidner) Reiter, his father a miller of Upper Hanover at the time of the birth of his son, Oswin D.

Oswin D. Reiter was born in Upper Hanover township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, March 27, 1855, and there educated in the district school. He was taught the secrets of the miller's trade and business by his skilled father, with whom he worked until obtaining a position as mail carrier, a position he held for five years. In 1879 he married and moved to Finland, in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in the milling business and remained for twenty years. In 1899 he returned to Montgomery county and located at Red Hill, where he yet remains, engaged in milling, also in the operation of a coal and lumber yard and in the hay, grain, and feed business.

A Democrat in politics, Mr. Reiter has served as town auditor for sixteen years. He is a member of the Knights of Friendship, and the Junior Order United American Mechanics. He is enrolled as a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Mr. Reiter married, in Upper Hanover township, March 8, 1879, Amanda Hendricks, daughter of John F. and Angelina (Roeller) Hendricks. Mr. and Mrs. Reiter are the parents of five children: Ida R., born March 3, 1880, married George Mayberry; Daniel Henry, born June 25, 1882, married Stella Brey, and they have two children: Alma Estella, and Esther Irene; Franklin O., born December 25, 1886, a soldier with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, serving in the infantry; Thomas A., born December 3, 1888, also with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, attached to a Base Hospital; Eva P., born February 26, 1897. The family home is at Red Hill, Pennsylvania.



**FRANK F. SOWERS**—Both as an instructor and as a business man, Frank F. Sowers has been eminently successful and has rendered valuable service to his community. Born in Marlboro township, October 11, 1877, son of John Sowers, who was for thirty years superintendent of roads in Marlboro township, and of Catherine (Faut) Sowers, he was the ninth of eleven children, his brothers and sisters being: Adam, Christiana, Kate, Samuel, Elizabeth, Louisa, Nora, John, Maggie, and Stella.

Frank F. Sowers attended the public schools of his district and then entered Sumneytown Academy, later completing his education in Perkio-men Seminary. With this careful preparation he engaged in teaching, which profession he successfully followed for fourteen years. At the end of that time, realizing that though the rewards of teaching are large in a moral and spiritual sense, but exceedingly small economically, he decided that the time had come when he ought to engage in some more lucrative employment. Accordingly, in 1910, he established a general store at Green Lane. To this venture he gave the same careful attention that he had given to the profession of teaching, and with characteristic energy and thoroughness was content with nothing less than the best. He steadily bent his energies to the work of making his store as useful and as profitable both to himself and to his patrons as it was possible to make it. So well has he succeeded that at the present time he is proprietor of the most up-to-date general store in Northern Montgomery county, and his patrons know that whatever their need may be, it will be served if possible.

Mr. Sowers takes an active part in public affairs. Politically he gives his support to the Democratic party, and is now a candidate for the State Legislature. He has served faithfully and well as justice of the peace, as town commissioner, and as a member of the Board of Burghers for five years. He serves as a member of the Green Lane Fire Company, of which he is president, and during the World War was a member of the Liberty Loan Committee and of the Registered Draft Board. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Norristown Lodge, No. 128; Improved Order of Red Men, of Green Lane, all chairs; and Patriotic Order, Sons of America, all chairs. His religious connection is with the Green Lane Union Chapel, of which he is one of the organizers, and which he serves as superintendent of the Sunday school.

Mr. Sowers married, on February 21, 1900, at Green Lane, Mary A. Smith, daughter of Isaac R. and Catherine (Ruckstool) Smith, and they are the parents of three children: Stella, born June 25, 1904; Forrest, born April 22, 1907; and Wilma, born April 18, 1910. The children were all born at Green Lane.

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**ARTHUR H. LANDES**—The financial world of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, counts among its most honored names that of Arthur H. Landes, who has been identified with its progress for many years, and although retired from active business interests, generally speaking, still

serves the institution with which he was so long connected when special occasions arise.

Jacob C. Landes, Mr. Landes' father, was born in Hatfield township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, and came to Souderton as a young man. Early in life he became identified with the National Bank of Souderton, and continued with the same institution for a period of forty years, his service ending only with his death, which occurred November 28, 1915. He was a man of the most estimable character, public-spirited to a marked degree, and possessing the highest standards of personal responsibility in every relation in life. He was for many years active as borough treasurer, and also served as a member of the school board. He married Ellaweria Hartzell, and they were the parents of two children: Arthur H., whose name entitles this review; and Bessie, wife of Charles M. Saxe.

Arthur H. Landes was born in Souderton, Pennsylvania, November 6, 1873. His education was begun in the public schools of his native place, and was completed with his course at the Souderton High School. As a youth he entered the Souderton National Bank, of which his father was cashier, and beginning in the capacity of clerk, continued with the institution for twenty-five years, rising to the position of assistant cashier. Mr. Landes retired from active business life in 1915, but has since handled stocks and bonds to keep in touch with the world of finance and retain an interest in life, and he also acts as carrier for the Sellersville Bank when large sums are to be transferred. His record is one of which any man might well be proud, and he is held in the highest esteem by his fellow-townpeople. A Republican by political affiliation, Mr. Landes was elected borough treasurer of Souderton in 1915, and still serves in the same capacity. He has few other interests except in his beautiful home, at No. 304 East Broad street, Souderton, one of the handsomest houses in the township, which he built after his retirement, and where he spends his leisure among the delightful grounds or in the rooms which are largely of his own designing. His religious faith places his membership with the Reformed church.

Mr. Landes married, in Souderton, March 23, 1899, Stella Althouse, daughter of Oliver N. and Elizabeth (Rosenberger) Althouse, and they have one daughter, Mazie, born in Souderton, and now a leading figure in the social circles of the community.

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**REYNOLDS D. LINDERMAN**—Broadly active in real estate circles in Norristown, Mr. Linderman, although still a young man, is taking a position among the progressive and enterprising business men of the borough. A native of Montgomery county, Mr. Linderman is a son of Isaac W. and Mary E. Linderman, his father being a prosperous farmer.

Reynolds D. Linderman was born in Limerick township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, July 13, 1894. His early education was acquired at the public schools of his native place, and he prepared for his career at the Pottstown Business College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1911. Mr. Linderman's first business experience was as agent

for the E. A. Strout Real Estate Company, with which concern he was identified for eight years. He then opened an independent office at No. 9 Airy street, Norristown, and as a member of the Reese & Linderman Real Estate and Insurance Company, is taking a very practical part in the public advance. The firm is doing a large and steadily increasing business in both lines of activity, and holds high rank in local business circles. Mr. Linderman is a director of the New Building and Loan Association, and is a member of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Linderman married, on May 3, 1918, in Sanatoga, Pennsylvania, Annie M. Drumheller, daughter of Horace Drumheller.

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**ELI CASSEL KRUPP**—The life of the successful man who by sheer pluck, determination and ability, lifts himself from the ruck of ordinary humanity to a place with the highest, is worthy of deep consideration, if only for the help and inspiration it gives to others. Eli Cassel Krupp, the retired manufacturer of Lansdale, Pennsylvania, was a farmer's son, who went to work at so early an age that it was only by using the few spare moments of his time that he secured an education. While still a boy, he learned the trade of iron moulding, and with it a liking for strong drink. Ambitious and determined to set up in business for himself, he in his need tried to borrow five dollars and was refused. He was quick to see that credit must be secured if he were to succeed in his venture and quicker to see the reason why he could get none, and from that time he never touched a drop of intoxicants. He finally managed to get a start in business in a small barn, and became a jobber in iron castings. Prosperity came to him from this small beginning. In a short time he had twenty-five men in his employ, and taking in partnership Henry Fried, enlarged the scope of his operations and founded the Krupp Pipe Works of Lansdale, now probably one of the leading manufacturers of pipe in the United States. To-day all over the country the products of this company are used, and the name of Eli C. Krupp is known and respected in our many States.

He is the son of Jacob and Sarah (Cassel) Krupp, both now deceased, the former of whom was a farmer and at one time a manufacturer of coffee essence. Eli C. Krupp was born in Montgomery county, September 8, 1864, and attended school until he was nine years old, when he went to work on the farm and remained until fifteen. He then branched out for himself and in the next two years became an iron moulder, which trade he followed until setting up in business for himself. Starting in a small way, working day and night, with his wife and children helping at times, he became eventually a leading manufacturer of pipe in the United States, and has now retired from the more active side of his business. His sunset days are being spent in his beautiful home in Lansdale, and in his commodious residence at the seashore at Ocean City and St. Petersburg, Florida, where he spends five months of each year. Surrounding the Lansdale place is his tract of forty-seven acres, laid out in building sites, on which most of his children have their homes. With his family he attends and is a communicant of the Baptist church.



In 1885, at Skippack, Pennsylvania, he was married to Sallie Landis, of Hatfield township, the gifted daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Kindig) Landis, well known citizens of that locality. Mr. and Mrs. Krupp are the parents of nine children: 1. Viola L., is the wife of Edwin Biedler, now of Lansdale. Their children are: Adelaide, Edward, Norman Clarence and Dorothy. 2. Marvin, married Anna Clemmer. Their children are: Allison Eli, Marvin and Sarah C. 3. Norman, married Marguerite Nattey, deceased; they had one child, Marguerite. 4. Lily, married Charles Hilles. Their children are: Charles, Lillian, Russel and Betty. 5. Clarence, married Josephine Swartz. 6. Blanche, married Wilson Cassel. Their children are: Lester and William H. 7. Carrie, married Elmer Gehman. Their children are: Elmer, Sarah M., Harrison and Lester. 8. Emma. 9. Mamie, married Russel Proctor.

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**ROYDEN L. HUNSBERGER**—Before he had reached the age of thirty, Royden Hunsberger, of Souderton, Pennsylvania, was famed among collectors of antiques for his knowledge of peculiarities of the works of antique clocks and his ability to adjust and repair them. The son of a jeweler, he not only followed his father's trade, but made a special study of the intricate and delicate mechanisms of time-pieces of a past age, and as a result occupies a unique position among jewelers.

Royden L. Hunsberger was the son of Cornelius and Leah Hunsberger, and was born at Souderton, Pennsylvania, December 2, 1891. After the usual education in the local schools, he began to contribute to his own support by working at the jeweler's bench. His ability and industry soon made him skilful in his vocation, and in 1906 he established a jewelry store in his native city, which has proven a very successful venture.

Mr. Hunsberger is a Republican in his political views, although too busy to take a very active part in politics. Fraternally he is associated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a past grand master. He is a communicant of the New Mennonite Church of his city.

Mr. Hunsberger married, in October, 1913, at Hill Town, Pennsylvania, Laura Bloom, daughter of Frank and Addie Bloom. Mr. and Mrs. Hunsberger are the parents of three children: Blanche, Mildred and Violet.

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**GEORGE H. SAYLOR**—The Pottstown "Blade" was founded by Louis Reigner Saylor in the year 1890, he a practical printer and newspaper man. The first "Blade" was a four page, three column sheet eight by eleven inches, but it was soon enlarged and finally reached its present size, seven columns and from four to eight pages. Its circulation is confined to Pottstown and vicinity, and the date of issue Saturday morning. The greater part of the energy of the "Blade" force is directed toward the job department of the paper and in that department the "Blade" ranks with the best county papers, the office being one of the best equipped in the upper end of Montgomery county. The plant is located in the Blade building, especially erected for the business, the paper occupying two floors. Five people are employed in the printing office



and the plant is modern in every particular. The "Blade" job office is noted for the high quality of the work done there and is a splendid monument to its founder and to his sons who succeeded him.

Louis Reigner Saylor was born at Saylor's Mills, East Coventry, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, one of the fourteen children of John C. and Rosanna Saylor. He died in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, May 28, 1917. After school years were over he was employed around his father's mill for some years, then he learned the printer's trade and worked for several years in Philadelphia. Later he became associated with his brother, Alfred, in publication of the "Chronicle," now the Pottstown "News." That connection was broken later and in 1890 Louis R. Saylor started the newspaper which, as the Pottstown "Blade," has now had a prosperous existence, covering a period of thirty-two years, 1890-1922. In February, 1911, he sold the "Blade," but after a few months with a friendly plant in Phoenixville and with a plant on Walnut street, in Pottstown, he returned to the "Blade," in September, 1913, and continued its publication until his passing.

Mr. Saylor was for years Pottstown correspondent for the Reading "Eagle," and for Philadelphia papers, and was vice-president of the Bucks-Montgomery Press League. He was a member of the Philadelphia Fire Company and was always interested in community life. He served for two terms as borough councilman and while a member introduced the sidewalk ordinance and the front foot paving plan.

He married, March 19, 1884, Lizzie R. Harley, daughter of Joseph and Martha Harley, of East Coventry, who survives him. To Mr. and Mrs. Louis R. Saylor were born nine children, four of whom are living: George H., of whom further; Frances, Emma, and Herman.

After the death of his father May 28, 1917, George H. Saylor conducted the "Blade" for the L. R. Saylor estate until April, 1922, since which date the publishers have been L. R. Saylor's Sons, George H. Saylor, editor and manager.

George H. Saylor, son of Louis R. and Lizzie R. (Harley) Saylor, was born in Pottstown, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, June 10, 1895. He was educated in Pottstown public schools and entered college but did not graduate, leaving to enter journalism. He began at the bottom in the "Blade" plant and learned every detail of the business, and served in every position from devil to editor. As the head of the business, L. R. Saylor's Sons, printers and publishers, he fills a place for which he is eminently fitted, and the "Blade" prospers under his guidance.

He is a member of the United Typothetae of America, Bucks-Montgomery Press League and of the Weekly Newspaper Association of Montgomery county. He is an active Democrat, member of the Philadelphia Steam Engine Company of Pottstown, and of the Young Men's Christian Association.

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**HARRY H. ZIMMERMAN**, who for a quarter of a century has been actively identified with the progress and growth of the borough of Norristown and its vicinity as a real estate and insurance broker, is a son of Sylvester and Harriet Zimmerman, highly respected farming people.

Harry H. Zimmerman was born in Whitpain township, Pennsylvania, November 3, 1858. He was graduated from the local public schools, then covered the high school course in Norristown and was graduated in due time. He then attended Tremount Seminary, of Norristown, for a period of two years, after which he was associated with his father in the work of the farm. Remaining with his father for twelve years, Mr. Zimmerman then became identified with the Montgomery Oil Company, as manager, and was thus engaged for eight years. Upon severing his connection with this concern Mr. Zimmerman opened an office at No. 325 Swede street, in Norristown, and has since been actively engaged in real estate brokerage, handling also a general line of insurance. He has been largely successful, and his activities, which have included much significant and constructive effort in both branches, have placed him among the leading citizens of the community. In political affairs Mr. Zimmerman is an independent Republican, and fraternally he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, also of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Penn Gun Club, and his religious affiliation is with the Reformed church.

Mr. Zimmerman married, in Plymouth township, Pennsylvania, on October 14, 1880, Carmoletty Harley, daughter of Samuel G. and Elizabeth Harley. Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman have three children: Emma; Mabel, now Mrs. Livsey; and Horace C.

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**SAMUEL L. MILLER**—United States postmaster at Schwenkville, Pennsylvania, Mr. Miller is one of the youngest men that has ever held a Federal office in the State of Pennsylvania. He was born at Schwenkville, November 7, 1897, son of Edwin L. and Laura (Longaker) Miller. Mr. Miller's grandfather, Joseph Miller, now deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He enlisted February 21, 1865, in Company I, 13th Regiment of Pennsylvania Cavalry, and was discharged July 14, 1865. He had enlisted for one year, but was discharged at the end of the war. Mr. Miller's father, Edwin L. Miller, who is a miller, was formerly a member of the firm of Horace B. Kratz & Company, of Schwenkville, and is now a salesman for S. F. Scattergood & Company, of Philadelphia.

Samuel L. Miller has two brothers, the elder of whom, Jonathan Miller, was born April 30, 1896. He married Eva Smith, and resides at Schwenkville, where he is employed as a clerk by the Schwenkville National Bank. He is a veteran of the World War, having served with the American Expeditionary Forces. He enlisted, November 3, 1917, at Camp Meade, in Company G, 316th Regiment; sailed overseas July 7, 1918, and saw service in the Meuse-Argonne Forest, and at the time of the signing of the armistice, had been in the Troyon sector, Montagny sector, and Montfaucon. He was discharged June 9, 1919, at Camp Dix, New Jersey. Mr. Miller's younger brother, J. Edwin Miller, was born October 20, 1899, and is now in charge of a garage at Schwenkville, as a machinist's foreman.

Samuel L. Miller received his education in the public schools of Schwenkville. After he was graduated from the high school he entered

Schissler's Business College, at Norristown, and spent fifteen months acquiring an expert knowledge of stenography, typewriting, and business methods. His business ability and the accuracy of his work were very marked, and after his return to Schwenkville he became the official stenographer of the squires and judges of that place. Mr. Miller occupied himself with this work until 1921, when he was appointed to the postmastership by President Harding.

A conscientious and hard-working official of the government, Mr. Miller finds his chief recreation in gunning and fishing. As a sportsman, he is keenly interested in the legal protection of fish and game and believes that the interests of sportsmen, no less than those of the general public, are best served by a hearty coöperation between State and Federal officials charged with the duty of enforcing closed seasons and the bringing of offenders to justice. As a former pupil of the public schools, Mr. Miller is a tireless advocate of inter-school athletics and of increased recreational facilities for the schools of Montgomery county.

In political faith he is a Republican, and political issues are matters of great interest to him. He is a member of the Lutheran Congregation at Schwenkville, and is keenly interested in the social and religious activities of his church. A member of the Masonic order, Mr. Miller holds membership in Warren Lodge, No. 310 of Collegeville. He is also a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, Lodge No. 387, of Schwenkville, and belongs to the Zeiglersville Lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Miller married on October 14, 1922, Minnie Stevens, daughter of Frank and Mary (Hutt) Stevens, both deceased, of Schwenkville. Mr. Stevens was in the creamery business before his death, at Mainland, Pennsylvania. They now reside at Schwenkville.

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**ISAAC MULLEN**, now nearing nonagenarian honors, reviews a life of business activity and usefulness which began in the city of Philadelphia, April 16, 1833, and in its course has viewed many of the great happenings in government, invention, church and business, seeing the beginning of many things that even old men have been accustomed to all their lives. To recount them would be to call the roll of America's greatest achievements, but it is of interest to know that Isaac Mullen was a part of his nation's development of business life in 1917, he then having reached the age of eighty-five. He is a son of Robert and Letitia (Barnwell) Mullen, the father born and reared in Philadelphia, son of Irish parents who were born in the Emerald Isle. Robert Mullen left Philadelphia after the birth of his son, Isaac, and some years later settled at Gulph Mills, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, where he followed the weaver's trade, an art he had acquired in Philadelphia. Eventually he became foreman of the weaving department of the McFarland Mills and so continued for a long time. He was a Democrat in politics, a Protestant in religion and a man of great industry. He married Letitia Barnwell, daughter of Henry Barnwell, who served with John Paul Jones on the "Bon Homme Richard" when he sunk the English man-of-



war "Serapis." Robert and Letitia (Barnwell) Mullen were the parents of three sons: Isaac, of whom further; Henry, and Alfred.

Isaac Mullen, son of Robert and Letitia (Barnwell) Mullen, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 16, 1833. When a child he was brought by his parents to Gulph Mills, Pennsylvania, and there attended the public schools. He began business life as a clerk in a store at Mechanicsville, where he remained until 1851, then went to Radnor for three years as clerk in a store, going to Strafford for three years in the same capacity, and then went to Green Tree, where he spent six years as clerk, and then to Philadelphia, and for ten years was bookkeeper for mercantile houses of that city. He then returned to Gulph Mills, where he opened a general store which he successfully conducted until his retirement in 1917.

In 1863, when General Lee marched with his men into Pennsylvania, Mr. Mullen enlisted in a militia company and fought at Gettysburg, where he was taken prisoner, but was paroled on the battlefield. Later he was regularly exchanged and honorably discharged. In 1873 he was appointed postmaster at Gulph Mills and held the position as long as he remained in business. He served for many years on the school board; was township auditor four years; is a Republican in politics, and a member of Potter Lodge, No. 441, Free and Accepted Masons.

Isaac Mullen married, in Philadelphia, December 24, 1863, Margaret W. Whistler, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Gristock) Whistler, her father a veteran of the War of 1812, serving under Captain John Wessler. Elizabeth (Gristock) Whistler was of English ancestry, her father, Thomas Gristock, becoming an American citizen after his coming from England and settling in Chester county. To Isaac and Margaret W. (Whistler) Mullen four children were born: Clara M., married John McFarland; Gertrude, died in 1914, married Samuel Tinker, and had three children; Clara, Julia, and Walter; Sue, of Gulph, Pennsylvania; and Walter, married Emily Stillwagon, and has two children: Walter and Gertrude.

On Christmas Eve, 1921, Mr. and Mrs. Mullen celebrated the fifty-eighth anniversary of their wedding day, he now in the ninetieth year of his age, she in her eighty-fourth. They are dearly beloved by all who know them.

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**JOSEPH RODGERS, JR.**—One of the men who settled in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, when it was simply a bit of farming country was the father of Joseph Rodgers, the prominent realtor and postmaster, who himself has spent most of his life there. Joseph Rodgers, Sr., was a painter and contractor by trade, who came with his wife, Emma J., in 1861, to Lansdale, and lived there until their death. He was one of the original signers of the borough charter of Lansdale.

Joseph Rodgers, Jr., was born in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, July 2, 1872. He attended the public school, but left at an early age to go in a paint shop with his father to learn the painter's trade. Later he became a partner in the business and eventually was the sole owner. However,



his familiarity with local conditions and land ownership lead him into the real estate business and his ability in this line soon made him the manager of the Lansdale Real Estate Company, in which capacity he acted for four years with great success. When this organization was merged with the Rosenbery Realty Company of Lansdale, Mr. Rodgers went with it and became half owner of this second establishment which has gone on becoming stronger and more important with the passing years. In 1914 he was appointed the postmaster of Lansdale by President Wilson and with the changing administrations still remains in office.

His social nature has taken him into several lodges, and he fraternizes with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Improved Order of Red Men, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and the Knights of the Golden Eagle. He and his family are communicants of the Episcopal church.

On June 28, 1909, he was married to Clara G. Ambler, daughter of John F. and Mariah Ambler. Mr. Ambler is a well known builder and contractor of Lansdale. Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers are the parents of a daughter, Catherine Dorothy, born June 1, 1912.

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**W. STANLEY WOODLAND**—In the electrical world of Montgomery county Mr. Woodland is well known as the head of the Woodland Electric Company, and as a representative and thoroughly progressive citizen. Mr. Woodland is a son of William B. and Margaret (Streeper) Woodland, both now living, his father a mechanic by occupation.

W. Stanley Woodland was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, July 13, 1897, and received his education in the public schools. While still a young lad he began to learn the electrical business. He worked up from apprentice to a point where he was able to go on by himself as an independent contractor. In May, 1919, he opened the present enterprise in Norristown, and in January, 1922, the business was incorporated, the personnel of the concern being as follows: W. S. Woodland, president; W. S. Woodland, treasurer; William B. Woodland, secretary. The company is capitalized at \$15,000. They carry a very complete line of electrical and household appliances, and handle general electrical contracting, operating over a very wide radius, and the business has grown from a small beginning to one of the really important enterprises in its field in Montgomery county. It has been built up on the solid foundations of square dealing, courtesy and promptness. Mr. Woodland takes a deep interest in the affairs of the community. He is a director and secretary of the Norristown Merchants' Association, president of West Marshall Street Business Men's Association, is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Independent Order of America. He is identified with the Hawes Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Woodland married, on April 18, 1919, Lucinda Katharyn Wiedinmeyer, of Norristown, and they have three children: Virginia, W. Stanley, Jr., and Robert Streeper. The family residence is at No. 1116 West Marshall street, Norristown.

**JOHN S. MOYER**—The making of cigars and other tobacco products has become an important part of the commercial life of Souderton, Pennsylvania, and one of its active manufacturers in this line is John S. Moyer. He knows his business from the growing of the leaf to the completed cigar, and has been at the head of his own factory for more than a decade. He is a son of Jonas L. and Fannie Moyer, his father a lifelong agriculturist, and a member of the Mennonite church in Franconia.

John S. Moyer was born in Franconia township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, March 8, 1873, and was educated in the local schools. In early life he went to work with his father on a farm and pursued that vocation for twenty-two years. Desiring the knowledge of another trade, he learned the tobacco business in its different branches and became a manufacturer of cigars in his own plant in 1911, and has continued in that line of activity up to the present date (1923). With prosperity has come a broadening of his financial interests, and he is a member of the Building and Loan Association.

In politics he is a Republican, and his religious affiliations are with the Lutheran church, of which he has been for nine years a deacon and for ten years a teacher in its Sunday school.

Mr. Moyer married, on February 25, 1896, at Souderton, Pennsylvania, Mary Lizzie Moore, a daughter of Jesse and Sophia Moore, well known residents of New Britain, Bucks county. Mr. and Mrs. Moyer are the parents of seven children, as follows: Mabel, who married Henry H. Krupp, of Franconia; Beulah, who married Alvin H. Moyer, of Franconia; Eva, Mary Ellen, Lillian, Cyrenius, and Erastus.

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**RICHARD MATTHEWS WRIGHT RIDINGTON**—Lansdale numbers among its retired business men, Richard Matthews Wright Ridington, who, though of English birth, was brought by his parents to this country when only four years old. After long years of work and prosperity he settled in Lansdale and is one of its most honored citizens. He is a leader in the affairs of the borough and connected with several important companies, and is active in many of the movements that characterize civic growth. His parents, Thomas T. and Phyllis (Wright) Ridington, were natives of England, coming to the United States in 1866, and settling in Littleton, New Hampshire. The former was a civil engineer and at one time a foundryman.

Richard Matthews Wright Ridington was born at Cornwall, England, October 13, 1862, and a few years later was brought to this country. His education was gained in Norristown and Lansdale schools, followed by four years in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1884. After college days were over he went to St. Louis, Missouri, and entered the employ of the St. Louis Iron and Machine Company, but after a year and a half came to Lansdale, Pennsylvania, for a year. He then went to Reading, Pennsylvania, to take charge of the Orr Paint Company, where he remained for three years before going to the Baldwin Locomotive Works. It was while with the





*O. J. Wismer.*



latter company that he helped direct the transfer of its foundry to Eddystone, Pennsylvania. He also was one of the incorporators of the Chester Grey Iron and Brass Foundry, and it was after the sale of this concern that he retired from the more active side of business life, and settled in his present beautiful home in Lansdale.

He has taken a deep interest in the municipal government of his locality and is one of the board of Borough Council, treasurer of the Light and Water Company, and was at one time treasurer of the borough. Mr. Ridington is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, Lansdale Lodge, No. 558; Lansdale Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in all its branches; and the Loyal Order of Moose. He is a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal church.

At Lansdale, Pennsylvania, February 18, 1890, Richard M. W. Ridington was married to Mary Elizabeth Cassel, daughter of Jesse and Hannah D. (Reiff) Cassel, and they are the parents of three children: Thomas T., educated in the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania; after graduation, he taught school at the University of Pennsylvania, and is now, 1922, teaching in Central High School, Philadelphia; Charles R., educated in the University of Pennsylvania, chemical engineer; he was a certified accountant during the World War for a time at Washington, later paymaster and drill master at Raritan Arsenal, and is now, 1922, teller in the First National Bank of Lansdale; he married Helen May Newberry, of Palmer, Massachusetts; and Lawrence C. K., educated in Chester High School, is traveling auditor for the Stanley Corporation; he married Claudie Wilson, who attended Brown University.

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**ELI FRY WISMER**—Since 1916, at the time when Mr. Wismer was admitted to practice law at the bar of Montgomery county, he has followed his chosen profession with consistent success, the success that can only come as a reward of superior merit and ability.

Christian Wismer, father of Eli Fry Wismer, was born in Skippack township, November 6, 1856, and has lived there throughout his entire lifetime, taking an active part in the affairs of the community. He has followed successfully agricultural pursuits up to the present time, is active in public affairs, justice of the peace, a member of the School Board, and a Republican in politics. In fact there is no movement which has for its aim the betterment of civic conditions in Skippack township which lacks Christian Wismer's support. He married Mary Emma Fry, a native of Perkiomen township, where her birth occurred December 20, 1857, and to them have been born two children: Eli Fry, of further mention; and Charles E., of further mention.

Eli Fry Wismer was born in Skippack township, July 6, 1885. He received the preliminary portion of his education in the schools of that locality. After graduating from Ursinus Academy, he entered Ursinus College, receiving from that institution the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1909. Later he entered the law department of the University of Pennsylvania, class of 1915, and in 1916 was admitted to practice law at the

bar of Montgomery county. After his admission to the bar Mr. Wismer came to Norristown, Pennsylvania, and located in the practice of his chosen profession at No. 501 Swede street. Success attended his efforts from the very first, and he has made an enviable record in the office of his work, having become distinguished by his unusual disinterested, capable and intelligent work. Mr. Wismer opened an office in Pottstown in the Exchange building, March 4, 1921, later removing to his present location, Nos. 309-311-313 High street.

While at Ursinus College Mr. Wismer was a member of the male quartette of the Glee Club; a member of the Schaff Literary Society Debating Team, and very active in music, oratory and dramatic work; and while at the University of Pennsylvania he held membership in the Franklin Chapter of the Acacia Fraternity, holding the office of venerable dean of that organization during his senior year. He was at one time justice of the peace of Skippack, and has always taken an active part in the affairs of the Republican party. He affiliates with Warren Lodge, No. 310, Free and Accepted Masons, of Collegeville, of which he is past master; the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Norristown Forest; Krisma Grotto of Pottstown; and the Montgomery County Bar Association. He attends St. Luke's Reformed Church, of which he is a deacon and of which he was organist from the time he was twelve years of age until August, 1921, when he resigned.

On September 26, 1918, at Trappe, Eli Fry Wismer was united in marriage with Elizabeth Austerberry, daughter of Joseph C. and Rebecca (Heyser) Austerberry, the former a machine tool broker of Detroit, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Wismer are the parents of two children: Eli Fry, Jr., born October 1, 1919; and Mary Elizabeth, born February 20, 1921. The family home is at No. 536 North Charlotte street, Pottstown. Mr. Wismer is a great lover of music and tennis, and whatever time he can secure from his professional duties he devotes in large part to his favorite pastimes.

Charles E. Wismer was born December 10, 1887. He attended the local public schools; Ursinus Academy and Ursinus College, class of 1913, after which he purchased Pleasant View Farm, overlooking the Perkiomen creek, and has since engaged in farming on an advanced scale; he is an orchardist and an agriculturist and lectures extensively in institutions and at farmers' gatherings; is widely recognized as a judge of high grade cattle, and specializes in blooded stock and poultry; is president of the Montgomery County Pure Bred Holstein Bull Coöperative Association; president of the Montgomery County Farmers' Bureau; is a Republican in politics; fraternizes with Warren Lodge, No. 310, Free and Accepted Masons; is musical director of St. James' Lutheran Church at Limerick, and Heidelberg Reformed Church choir at Schwenkville, and was formerly musical director at St. Luke's Reformed Church at Trappe.

Charles E. Wismer married Anna M. Weikel, of Trappe, and to them have been born the following children: Dorothy M., Mary Emma, and Alice.

**GEORGE W. NIBLOCK**—Many of the best business men of Ambler, Pennsylvania, have, like George W. Niblock, spent their early years on a farm, and it is likely that their success in agriculture aided in bringing prosperity in their later vocation. Mr. Niblock is the son of a former tiller of the soil and quarryman, Alexander Niblock, who with his wife Pauline are the parents of six children: George W., of this review; John D., born in 1859, now deceased; Harry, born in 1862; Elsworth, born in 1866, now deceased; Mrs. Frances Selner; and Mrs. Mary Peterson.

George W. Niblock was born at Germantown, Pennsylvania, February 22, 1856. He went first to the public school of Upper Dublin township, and completed his education in Sunnyside Academy, from which he was graduated in 1878. Upon leaving school he returned to his father's farm on Bethlehem Pike, Ambler, a place of forty-five acres, where he spent sixteen years at hard work. He also operated a stone quarry during this period, with three men in his employ. Determining to try his hand in some other line of activity, he went for a year to Fort Washington, Pennsylvania, where he had a position with the David Knight Lumber Company. He found this work suited to his tastes and ability, and on May 6, 1897, he came to Ambler, where he established a lumber, coal and feed business, which he has since managed with marked success.

Mr. Niblock married at Flourtown, Pennsylvania, in September, 1888, Clara White, daughter of Fitzwalter White. They are the parents of seven children: Eva Walton; Nellie, married William Lochman; George F., John H., Joseph; Mary, married Raymond Raider; and Charles.

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**HENRY X. DAUGHERTY**—Among the leaders of mercantile and civic affairs in the borough of Red Hill, Pennsylvania, Mr. Daugherty is a noteworthy figure, his long residence in this community and his constant activity in various interests keeping him much before the public eye. He has long taken a constructive part in the administration of the public business, as well as in all community progress. Mr. Daugherty is a son of Calvin Thomas and Emma (Sutter) Daugherty, highly respected farming people of Lancaster county.

Henry X. Daugherty was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, August 8, 1880. He received his education in the public schools near his farm home, and after completing the course was active with his father in the work of the farm until he was nineteen years of age. Then coming to Montgomery county, he settled permanently here, and learned the trade of cigar making. Later he began the manufacture of cigars on a modest scale, developing a very considerable business, and he still conducts this factory which is now a prosperous interest. In 1918 he also established a general store at Red Hill, in partnership with his brother, C. J. Daugherty. His brother later withdrawing from the firm, Mr. Daugherty received his eldest son into partnership, and the business is now conducted under the firm name of Daugherty & Son, with constantly increasing success. Always a Republican in political affiliation, Mr.



Daugherty has for years been prominent in the affairs of the party and active in its progress. Brought forward years ago in the public service, he was first made a member of the election board, and later was appointed postmaster of Red Hill. In the broader interests of a civic nature, in which party divisions hold less significance, Mr. Daugherty is also a leader, now serving as vice-president of the Board of Trade, and as secretary of the Red Hill Building and Loan Association. He is a member of the Reformed church.

Mr. Daugherty married, in Red Hill, on April 4, 1901, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, and their children are as follows: Calvin, Ella, Frank, Henry, and Erma, all born at Red Hill.

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**SPENCER LOCH JONES**, vice-president and director of the H. C. Jones Company. is among the most aggressive Philadelphia business men of the younger generation. Mr. Jones is identified with a number of the social and educational interests of his home city and during the World War participated in patriotic activities.

Spencer Loch Jones was born February 5, 1890, in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Horace C. and Linda (Loch) Jones. He received his education at the Episcopal Academy, from which he graduated in 1907, the MacKenzie School, Dobbs Ferry, New York (graduating from there also, in 1908), and Princeton University, which conferred upon him, in 1912, the degree of Bachelor of Science. Since that time Mr. Jones has been connected with the business of which his father is the head and of which he himself is now vice-president and director.

In political principle Mr. Jones is a Republican. He is a trustee of the Conshohocken Free Library, and belongs to the National Geographic Society, also the Welsh Society and the American Forestry Association. His clubs are the Union League, Gulph Mills Golf, and Plymouth Country. While a student at Princeton he was a member of the Cap and Gown fraternity and manager of the "Princetonian." He holds membership in the Chamber of Commerce. During the World War he was in the Chemical Warfare Service confined to the United States army, in Washington, D. C., and New York, with the rank of first lieutenant.

Spencer Loch Jones married, November 18, 1915, Katherine Eastwick, daughter of Abram T. and Alice (Lees) Eastwick, of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of two children: Horace Conrad (2), born September 12, 1916; and Katherine Eastwick, born April 5, 1919.

Mr. Jones is one of the twentieth century business men to whom is committed the work of maintaining in the years to come, the renown of Philadelphia as one of the manufacturing centres of the modern world.

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**JULIUS B. RAUCH**—As the owner and manager of the largest hostelry in Montgomery county, Julius B. Rauch has an unique place. He knew the hotel business in all its phases, having built, owned and managed them, and Lansdale, Pennsylvania, has reason to be proud, when after his extensive experience he chose that place as the seat of his







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most important venture. His father, Frederick Rauch, of German birth, was a man of magnificent physique, who, while in the army of his country, was chosen, because of his fine appearance, to be the personal attendant of Prince Henry of Hesse and Cassel. He remained in the prince's employ for many years. His mother was Theresa (Lang) Rauch, of Marburg, Germany.

Julius B. Rauch was born at Marburg on the Lahn, Germany, May 10, 1867. His elementary education was acquired in the public and high schools of his native land, from which he has graduated in 1885. Seeking a wider opportunity for the exercise of his powers, he left Germany the summer of 1885 and came to the United States, landing in Philadelphia, where he remained for a number of years. He first engaged in the butcher trade and became an expert. He followed this business for ten years, accumulating both the means and ideas which he later found useful.

In 1895 he began his first big project, which was the building of a hotel at Holly Beach, New Jersey. This enterprise was an undoubted success almost from the start and in the ten years that it was under his control, became increasingly popular. He then tried the gas business, but after two years sold it out. In 1909, after looking over a number of towns, seeking a place in which to locate in the hotel business, he chose Lansdale and bought the Hotel Fremont, reputed to be the largest and now certainly one of the best in Montgomery county.

Mr. Rauch is a Republican in his political faith, fraternizes with the Loyal Order of Moose, belongs to the Citizens' Club, and is a communicant of the Lutheran church.

On November 25, 1908, at Wildwood, New Jersey, Julius B. Rauch was married to Caroline S. Hatfield, daughter of Sterling and Margaret (Workman) Hatfield, farming folk who lived near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Miss Hatfield was educated in the city mentioned. Mr. and Mrs. Rauch are the parents of two children: Caroline Margaret, born in 1910, and Julius B., born in 1912.

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**URSINUS GRATER**—Fitted with a thorough education in his particular line of work, Mr. Grater has made an enviable record for artistic designing which has brought him considerable prominence in the locality where he lives, at Norristown, Pennsylvania. His parents were A. G. and Hannah (Umstead) Grater, and his two sisters are Minerva, wife of W. O. Yost, and Marion, wife of R. C. McCray.

Ursinus Grater was born in Worcester township, December 1, 1871, and graduated from the Norristown High School in 1890. Two years later he completed a course at the Pennsylvania Museum School of Industrial Art in decorative sculpture and architecture and returned to Norristown to work in the mill of the Grater, Bodey Company, engaged in lumber and mill work. His father, A. G. Grater, gave up his superintendency of the Ridge avenue farmer's market in Philadelphia to organize, in 1886, the Grest, Grater Company. This was later merged with the Bodey, Jamison & Wainwright Company and Bolt & Sons, forming the

Grater, Bodey Company in February, 1902. He was vice-president of this company until his death in 1920. Ursinus Grater worked in the mill until 1896 and was then transferred to the drafting department, where he remained until 1919. The position of superintendent of the mill was then turned over to him. He became a stockholder of this company in 1892, and upon the death of his father, took over the stock which he had held. Some of the buildings designed by Mr. Grater are the Trinity Reformed Church of Norristown, and the Calvary Baptist and Grace Lutheran churches, also of Norristown. He designed the new model of the opera house and some residences between the years 1892 and 1919.

Mr. Grater is a Republican in politics; a member of the Norristown Club, Keystone Motor Club; and a director of the Young Men's Christian Association. He is an elder in the Trinity Reformed Church of Norristown.

Mr. Grater married, at Norristown, September 7, 1904, Lillie Edmonston, daughter of John and Sarah (Walker) Edmonston, whose other children are as follows: Bertha, wife of Robert Miller, of Norristown; and Eva, a bookkeeper with the Counties Gas and Electric Company, of Norristown. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Grater, Eva, on February 11, 1907, who is now a student in the high school.

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**HENRY LANDIS FREED**—One of the prominent business men of Lansdale, Pennsylvania, is Henry Landis Freed, one of the partners in the Krupp Foundry Company. His aggressiveness and progressiveness in industrial affairs has made of him a leader, and his big hearted, friendly nature, has won for him a host of friends. The son of Isaac and Katherine (Landis) Freed, good farmer folk, now both deceased, he started life with the help and hindrances that surround a farmer boy.

Henry Landis Freed was born at Elroy, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, February 26, 1873. His education was started in the district school, and completed in the school of hard knocks. He early learned to work, and by hard work has made his way, and is now the proprietor of the Krupp Foundry Company.

This firm was organized in 1902, and incorporated in 1910, under the name of the Krupp Foundry Company, makers of soil pipe and fittings, with Eli C. Krupp as president and Henry L. Freed as secretary and treasurer. In February, 1920, Mr. Krupp sold his interests to W. A. Brecht, who succeeded to the presidency. They are located on Third avenue and Fifth street, Lansdale, in a large building extending along the Philadelphia and Reading railroad tracks. It is one of the most important industries of the city, employing much skilled and common labor, and doing a business of nearly a million dollars a year.

Mr. Freed, besides being so busily connected with this company, is also one of the directors of the Union National Bank of Souderton, Pennsylvania; treasurer of the Board of Trade since its organization in 1903; treasurer of Lansdale's Building and Improvement Company; and finds time to help many civic interests. He fraternizes with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Lansdale, and is a thirty-second degree Mason,



affiliating with Shiloh Lodge, No. 558, Free and Accepted Masons; Lansdale Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Philadelphia Consistory, and Lu Lu Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. With his family, he attends the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is president of the board of trustees.

Henry Landis Freed married, at Lansdale, October 26, 1895, Lydia Ann Gehman, of Norwood, Pennsylvania. Mr. Freed considers twenty-six his lucky number, having been born, married, and started in business on the twenty-sixth day of the month. Miss Gehman was the daughter of Daniel (a merchant) and Catherine (Godshall) Gehman. Mr. and Mrs. Freed are the parents of five children: Katherine, Herbert, Edith, Henry W. and Lillie.

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**WARREN C. MOYER**, of Souderton, Pennsylvania, has shown himself worthy to bear the name of one of the most ancient and honorable families in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania. A descendant of one of a band of men who came to this country because of their desire to worship God in their own way, he has been prominent in the religious activities of his church and town. A thorough, up-to-date business man, he is recognized for his ability and industry.

Isaiah K. Moyer, father of Warren C. Moyer, who for many years was a hay merchant, married Katie Clemens, and they were the parents of the following children: Lillian, who married Lewis Souder; Warren C., of whom further; Laura, who married Horace Underkoffer; Katie, now Mrs. Herbert Crawthornel; John; Raymond; Florence; and Mary.

Warren C. Moyer was born in Souderton, Pennsylvania, May 22, 1883, and received his education in the public schools of his native city. He began his business career as a clerk in a general store of the place, but soon began the manufacture of ice cream on his own account, in which line of activity he remained for three years. In 1912 he established his present business of auto-express and general hauling, which has thrived and grown. His equipment is complete and of the most recent design, and is capable of handling almost any requirement. Mr. Moyer established, on December 3, 1921, in partnership with H. H. Blank, the Perkio-men Valley Bus Company, doing business between Pennsburg, Allentown and Boyertown. Mr. Moyer is a member of the Borough Council, and is religiously affiliated with the New Mennonite Church, of which he is one of the church council.

Mr. Moyer married, at Souderton, Pennsylvania, December 31, 1904, Hannah Groff, daughter of Henry A. and Emma Groff. Mr. and Mrs. Moyer have two children: Emma Luella and Henry Arden, both born in Salford township, Pennsylvania.

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**WARREN BENNER KULP**—For many years the name of Kulp has been identified with the progress of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, representatives of every generation having been active in the industries and professions or in mercantile affairs. Henry S. Kulp, Mr. Kulp's father, was, throughout his active lifetime, engaged in the feed

business, and in the supplying of the needs of the animal husbandry interests of the vicinity, gained his own success and won the confidence and respect of all with whom he dealt. His death, which occurred in July, 1915, removed from the community a man of genuine worth, whose activities had contributed to the welfare of Worcester township, so long the scene of his business endeavor. He married Susan Benner, also of a prominent Montgomery county family, and they were the parents of six children: Mary, wife of A. K. Clemmer; Annie, wife of Warren Moyer; Abraham; Floyd; Minerva, wife of Harold Hull; and Warren Benner, of further mention.

Warren Benner Kulp was born in Worcester township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, November 17, 1882. His education was limited to the advantages of the local schools, but he was always a student of affairs and conditions, and this, together with his natural business ability, has carried him forward to success. His first business experience was with his father in the feed mill at Kulpsville, in his native township, where he still resides. He later entered a factory for the manufacture of clothing, and in 1909 Mr. Kulp opened a general store in Kulpsville, in partnership with Elwood Stover, with whom he is still associated. This is now one of the successful enterprises of the community, and holding to the principles of fair dealing and efficient service, the firm has won a secure footing in the business world of this county. Mr. Kulp has for some years been identified with the financial world of this section, and is actively associated with the Schwenkville National Bank in the capacity of special messenger. The broader interests of the township, and of the affairs of the State and Nation, hold his interest only as a progressive citizen, and his support is given to the Republican party. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Kulpsville, and the Loyal Order of Moose of Lansdale. He and his family are members of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Kulp married, in Trappe, Pennsylvania, May 6, 1915, Florence May Repp, daughter of William and Emma Repp. Their four children are: James Emerson, Henry Warren, Paul, and Evelyn Florence.

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**DAVID R. HOFFMAN**, numbered among the well known business men of Norristown, Pennsylvania, is catering to an extensive trade among the motorists of this section as the head of the D. R. Hoffman Tire & Rubber Company. Mr. Hoffman is a native of New York State, and a son of John H. and Mary A. Hoffman, former residents of Syracuse, late of this State.

David R. Hoffman was born in Syracuse, New York, November 5, 1872. His education was acquired in the public schools of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, where he laid a thoroughly practical foundation for his future success. As a young man Mr. Hoffman took up railroading and became an engineer on the Reading railroad in the year 1898. He was thus engaged until shortly before establishing his present business, handling all kinds of automobile supplies. He is the sole distributor for the United States of the Fox Motor-driven Tire Pump, a machine manu-

factured in Norristown, Pennsylvania, Mr. Hoffman being the president and general manager of the corporation. The development of the concern into a leader in its own special line is largely owing to the superiority of his work, which was started in 1916. He has an excellent location at No. 518-20 DeKalb street,, in Norristown, and has developed a very prosperous business. His trade is constantly increasing and he is counted among the successful men of the city. He takes an interest in the various affairs of a public nature, but, although supporting the Republican party, is by no means a politician, never seeking public honors. He is a member of Minnie Kauween Tribe, No. 198, Improved Order of Red Men; the Knights of the Golden Eagle; the Modern Woodmen of America; and the Junior Order United American Mechanics. He is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Hoffman married, on December 16, 1917, at No. 1018 Arch street, Philadelphia, Nellie V. Vetter, daughter of Charles L. and Carrie H. Vetter. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman have two children: Leroy and Alma Clare.

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**JOSEPH W. CRAFT, JR.** is a business man of Ambler, Pennsylvania, who has the ability and taste that have made him prominent in sports and, during the World War, in the United States army. Educated, versatile, talented, wherever he is placed he makes himself felt, and promises to become conspicuous in the municipal life of Ambler.

He is the son of J. Watson Craft, who died January 19, 1921, a prosperous mill owner, and of Mary A. (Griggs) Craft, and was born in Ambler, Pennsylvania, January 15, 1891. He attended Friends' Central School of Philadelphia, was graduated with the class of 1910, and, entering Lafayette College, at Easton, Pennsylvania, was graduated in 1914.

Joseph W. Craft, Jr. became associated with his father in the lumber, coal and feed business, one of the important concerns of Ambler, which was established in 1885. It is now housed in a number of buildings, the mill and lumber sheds both being three-story structures, and there are several storage bins for feed. With the death of J. W. Craft, Sr., much responsibility has been placed on his son's shoulders, but he is making a marked success of his position. He is vice-president of the Community Building and Loan Association, and active in furthering its interests.

In May, 1917, he enlisted in Company 36, of the Motor Transport Corps in the United States army, and was appointed sergeant. After five months he was transferred to Motor Truck Company 328, where he remained for ten months. Attending the Officers' Training Camp for two months he was transferred to Motor Truck Company 508, Motor Supply Train 423, as second lieutenant in command of the company, in which capacity he served until honorably discharged in September, 1919.

With the formation of Norton Downes, Jr. Post, No. 125, American Legion, he was elected its commander. Other fraternal affiliations are with the Plymouth Country Club, the Bucks County Fish, Game and Forest Association, and the Ambler Game, Fish and Forestry Association.



On June 14, 1921, at Doylestown, Pennsylvania, Joseph W. Craft, Jr., was married to Ruth S. Grim, daughter of Webster and Alice S. Grim, well known residents of that place.

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**IRWIN J. GOTWALS**, one of the broadly successful business men of Norristown, Pennsylvania, whose training and experience have fitted him for his present largely progressive activities, is a native of Norristown. He is a son of Abram and Mary (Johnson) Gotwals, long of this community. The father was born February 22, 1819, and was throughout his lifetime a successful merchant of Philadelphia. The mother was born in 1836, and both are now deceased. He comes of Revolutionary stock, his great-grandfather, Henry Gotwals, having served in the Revolutionary War.

Irwin J. Gotwals was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, November 22, 1871. Receiving his early education in the local schools, he also covered the high school course in his native place, then entered Pierce College of Business, from which he was graduated in the class of 1890. Mr. Gotwals gained his early business experience with the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, at their Philadelphia Plant, where he was employed for a period of fourteen years, rising, in the course of that time, from clerk to assistant local manager. In 1904 he severed his connection with that concern, and forming a partnership with A. D. Byer, of Norristown, entered the insurance business. For eight years this partnership endured, then in 1912 Mr. Gotwals continued independently along the same general line of endeavor. He has won a position of prominence in the community, and is counted among the successful men of the day whom Norristown regards as her own.

A Republican by political affiliation, Mr. Gotwals keeps in close touch with civic affairs, although never a candidate for public office. He is a member, and at present (1922), secretary of Hancock Volunteer Fire Company, of Norristown; is secretary of the Fame Building and Loan Association, and is treasurer of the Norristown Chapter of the American Red Cross. During the World War he was active in the various drives, and served as director for Norristown war chest and as captain of a team on Liberty Loan drives. His more personal interests include membership in Charity Lodge, No. 190, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is treasurer, and in the Rotary Club. He is a member of the Baptist church, with which his family has long been identified. Mr. Gotwals finds his chief recreation in the open, with the fishing rod. He frequently takes short fishing trips of a day in the vicinity of Norristown, and every summer makes several trips of three or four days each to the seashore, where he enjoys deep water fishing.

Mr. Gotwals married, in Norristown, on September 24, 1895, Lillie J. Butz, daughter of Walter D. and Charlotte Butz. Mr. and Mrs. Gotwals have two daughters, both still at home: Lillian, and Laura, the younger, being a student at the Norristown High School.



**CHARLES H. MILLER**—For more than a third of a century a resident of Lansdale, Pennsylvania, Charles H. Miller has figured prominently in the civic affairs of this growing place, and has had much to do with its development and prosperity. Able, influential, and progressive, he is a leader in the municipality and has a host of friends. He has succeeded in business, taken a conspicuous place in politics, and is known and respected throughout the county.

The son of Henry S. and Hannah (Heebner) Miller, the former of whom was for years a millwright, Charles H. Miller was born at Norristown, Pennsylvania, April 7, 1859. He attended the public schools of his locality, but the death of his parents when he was but eleven years of age, made it necessary for him to leave school and contribute to his own support. He went to work on a farm for three dollars a month and board, and gradually developed his ability until 1887, when he located in Lansdale, and was, for a time, employed by William D. Heebner. In 1891 he entered the insurance business and has continued successfully in the line ever since, adding, in recent years, the automobile line of activity.

Always interested in politics he was appointed assessor for the East Ward and in 1893 was elected justice of the peace, in which capacity he served for twenty years and eight months. In 1913 he was the candidate of the Washington party for prothonotary of Montgomery county, and served as delegate to county and State conventions. His fraternal associations are with the Loyal Order of Moose and Knights of the Golden Eagle.

In November, 1879, at Lower Salford township, Pennsylvania, Charles H. Miller married Amanda B. Shisler, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Bustard) Shisler. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have one son, Harry S., born in February, 1883, who entered the United States army for the World War, March 11, 1917, and was discharged June 4, 1919, a first-class sergeant, at Belair, Georgia.

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**ISAIAH A. CASSEL**—One of the notably versatile and successful business men of Montgomery county is Isaiah A. Cassel, who, as farmer, proprietor of a sales agency business, and a breeder of pedigreed stock, has been eminently successful in each of three exacting and complicated lines of activity. He has also been active in local public affairs and is known as one of the practically progressive men of the town.

Born in Harleysville, Pennsylvania, July 31, 1875, son of Samuel K., a successful farmer of that section, and of Mary (Alderfer) Cassel, Mr. Cassel attended the public schools of his native district, where he received a good, practical education. From boyhood, he assisted his father with the chores on the farm, and when school days were over, he became his father's fulltime assistant. This association was continued until he was twenty-one years of age, when he engaged in various other lines. In 1914 he established, in partnership with G. Henry Hildebrand, an auto sales agency, which the young men operated under the name of Hildebrand & Cassel until 1916. In that year the partnership was dis-

solved, and since that time Mr. Cassel has continued the business alone. He handles the Oakland, Studebaker, and Chevrolet cars, and the Samson tractor, and is steadily increasing the scope of his business, serving an increasingly large and important patronage. In addition to his responsibilities as sole proprietor of a prosperous sales agency, Mr. Cassel owns a remarkably fine farm, which may accurately be designated as a most modern and scientifically-equipped agricultural plant. He is noted as a breeder of fine Guernsey cattle, possessing one of the finest herds in the State, and conducts a large, scientifically-equipped dairy, which represents the last word in efficiency and sanitation.

Even these varied activities, however, do not represent the full range of Mr. Cassel's interests. He was formerly a member of the board of directors of the Harleysville National Bank, and is also very active in the public affairs of the town. He has the interest of the community very much at heart, and spares no pains, giving freely of time, energy, and means for the advancement of those projects which seem to him to be well planned for the furtherance of the public welfare. He is one of the organizers of the local fire company, which he serves as treasurer, and is well known as one of the most active and progressive men of the town. His religious affiliation is with the Mennonite church.

Isaiah A. Cassel married, on January 18, 1896, at Harleysville, Pennsylvania, Kate Delp, daughter of Henry C. and Kate (Frick) Delp, and they are the parents of one child, Henry, who was born at Harleysville, May 6, 1904.

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**JOHN HENRY LAKE SHULL**, the oldest native son of Lansdale, Pennsylvania, was born within the present city limits nearly seventy years ago, and is, undoubtedly, the oldest living native-born resident of the place. He is a florist, whose delight is in growing that which is beautiful and fragrant, and to impart freely the knowledge of floriculture, which has taken him so long to learn. He is the son of Henry and Mary Ann (Lake) Shull, who were married in Philadelphia, and moved to a farm in Lansdale, where their son, John Henry Lake Shull, was born May 1, 1854.

The early education of John H. L. Shull began in the public school and was completed by a course of study in the Business Academy of North Wales, Pennsylvania. After working at a number of places he became connected with the Keasby & Madison Company, of Ambler, Pennsylvania, in 1887, with whom he remained for nearly twenty-nine years. He left that firm in 1915, settling in his home town of Lansdale, and began flower growing and the making of floral decorations for funerals.

Mr. Shull gives his political allegiance to the Republican party, and fraternally is affiliated with the Patriotic Order Sons of America; Order of United American Men; Patriotic Order of America, of which he is past assistant president; and State and National Camp, No. 111, Sons and Daughters of Liberty, of Lansdale. He is a communicant of the

Methodist Episcopal church of Lansdale, and is a steward and the treasurer of its benevolent societies.

On December 25, 1878, at Warwick township, Bridge Valley, Pennsylvania, Mr. Shull was married to Letitia Reeder Pownall, daughter of Miles S. Pownall, a farmer, and Mary (Swartz) Pownall. Letitia Reeder (Pownall) Shull was born June 29, 1855, at Jamison, Warwick township, Pennsylvania, came to Lansdale as a school teacher, and taught school there for seven years.

Mr. and Mrs. Shull are the parents of Henry Walter Shull, who was born in Lansdale, November 9, 1888, and who is superintendent and manager of the E. L. Mansure Manufacturing Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He married Edna M. Showalter, daughter of John and Mary Showalter, and they have two children: Edmond Mansure, born June 24, 1913; and Walter Mansure, born October 7, 1919.

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**E. S. BROWNBACK**—Among the prominent business men of Royersford who are counted as broadly progressive citizens is E. S. Brownback, the well known electrical contractor, whose headquarters are at No. 343 Main street. A native of this borough, Mr. Brownback is a son of Hickman and Annie L. (Bisbing) Brownback, and his father was long prominent in this community as a blacksmith.

Mr. Brownback was born in Royersford, June 20, 1883. Receiving a practical education in the local schools, he entered the electrical business about 1903, in the employ of leading concerns in this vicinity, then, when he became thoroughly familiar with the various branches of his work, struck out as a contractor on his own account. He has been very successful, doing a general contracting business along electrical lines, and handling all kinds of electrical supplies and devices, always keeping in stock a very complete line of household electrical equipment. He employs a full force of competent assistants, and is thereby prepared to execute contracts on short notice, going anywhere in this part of the State. Mr. Brownback is one of the fine group of progressive and energetic business men whose activities are contributing so largely to the welfare of this borough. He takes an active interest in public affairs, is a member of the Borough Council, and a leader in all forward movements. Widely connected fraternally, he is a member of Royersford Lodge, No. 585, Free and Accepted Masons; Pottstown Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Phoenixville Council, Royal and Select Masters; Reading Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Rajah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Reading. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Royersford; of the Improved Order of Red Men; of the Patriotic Order Sons of America; and of the Modern Woodmen of America. He has long been a member of the Hinman Fire Company, of Royersford, of which he is a trustee, and is also a member of the Friendship Hook and Ladder Company. His religious affiliation is with the Evangelical church.

Mr. Brownback married, on June 11, 1904, Mamie Christman, daugh-



ter of John Christman, of Royersford, and they are the parents of two daughters: Ida Frances, and V. Arline. The delightful family residence is at No. 403 Walnut street, Royersford.

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**JOHN F. O'NEIL**—A well known and substantial citizen of this section, who has spent his entire life here, is John F. O'Neil, who conducts a plumbing and heating business, with headquarters at No. 609 Swede street, Norristown, Pennsylvania, his residence being on Germantown Pike, in Plymouth township.

Mr. O'Neil was born at Norristown, June 18, 1891, a grandson of Dennis O'Neil, who was a Civil War veteran, and a son of John F. and Sarah (Bolton) O'Neil. His father's parents came to this country from Ireland, and his mother's parents were of old Pennsylvania stock. He is the fifth child in a family of six children, his brothers and sisters being: Anna, wife of William Roland, of Pittsburgh; Sarah, married to Herbert Gilmore, of Norristown; James, a resident of Norristown; Viola, wife of George Butz, of Norristown; and Russell, also a resident of this city. His mother, who was born in 1853, passed away in September, 1921, while his father, born in 1857, is at present employed as an engineer at Ivy Rock Power House, Swedeland, which is operated by the Allan Wood Steel Corporation.

After completing his education in the public and high schools of his native community, Mr. O'Neil decided to learn the plumbing trade, and in pursuance of this resolve, worked as an apprentice for D. P. Streeper & Son, of Norristown, from 1906 to 1910. At the end of this period he secured employment as a journeyman plumber for J. Frank Boyer, of Curran & Boyer, electrical and plumbing contractors of this city, continuing in this capacity for five years. At the end of that time, in 1915, he took employment with David Hutchinson, continuing with him for four years. In 1919 he formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, Elwood Zeigler, who was an electrician, and as Zeigler & O'Neil, they conducted a plumbing and electrical contracting business until May 1, 1921, when the partnership was dissolved, and Mr. O'Neil has since conducted his plumbing and heating business independently. Being an expert workman in his lines, and a careful business man, he is having excellent success, and enjoys a steadily increasing patronage.

In the local social and civic, as well as religious affairs of the community of which he is a resident, Mr. O'Neil has always been an influential factor. He is a member of Cold Point Lodge, Knights of the Golden Eagle, while in religious work he is prominently identified with the Hickorytown Mission, an undenominational church, and is a member of its board of trustees, and also secretary of the Sunday school conducted by it.

On December 2, 1911, at Wilmington, Delaware, Mr. O'Neil was united in marriage with Myrtle A. Zeigler, a daughter of Irvin and Matilda (Frickie) Zeigler. Of this union two children have been born: Grace, December 26, 1912, and Jane, July 16, 1918.



**J. K. BEMESDERFER**, who is now one of the leading photographers of Norristown, Pennsylvania, with a studio at No. 407 North Marshall street, was engaged in other lines of endeavor in early life, but as a young man of twenty-one, entered the field of art, for which he was fitted by nature, and with excellent training he has won his way to success.

Mr. Bemederfer was born in Manheim, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, December 13, 1863, and is a son of Jacob and Mariah (Kauffman) Bemederfer, both natives of Lancaster and both now deceased. Educated in the public schools of his native place, Mr. Bemederfer worked on the farm until nineteen years of age, then was employed in a planing mill until the age of twenty-one. Always interested in artistic work and possessing no little native talent, Mr. Bemederfer then determined to enter the field of art seriously. He took up the study of art at the Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia, covering the regular course of that institution. Returning to his native county, he followed his art work and was very successful, but gradually worked over into photography, mastering the mechanics of this art under the tutelage of J. Mentzer, of Manheim. He has now for more than a decade been at the head of his own store, which he established in July, 1911. He does commercial photography of every kind, as well as portraiture, and also does finishing for amateurs, and picture framing to a very large extent. He is a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

Mr. Bemederfer married, on March 22, 1892, Salome H. Swartley, of Norristown, and they have had three children: Laura, born January 25, 1893, who died October 27, 1912; Leon, born February 9, 1896, a machinist by trade, now identified with R. S. Newboldt & Sons, of Norristown; and Calvin, born March 15, 1899, who died November 2, 1903. The family home is at No. 642 Astor street.

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**WILFRED LUDWIG STAUFFER**—In a very practical branch of business endeavor Mr. Stauffer is winning success in Norristown, Pennsylvania, his garage being patronized extensively by the motoring public. Mr. Stauffer is a member of a well known family of Norristown, being a son of Wilfred and Magdaline (Strawsberger) Stauffer. His father is a prominent executive in the industrial world of this county, having been for years vice-president and general manager of the Lees Wool Manufacturing Company of Bridgeport.

Wilfred Ludwig Stauffer was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, October 29, 1894. His early education was acquired at the public schools of his native place, and he completed his studies at the Chestnut Hill Academy, at Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in due course. Mr. Stauffer began his business career as an agent for a victrola concern, and he continued along this line of activity until 1917, in which year he entered the service of the United States army, as a member of the 77th Aerial Squad, at Kelly Field, Texas, and served until April 7, 1919. Upon returning to his home in Norristown, Mr. Stauffer established his present business, and has since carried it forward.

handling a general garage and repair shop at No. 1120 West Main street, Norristown. He has a spacious plant, well equipped, covering a floor area of about 18,000 square feet, and employs six assistants, all expert automobile workers. He has thus far enjoyed marked success, and is doing a constantly increasing business. Widely acquainted both through his business and as a lifelong resident of Norristown, Mr. Stauffer is popular in fraternal circles, being a member of Norristown Lodge, No. 620, Free and Accepted Masons; Norris Lodge, No. 430, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 714. Politically he supports the Republican party, and he is a member of the Episcopal church.

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**JAMES WOOD HARRY**—A graduate of pharmacy, James W. Harry spent the years of his business life as a druggist in his native Conshohocken, where he was well established and prosperous, having three stores. His life ended in its fifty-sixth year and was spent largely in Conshohocken and in the drug business, although at one time he was engaged in the manufacture of gun powder. But his stay in that business was brief and he may be considered to have given his adult years entirely to his profession, pharmacy.

Mr. Harry was of Welsh ancestry, a descendant of David Harry, who came from Wales to Pennsylvania, and settled at Whitemarsh, in what was then Philadelphia county, about 1698. David Harry married, December 2, 1699, in Germantown Friends Meeting, Lydia Powell, daughter of David Powell, and in 1700 purchased an estate of one thousand two hundred and fifty acres, lying in Whitemarsh. In 1701 his son, Rees, was born, and on October 12, 1727, in Haverford Friends Meeting, married Mary Price, of Haverford. Rees Harry died in 1787, aged eighty-six.

James Wood Harry, son of Benjamin Harry, was born in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, January 26, 1844, died January 24, 1900. He was educated in Conshohocken public schools, Locke Academy in Norristown, and Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, being graduated from the last-named with the class of 1864. He soon established the drug business in Conshohocken, and there practically spent the remaining years of his life, an excellent business man and an upright influential citizen.

In politics Mr. Harry was a Republican, and in religious faith a Friend. He served Conshohocken as burgess one term, postmaster several years, 1868-1876, and was one of the public-spirited men of the borough who could always be depended on to lend a hand in any forward movement. He was a member of lodge, chapter, council and commandery of the Masonic order, and a noble of Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

James Wood Harry married, in Conshohocken, April 2, 1873, Elizabeth Maxwell, daughter of Hamilton and Elizabeth (Watson) Maxwell, and sister of James Riddle and Charles Allen Maxwell, the former a civil engineer connected with the building of the Panama Canal, the latter a railroad builder. Mr. and Mrs. Harry were the parents of two sons: 1. Howard Stevenson, born in Conshohocken, May 1, 1874, now

residing with his mother. He conducts a storage garage on the premises, having fourteen service cars in storage at the present time. 2. Hamilton Maxwell, born May 15, 1875, died December 6, 1910, a druggist of Conshohocken for three years previous to his death. He was a graduate of Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, April 9, 1907.

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**JESSE F. DAVIS**—Two generations preceded Jesse F. Davis in the profession of funeral directors and have been prominent in the annals of Ambler and Montgomery county, Pennsylvania. He made a long and careful study of his vocation, and his personality, combined with this thorough preparation, has placed him in the forefront of his line of work.

His grandfather, a native of Dublin, Ireland, was a life-long undertaker, dying February 16, 1872. His father, George J. Davis, followed the same business for forty-four years, and died February 28, 1918. He married Lydia F. Davis, who died April 21, 1919. They were the parents of four children: Mrs. Fred Arnold, Mrs. Frank Potts, Mrs. Robert Smith, and Jesse F. Davis, who was born in Ambler, November 3, 1872.

After attending the public and high schools of his native town, being a graduate of the latter in the class of 1889, Jesse F. Davis went to the Pierce Business College of Philadelphia, was graduated in 1892, and then entered a college of the same city. For the technical training he desired he studied in the Renouard Embalming School of New York City, the Massachusetts School of Embalming, Boston, and the H. S. Eckles School of Philadelphia. Returning to Ambler, he became associated with his father in the undertaking business until the latter's death, in 1918, and since then has continued the work by himself. His establishment is unusually complete in its equipment, and his personal fitness for his vocation is well known and appreciated. Among his fraternal associations are the Free and Accepted Masons; Lodge No. 714, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Lodge No. 54, Loyal Order of Moose; Lodge No. 100, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Aquama Tribe, No. 279, Improved Order of Red Men.

Mr. Davis married (first), at Ambler, Pennsylvania, November 26, 1898, Lulu M. Yocum, who died May 12, 1915, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Hover) Yocum. They were the parents of three children: Stuart L., born October 23, 1899; George E., born February 17, 1901; and Emma Y., born June 22, 1902.

Mr. Davis married (second), at Ambler, June 15, 1917, Mrs. Sarah (Kingston) Battersby, daughter of William Kingston.

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**SIDNEY C. GREVE**—In a very practical field of industry Mr. Greve has become well established in the borough of Norristown, and having had extensive experience in his chosen work, is doing a steadily growing business as a machinist. Mr. Greve is a son of Herman and Maria Greve, both of German nativity, who came to the United States in their youth. They resided in Philadelphia for years, where they made their home permanently.

Sidney C. Greve was born in the city of Philadelphia, September 13,



1882. His education was received largely in the public schools of his native city, but he attended the schools of Germany for a time, and later had the advantage of a course at the Throop Polytechnic Institute, at Pasadena, California. Mr. Greve went West as a lad of twelve years and entered the Llewellyn Iron Works, at Los Angeles, California, where he spent five years. Then, determining to combine his industrial activities with the pleasure of travel, he went through Mexico, and Central and South America, as a traveling machinist, and has since found the wide range of experience gained thereby a very valuable asset. Returning to the United States, he worked in every part of the country, being employed at one time or another in all but seven or eight of the States of the Union. Still later, he went abroad as a marine engineer and stopped at Odessa, Russia, after which he again returned to the United States, and was active in Gulfport, Mississippi, operating tug boats. Then for a time he acted as traveling salesman, but after some fourteen months on the road, returned to mechanical work, filling a position as tool maker for about five years. Mr. Greve came to Norristown in 1914, to enter the employ of the Luster-Jordan Company, as machinist, and during his connection with this concern was advanced to the position of assistant superintendent. After two years with the above company he became identified with the Diamond State Fibre Company, at Bridgeport, in this county, in the capacity of tool maker, and was shortly afterward promoted to foreman of the tool room. In May, 1919, Mr. Greve formed a partnership with Alfred Alexy, opening a machine shop at the corner of Markley and Lafayette streets. These progressive and enterprising men went forward together until October 15, 1920, when upon the withdrawal of Mr. Alexy, Mr. Greve assumed entire charge. He has since continued independently, and holds a high position in the mechanical world of Montgomery county, doing a general machinist's business, including contract work and repair work of all kinds, and making a specialty of machinists' tool work. The spacious building was especially erected for the present purpose, and is equipped with the most modern machinery. Mr. Greve's experience and natural ability make him a thoroughgoing mechanical engineer, and he is commanding the best trade in this section. In the various interests of the community he takes such part as the exactions of his business permit, politically supporting the Republican party, although never an office-seeker. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Greve married, on March 18, 1914, Frances Berndt, of Philadelphia, and they have two children: Marie and Harriett. The family home is at No. 644 Kohn street, Norristown.

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**CHARLES STYER JENKINS**—The farm of Charles Styer Jenkins of Lansdale, Pennsylvania, is noted for its variety of live stock, and especially for the ponies, in the breeding of which the owner specializes. He is the son of Charles S. and Tacy Jones (Styer) Jenkins, his father the well known cashier of the First National Bank of Lansdale, Pennsylvania.

Charles Styer Jenkins was born in Gwynedd township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, January 13, 1854. He attended the public schools of Upper Gwynedd township, Millersville, and the State Normal School, and upon the completion of his education began working the home farm. With the growth of his knowledge of agriculture and the experience gained by hard work, he came to Towamencin township, near Lansdale, bought a tract of land, which he called "Penn-Monto," and began the breeding of live stock. He likes best and as a result, perhaps, succeeds best in the breeding and training of ponies, and is becoming well known in this line of work. He also conducts general farming operations on his home tract of eighty-three acres, his holdings including two other tracts, containing one hundred and fifty-three acres in the same township, and one of fifty acres in Upper Gwynedd township. His fame as a breeder of ponies is widespread, and he ships animals to all parts of the United States. He also has a collection of trained ponies on hire at Atlantic City, his stable there a favorite resort of the children. His ponies are thoroughbreds, and his herd of Swiss cattle, one of the few herds of that class in that part of the United States, have been certified by the United States Bureau of Animal Inspection. He is a director of the American Shetland Pony Association; is a Republican in politics, and has served as a member of the school board.

Mr. Jenkins married, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 2, 1884, Anna Jackson, daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Grafly) Jackson. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins are the parents of a son, Warren Carrol, and a daughter, Abigail Foulke, wife of Robert W. Stuart, and mother of Robert W. Stuart, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Stuart reside at the Jenkins' home farm, "Penn-Monto," near Lansdale.

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**LEWIS G. STRITZINGER**—One of the marvels of modern business is the development of old simple practices into what might almost be called a science. Man has eaten bread from time immemorial, and yet it is only in the last quarter century that men have arisen like Lewis G. Stritzinger, of Norristown, Pennsylvania, who have taken the old haphazard process of baking, and changed and improved it until it is an exact art. Mr. Stritzinger has established what is the finest bakery in Montgomery county, which is turning out breads and baked stuffs of a class that has become famous.

He is the son of Frederick G. and Anna (Derwichter) Stritzinger, and was born at Norristown, Pennsylvania, September 7, 1863. He received the usual education of the grammar schools followed with a course in the Allentown Business College. He operated a bake shop in Wayne, Pennsylvania, for a few years and then purchased an interest in his father's business at Main and Cherry streets, Norristown, later buying the whole plant. The introduction of modern ideas and energy worked wonders, and in 1907 he built the present establishment at Main and Markley streets, which for size, cleanliness, and completeness of equipment is not equalled in the county. It now supplies to a wide terri-

tory, having a radius of more than twenty-five miles, the well known Tip Top Bread, and among its newer creations is the Stritz loaf, a whole-wheat bread approved by dieticians and epicures. In keeping with the importance of his business is his association with various societies of an allied character, such as the Pennsylvania Bakers' Association, the American Bakers' Association, the Manufacturers' Association of Montgomery county, and was chief of the bakers' division on the Federal Food Administration for Montgomery county during the World War.

His fraternal connections are large and varied, being affiliated with Norristown Forest, No. 31, Tall Cedars of Lebanon; Curtis Lodge, No. 239, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and is past master of Charity Lodge, No. 190, Free and Accepted Masons; past high priest of Norristown Chapter, No. 190, Royal Arch Masons; Cryptic Council, Royal and Select Masters; past commander of Hutchinson Commandery, No. 32, Knights Templar; past grand herald of Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania; Philadelphia Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; Lu Lu Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and is a fellow of the Masonic Veterans' Association of Pennsylvania. His clubs are the Manufacturers, of Philadelphia, Keystone and Lu Lu Temple Automobile, the Norristown and Plymouth Country. He is a communicant of the Bethany Evangelical Church of Norristown.

On May 14, 1885, he was married to Sarah Ella Kneas, daughter of John and Mary Kneas, well known residents of Norristown, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Raymond Kneas, who married Marion Custer, and has two children: Robert Lewis and Deborah Ann. He was educated in the Norristown Public School, Lehigh University, and the Columbus School of Milling and Baking Technology. During the World War he did instruction work in sixteen army bakeries, and was a deputy food administrator and "four-minute" speaker. He is president of the Pennsylvania Bakers' Association, an enthusiastic Rotarian and is now associated with his father in the baking business. He is a member of Norristown Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, No. 31; Norris Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; past master of Charity Lodge, No. 190, Free and Accepted Masons; Norristown Chapter, No. 190, Royal Arch Masons; Cryptic Council, Royal and Select Masters; Hutchinson Commandery, No. 32, Knights Templar; and Lu Lu Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Philadelphia Lehigh Club, Lu Lu Temple Automobile Club, Plymouth Country and Norristown clubs, Rotary Club, Phi Delta Theta fraternity, the F. A. F., local fraternity, and the Lehigh University Alumni Association. 2. Marylew, born January 15, 1892, was educated in the grammar schools of Norristown, and was graduated from Wilson College with the degree of A. B., and from Syracuse University with the degree of A. M. She is at the present time (1922) a teacher of mathematics at the Elkins Park High School. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa fraternity. 3. Frederick G. (3), born November 19, 1894, received his education in Norristown, and is a graduate of Norristown High School, Swarthmore Col-



lege and Lehigh University. He served through the World War in the Meuse and Argonne campaigns and later with the Army of Occupation. He is now (1922) with his father, L. G. Stritzinger, in the baking business. He is post adjutant of the American Legion, and is a member of the same fraternal bodies and clubs as is his elder brother, Raymond Kneas Stritzinger.

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**FRANK V. CASSIDY**—One of the enterprising and successful business men of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, is Frank V. Cassidy, owner of the Norristown Battery and Electrical Company, located at No. 209 East Main street, Norristown. He does all kinds of automotive and electrical work, and is well known as an expert in his line.

Mr. Cassidy was born in West Chester, Pennsylvania, May 24, 1893, son of Patrick and Margaret (Martin) Cassidy. He received his education in the public schools of West Chester, graduating from the high school with the class of 1912, and when his high school course was completed, entered the electrical department of the Bell Telephone Company, in which connection he worked at various towns in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware until the spring of 1917. He then accepted a position as district wire chief in the employ of the United Telephone Company, in charge of the Norristown district, until the fall of 1917. Upon the entrance of the United States into the World War, he enlisted, and from October, 1917, to February, 1919, was with the Field Artillery of the United States army, in command of Battery A, of the 4th Regular Field Artillery, at Camp Zachary Taylor, in Kentucky. Enlisting as a private in 1917, he was promoted to the rank of corporal in November, 1917, and was made sergeant on December 10th. He was sent to the Field Artillery, Central Officers' Training School, at Camp Zachary Taylor, commissioned second lieutenant in August, 1918, and assigned to the command of Battery A. He was mustered out of service February 15, 1919, and upon his return to civilian life, engaged in the battery and automotive electrical business at his present location in Norristown. Mr. Cassidy's ability and skill are making the enterprise a marked success, and the already prosperous business is rapidly growing.

Politically Mr. Cassidy gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Democratic party. He is a member of the American Legion and of the Business Men's Association, and his religious affiliation is with the Roman Catholic church.

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**JAMES B. LONG**—One of the well known and successful men of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, is James B. Long, civil engineer, who specializes in the designing and constructing of steel and concrete bridges. Mr. Long's offices are located at Nos. 59-61 Boyer Arcade, in Norristown, where he is conducting a notably successful business of his own.

Born in Springfield, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, March 8, 1884, Mr. Long is a son of Thomas Long, a retired farmer, who is a native of King of Prussia, this county, and of Sarah K. (Kratz) Long.

He received his early education in the public schools of Norristown, graduating from the high school with the class of 1901, and then entered the civil engineering department of the Pennsylvania State College, from which he was graduated in 1907, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in civil engineering. During the fifteen years which have passed since that time he has successfully devoted his energies to his profession. For eleven years, from 1907 to 1918, he was engaged in the design and construction of steel bridges throughout the Middle Atlantic States, in the employ of various concerns, with whom he gained a wide experience and to whom he rendered valuable service. In 1918 he opened offices at his present location and engaged in business for himself. He operates throughout the State and is known as an expert in his special line, as well as a skillful engineer in general lines. He keeps in close touch with others of his profession through affiliation with the American Society of Civil Engineers and with the Pennsylvania Engineers' Society. Fraternally he is a member of George Washington Lodge, No. 143, Free and Accepted Masons, of Pennsylvania; and with Phi Kappa Psi college fraternity. He is also a member of the Norristown Club, and his religious affiliation is with the First Presbyterian Church, which he serves as a member of the board of trustees.

Mr. Long married, on November 12, 1912, Elizabeth Budding, daughter of Calvin and Mary (Detwiler) Budding, and they are the parents of one child, Elizabeth B., born December 7, 1917. The family residence is at No. 1029 DeKalb street, Norristown, Pennsylvania.

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**JOSEPH A. BUCHANAN**—A man is fortunate who, like Joseph A. Buchanan, of Ambler, Pennsylvania, has not only a vocation in which he is successful, but has a hobby that is not only a recreation but one that brings him into prominence. Mr. Buchanan is not only a capable business man and postmaster, but knows how and does breed dogs that rank high. His father, John Buchanan, who died March 3, 1865, was an oil operator. His mother, Jane Buchanan, died April 12, 1916.

Joseph A. Buchanan was born at Titusville, Pennsylvania, January 19, 1865, and was educated in the public schools and Sunnyside Academy, Ambler, from which latter institution he was graduated in 1882. After taking a course in Pierce's Business College of Philadelphia, he entered the oil business in which he continued during the years 1886 and 1887. Later he opened a general store in Ambler, under the firm name of Buchanan & Hough, and continued from 1890 in the mercantile trade until their store burned in 1896. Mr. Buchanan then became a realtor and agent for insurance until 1904, when he succeeded his brother as postmaster, which position he held until 1916. The following five years he was connected with the Keasley & Mattison Company, leaving only when appointed postmaster again in 1921.

Mr. Buchanan's avocation is indicated by his prominence in the American Kennel Club of New York, of which he is a director; the Bull Dog Club of America; the Gwynedd Valley Kennel Club, of which he is president; and is a member of the Devon Dog Show Association, the Ger-

mantown Cricket Club, and the Huntingdon Kennel Club. His religious affiliation is with the Presbyterian church at Ambler.

On October 10, 1917, Joseph A. Buchanan was married to Margaret F. Wood, daughter of Theodore Wood, M. D., deceased, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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**MICHAEL DALY**, a marble and granite dealer and cut stone contractor, whose business and residence are located at Nos. 227-235 Spring Mill avenue, Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, was born in the town of Fermoy, County Cork, Ireland, the son of James and Margaret (Burke) Daly, both now deceased, the latter having died when her son was but four years old.

Mr. Daly received his education in the National and Christian Brothers schools in the Fermoy District. He also spent a short time in the Royal Barracks, Dublin. At an early age he began his trade as a stone-cutter in a business that was being carried on by his father and older brothers.

Early in the year 1830, Mr. Daly's grandfather came to this country, being followed two months later by his son, James Daly, father of Michael Daly, remaining for several years, but was finally compelled to return to the old country, due to family conditions. Being somewhat familiar therefore with conditions in this country, and realizing the possibilities and advantages to be gained, and being urged on by a progressive spirit that has ever been evident in his efforts, Michael Daly came to the United States in 1875, and for a short time located in New York City. He later secured a position in a marble business in Dover, Dutchess county, New York, where he remained for a period of six years. After leaving Dover, Mr. Daly traveled throughout the New England States and Canada. This particular section of the country is practically the supply center of the marble and granite industry of the country, and it therefore afforded him a wonderful opportunity to study the industry from its foundation, which knowledge has served him in good stead in his present business. Finally, in 1884, he settled in Conshohocken. In 1890 he established a small stone-cutting works and monumental business, but was soon compelled to enlarge his plant until at the present time it is one of the largest marble and granite works in Montgomery county.

In religion Mr. Daly is a Roman Catholic, for years being a prominent member of St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church, Conshohocken. He has on several occasions been chairman of committees raising funds for the erection of the beautiful edifice now in that parish.

In politics Mr. Daly is a Democrat and has always adhered closely to party principles. While he has on several occasions been approached with regard to accepting the candidacy for State, county and borough office, he has always declined. During the years Mr. Daly has resided in Conshohocken he has always been a strong advocate for any movement looking towards the betterment of the town. He is a prominent member of the Conshohocken Chamber of Commerce, and of Conshohocken



Council, No. 1603, Knights of Columbus, of which his son, Walter Joseph, is the head. Mr. Daly is also a prominent member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and of the American Federation for the Recognition of the Irish Independence, and while he has always been a strong advocate of the principles of his adopted country, he has ever been an ardent worker in the cause of Irish independence. To summarize, Mr. Daly is a type of citizen whose example may be emulated for the common good of any community and for a better United States of America.

Mr. Daly married, in 1885, Hannah Devanney, daughter of Martin and Margaret Devanney, from which union six children were born: Mary Elizabeth, Madeline Regina, Rosalie Veronica (deceased), Walter Joseph, Martin (deceased), and Margaret Francis.

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**EDWARD LEWIS VAUGHAN, SR.**—In Norristown, Pennsylvania, the venerable Mr. Vaughan is highly esteemed as a citizen whose long and useful career has contributed to the welfare and progress of the people. Mr. Vaughan comes of an old and honored family of Montgomery county, and is a son of Thomas and Mary (Fryer) Vaughan, his father a lifelong farmer, successful in his chosen field of endeavor and a prominent citizen of the community. The family consisted of nine children, his five sons being: Edward Lewis, of whom further; William, Thomas, Joshua and John; and his four daughters: Kate, who married William G. Smith; Mary, who married Henry Newberry; Emma, who married George Simpson; and Martha, who married Charles B. Nicholas.

Edward Lewis Vaughan was born in Lower Merion township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, December 18, 1843. He received only the advantages of a common school education, and as a young lad took up the work of the home farm side by side with his father. He continued as his father's assistant until thirty-two years of age, then rented the farm from his father and took entire charge of the agricultural operations. He carried on the farm for about twenty-three years, then, in 1898, he entered the coal and feed business at Belfrey, also in this county. Shortly afterwards he returned to farming, conducting a place in East Norriton township and running a milk route in Norristown. In 1910 Mr. Vaughan definitely retired from farming and came to Norristown to live. He was not, however, satisfied to be idle, and accepted a position as janitor for the Bell Telephone Company. Later he was with the Montgomery Trust Company as a night man, but in 1921, concluded to relinquish all activity, and has since been retired, residing at No. 501 Green street, Norristown. Mr. Vaughan has always been a supporter of the Democratic party, but has never sought nor accepted political honors. He was formerly a member of the Knights of Pythias, of Ardmore; and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which the members of his family are also members.

Mr. Vaughan married, on January 6, 1876, in Lower Merion township, at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage, Rev. Nathaniel Turner performing the ceremony, Clara A. Hood, who was born February 16, 1854, and was a daughter of William P. and Ariadne (Llewellyn) Hood. Mr.



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and Mrs. Vaughan's children are: 1. Araminta, who was born February 8, 1877, and became the wife of Harry R. Simon, a retail milk dealer. They have two children: Hazel, born August 16, 1910; and Virginia, born September 6, 1911. 2. Edward L., Jr., who was born February 8, 1884, is an iron worker by occupation, and is married. 3. Benjamin Rodney (B. Rodney), who was born March 4, 1886, and was educated for his present profession at the Eckles College of Embalming, covering sanitary science, bacteriology and chemistry. He was graduated at the head of a class of seventy-one students, having made an average of 99-7/10 per cent. in scholarship during the course. Going to Baltimore, Maryland, after his graduation, he managed the undertaking business of J. B. Cook for five years, then, in 1919, came to Norristown and established his present successful interest as undertaker and funeral director. 4. Earl, who was born October 25, 1888, and died February 11, 1893. 5. David, who was born January 3, 1890, and died in June of the same year. 6. Ioelean Hood, who was born September 10, 1895, and became the wife of William Kopeland Wilson, assistant comptroller of the Fisk Tire Company, of Pawtucket, Rhode Island; they have two children: William K., Jr., born May 26, 1918; and Earl Vaughan, born February 15, 1920.

Honored in his children, as well as in the record of his own upright and sincere life, Edward Lewis Vaughan, Sr., may well approach the sunset years of life with satisfaction, both in the retrospect and in the forward look.

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**WILLIAM STEMPLE**—One of the well known names in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, is that of Stemple, its early members coming from Chester county and settling in Conshohocken early in the nineteenth century. William Stemple was widely known in Montgomery county, having lived to the great age of nearly ninety-six years. He was a son of John Stemple, a farmer by occupation, and a member of a very old family of Colonial days in Chester county, Pennsylvania. In coming to Montgomery county John Stemple purchased the historic Jacoby place, in a section of Conshohocken known locally as "Whiskey Lane," where he spent the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits. He married, in his native place, Julia Patterson, also of an old Chester county family, and they were the parents of four sons: John, William, Davis, and Reuben.

William Stemple was born in Goshen, Chester county, Pennsylvania, November 20, 1814, and died in Conshohocken, Montgomery county, this State, May 16, 1910. His education was begun in the public schools of his native place, and with the removal of the family to Conshohocken in his boyhood, he completed his studies in the schools of this community. At the age of fourteen years he left school to assist his father on the farm, as was the custom in those days, and remained on the home farm until the time of his marriage. He then purchased land nearer to the village, on what is now Fayette street, but then little more than a wilderness. There he built a small cottage, to which he added improve-

ments as time passed, keeping pace with the growth and dignity of the borough. He continued his interest in farming to some extent, but his principal business was the buying and selling of horses and cattle, in his day a branch of mercantile activity involving good business judgment, a broad knowledge of relevant conditions, and a thorough familiarity with the stock handled, and to these qualifications was added, in Mr. Stemple's case, a great love of animals, and kindly consideration for their well-being. He became widely known in this and neighboring States, and was largely successful in the business in which the greater part of his life was spent. With the development of the town and its absorption of the suburban districts which included his own neighborhood, Mr. Stemple saw the possibilities of profitable investment which should also contribute to the general welfare, and built a large business block on the property which he originally purchased as a home for his bride. He became a stockholder in the First National Bank of Conshohocken, and was for a number of years a member of the Town Council, his political allegiance always given to the Republican party. By religious faith he was a birth-right Friend, and was a member of Plymouth Meeting Congregation of Conshohocken.

Mr. Stemple married, November 21, 1835, Elizabeth Hornkeith, daughter of Henry and Mary Hornkeith, of Conshohocken, where the ceremony was performed. They were the parents of eleven children: John, Henry, Elizabeth, Joan, Margaret, Annie; Julia A., who still resides at the family home on Fayette street; George; Miles, a sketch of whom follows; William R., also the subject of a following sketch; and Martha.

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**MILES STEMPLE**—There is no loss to a community keener than that of the man to whom the people have entrusted their common safety, and whose judgment and fidelity to his trust have preserved to them their lives and property. This was the relation to his fellow-citizens held by Miles Stemple, who throughout a long and active life devoted his ceaseless endeavors to the welfare and protection of the community, giving far more of his time and energies to the public service department of which he was the head than to any personal affairs or interests.

Miles Stemple was born in Plymouth township, near Conshohocken, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, which has been his life residence, February 12, 1849, his birthplace being the farmhouse located at the junction of Mill road and Colwell's road, which is now the property of the Alan Wood Iron and Steel Company. He was a son of William Stemple, whose life is reviewed in the preceding sketch, and Elizabeth (Hornkeith) Stemple.

As a lad Miles Stemple attended the "Eight Square" school of Plymouth township for a time, but the removal of the family to Conshohocken was an event of his boyhood, and his education was completed there. The family home was on Washington street, then the main thoroughfare of the community, and his father, who was an extensive dealer in horses and cattle, did considerable hauling for the blast furnaces in

the vicinity of Spring Mill. As a young man Miles Stemple took an active part in this work, and for many years was more or less identified with his father's interests along this and similar lines.

But it was as the head of the Conshohocken Fire Department that Miles Stemple was best and longest known, for his efforts placed this department in the lead over a wide region, among towns of similar size and population. He became chief of this organization more by the popular recognition of his able leadership than by any vested authority. The Washington Fire Company, which was the original organization from which the present splendid body has developed, was organized in 1872, and Miles Stemple was one of its first members. From that date until his death the history of Miles Stemple and the history of fire protection in Conshohocken were identical. The first apparatus consisted of an old hand-drawn engine purchased from the Wilmington, Delaware, department. Through Mr. Stemple's efforts this was early replaced by a model American-La France steamer, and a pair of fine horses. Another early move was the incorporation of the company, which was accomplished in 1874. The appropriation from the borough being too meagre to meet the cost of this improvement, or to warrant any appreciable progress in the years to come, Mr. Stemple conceived the idea of going into business for the company. He purchased a dray wagon and solicited hauling from the business firms about the town, turning the proceeds from this business into further improvements as well as meeting the running expenses of the company. As the years passed a modern motor combination truck was purchased, the cost being met through funds raised by Mr. Stemple, largely to supplement the income from this business, the cost of this truck being \$6,000. This necessitated the erection of an adequate building, and rather than burden the people by further subscriptions, he met the cost from his personal resources, accepting the company's promise to pay, an obligation fulfilled only a short time before his death. Further additions to the equipment and buildings were his constant ambition, and were realized from time to time through his tireless efforts, his direct contributions to the cause exceeding, to the certain knowledge of a few close friends, the meager stipend which he received from the borough as salary.

During the entire history of the department every penny received by him for the department was accounted for with the most careful precision, and every penny devoted to the particular object for which it was intended. One of the significant reforms which he instituted was the abolishment of the early system of dues for membership, a move which was the means of more cordial relations among the members, and which retained many valued members much longer than would otherwise have been the case. Mr. Stemple was making plans for the fiftieth anniversary of the fire company as an incorporated body, which will take place in September, 1924, but although he was aware for some time that he could not live to see the date, his interest in and devotion to the welfare of the organization was keen to the last. His work placed the fire



department of Conshohocken so far ahead of towns of similar importance in equipment and efficiency that the name of Miles Stemple was recognized in many states as that of a man of rare achievements. In other civic affairs Mr. Stemple was also constructively interested. He served from 1905 until 1919 in the Town Council of Conshohocken, and the candidacy was again pressed upon him, but he declined further honors in this connection. His work as chairman of the trees and pavements committee constitutes a monument to his memory second only to the fire department.

Mr. Stemple's health had been failing for many months. While fighting fire at the Moose Home, May 30, 1920, he was at work on the third floor of the structure when the flooring gave way, and he fell upon the joists beneath. An injury to his arm he gave immediate attention to, but said nothing to any one regarding the internal effects of the fall, believing them to be negligible. He continued on duty as usual, and early in the winter developed a serious cold. According to his custom, he gave a party on his birthday, February 12, to the members of the department at the fire house. Although he was ill, he responded to every alarm until the close of the winter, March 14, 1921, being his last active service as a fireman. Liver trouble, with complications, was slowly bringing his life to a close. He made all arrangements for the end, even going to Riverside Cemetery in a motor car and choosing his burial plot. He faced the "Great Adventure" with a dauntless spirit, his only care being the orderly settling of the affairs which he was passing on to other hands. He died at his home on August 20, 1921, the end peaceful and free from suffering. At his own request the funeral obsequies were held at the fire house, and in the parlors of that building the body lay in state for three hours. The services were conducted by Rev. Thomas A. Armour, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, assisted by Rev. J. Kennedy Moorhouse rector of Calvary Protestant Episcopal Church. Firemen from all the near-by towns and cities attended the services, also representatives from many remoter places. To provide for the convenience and comfort of these many guests the townspeople of Conshohocken offered their motor cars to the number of more than one hundred. The John F. DeHaven Post, American Legion, of Conshohocken, also formed a part of the funeral cortege. The universal esteem in which Mr. Stemple was held was clearly attested by the profound regret expressed by all. The memory of his usefulness and the gallant spirit which inspired all his activities will long be cherished by the people of this community, who feel that they are indeed blest in his having been among them.

Mr. Stemple married Margaret McGraugh, of Cold Point, who survives him, with one daughter and three sons: Anna, wife of Frank Steiner, of Conshohocken; George, of Norristown; Reuben; and Jesse; the two younger sons being residents of Conshohocken.

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**WILLIAM R. STEMPLE**—A prominent figure in the life of Conshohocken, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, for many years, and now

retired from active business, William R. Stemple is widely known in this section, and is highly esteemed as a useful and upright citizen. Mr. Stemple comes of old Pennsylvania stock, and is a grandson of John and Julia (Patterson) Stemple, and a son of William and Elizabeth (Hornkeith) Stemple.

William R. Stemple was born in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, July 10, 1858. Receiving his education in the public schools of his native place, he assisted his father as a young man, taking an active part in the cattle and livery business of which his father was the owner. As the father advanced in years the son took more and more responsibility, and being interested in the affairs of the business, eventually made it his life work. The father retired many years before his death, which occurred in the ninety-sixth year of his age. Thus for a quarter of a century, William R. Stemple was the sole head and owner of the business, which he carried on with gratifying success until about three years ago. He then retired from active business interests, and has since devoted his time to the care of his property, and such public activities as are the pleasure of every progressive citizen. A Republican by political affiliation, Mr. Stemple has served for many years as judge of elections, but otherwise has thus far declined political honors. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Conshohocken, and has a spacious and delightful house at No. 313 Spring Mill avenue. He is a member of the Episcopal church.

Mr. Stemple married, in Conshohocken, May 7, 1882, Laura Nuss, daughter of Edmund and Matilda Nuss, and also a member of an old Pennsylvania family. They have three children: William D., Edward D., and George.

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**J. ALFRED NOBLIT**—Under the careful instruction of his father, Mr. Noblit succeeded for many years in carrying on the business of contractor and builder, but changed his occupation a few years before his death. He resided in West Conshohocken, where he served the community in several capacities in a wholly commendable manner. He was the son of John and May E. (Hartman) Noblit. The father, son of Joseph and Sarah Noblit, was born in Lower Merion township, and was a contractor and farmer until he died in 1894, at the age of sixty-nine years and two months. The mother passed away in 1892, aged sixty.

J. Alfred Noblit, born June 13, 1854, in Lower Merion township, attended the local public schools and Mount Pleasant Seminary. When he had completed his education he went with his father to learn the carpentering trade, and in 1883 he established himself independently in business as a contractor and builder. In 1917 he became proprietor of a garage and continued it, with farming, until his death, which occurred on November 30, 1922, after an illness of five years. His business is now being conducted by his son, Ross H., and the property reverted to his widow. The building, used as a garage, is now two stories, 40 by 200 feet, with storage space for seventy cars. No repair work is done.

He was an Independent in politics, although nominally a Republican, and was elected to the school board in 1890. He served as a councilman for three terms in West Conshohocken, and had been tax collector since 1918. He was a member of the Gulf Christian Church.

Mr. Noblit married Catherine Hiltner, May 6, 1884, in West Conshohocken, daughter of Charles and Mary Hiltner, and they had three children: Elva, married John R. Ellis, of Bowling Green, Kentucky; Ida May, married Francis Dougherty, of West Conshohocken, and has four children: Paul, Francis, Marie and Harold; and Ross H., married Berdilla Arters, and has two children: James and Agnes Jane Bry; he is now employed with the Cooper Creek Chemical Company, where he has been employed for the past three years.

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**THOMAS ADAMS BROWN**—Among those citizens of Montgomery county who were widely known and who have passed on to the next life is Thomas A. Brown, former proprietor of the Jeffersonville Inn, who died February 23, 1919, having been a resident of Jeffersonville and proprietor of the Inn for a period of eleven years.

Mr. Brown was born in Philadelphia, October 21, 1865, son of John, who was of Scotch descent, and died of sun-stroke when Mr. Brown was an infant, and of Mary (Adams) Brown, whose name was formerly spelled MacAdams. John and Mary (Adams) Brown were the parents of two children: Thomas Adams, whose name entitles this review; and Sarah, who married John McCormick, now deceased, and had two children: Thomas B., named for Mr. Brown; and John, who died at the age of fifteen years.

Thomas Adams Brown attended the public schools of Philadelphia, and entered Girard College, in Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1881, with the degree Bachelor of Arts. Upon the completion of his college course, he became chief clerk for Adams Express Company, and that connection he maintained until 1908, when, his health having failed, he removed to Jeffersonville, Pennsylvania, and became proprietor of the Jeffersonville Inn, which is now known as Tom Brown's Inn. The Inn is an historic one, and dates back to pre-Revolutionary days, having been built in 1765 and suffered partial destruction by the British. It has been restored and is now furnished with quaint, antique furniture, old rugs, pictures and old china, which gave it an old-time air and an atmosphere which suggests the stately life of long-past Colonial times. It is a most inviting place and attracts to itself patrons from all over the country, having become famous as one of the old landmarks of that section of the country and as a relic of pre-Revolutionary days.

Politically, Mr. Brown was a Republican, as is also his wife. The Republican meetings of the neighborhood were always held at "Tom Brown's Inn," and it is said that local political "slates" were always made up there. He was well known in fraternal circles where he was a general favorite, being affiliated with Fort Washington Lodge, No. 308, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he was a past master; of Fort Washington Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of which he was a past high



priest; Hutchinson Commandery, Knights Templar, at Norristown; and Lu Lu Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. The chapter at Fort Washington changed the meeting night from Saturday to Thursday in order that he might be able to attend, and the latter evening has continued to be their regular meeting time. He was also a member of Norristown Lodge, No. 714, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and before the enactment of the Prohibition Amendment, was for several years secretary of the Liquor Dealers' Association of Montgomery county. Mr. Brown was a lover of horses and of riding, and in his younger days was fond of football and of fishing. His religious affiliation was with the Jeffersonville Presbyterian Church, and when a boy he was a member of the Bethany Presbyterian Church Band, at Philadelphia.

On March 7, 1889, Thomas A. Brown married, at Camden, New Jersey, Laura Cassidy, daughter of Henry, deceased, who was a butcher in Philadelphia, and Sarah (Ford) Cassidy, who is a resident of Jeffersonville. Mrs. Brown was one of three children, the other two being William Henry, deceased, and Lucinda Alice, who married William B. Williams, of Oak Lane, Philadelphia. Mrs. Brown is now the capable and successful manager of the Jeffersonville Inn, which has lost nothing of its quaintness and charm under her management, and which is still known as "Tom Brown's Inn."

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**P. M. STOVER**—Having prepared for a business career in a progressive commercial school, and having gained comprehensive experience as both subordinate and executive, Mr. Stover is well equipped to handle the responsibilities of his present position as secretary-treasurer and general manager of the Grander Stove Company. Mr. Stover is a son of Jacob C. and Rebecca G. (Metz) Stover. His father died in 1919, at the advanced age of eighty-four years.

Mr. Stover was born at Kulpville, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, November 10, 1876. His education was received in the public schools of his native place and Shissler's Business College of Norristown. His first business experience was as a bookkeeper, and he was employed in this capacity with various concerns until he became associated with the Grander Stove Company, with which he is still identified. He became bookkeeper for this concern in 1904, was elected treasurer about 1906, and in 1910 became business manager, since being active in that capacity. This business was founded in 1880 by Adam Grander, John Flint and others. It was operated as a partnership until 1888, when it was incorporated with a capital of \$140,000. The officers at present are as follows: H. E. Campbell, president; P. M. Stover, secretary, treasurer and general manager, and the directors include the above, also John Flint. The plant occupies something over three acres, the greater part of which area is covered with improvements, including ten buildings. They manufacture stoves, ranges and heaters in great variety, and make a specialty of enameled goods in this group of products. Mr. Stover is a member of Royersford Lodge, No. 585, Free and Accepted

Masons, of which he is past master, and now (1923) was elected treasurer; is past high priest of Pottstown Chapter, No. 271, Royal Arch Masons; and is also a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, being a past officer in this body.

Mr. Stover married, on October 12, 1904, Anna L. Brown, daughter of Frank S. and Elizabeth (Drumheller) Brown, of Royersford, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Stover is a vocalist of wide prominence in the community, having been educated under the best instructors. She has done choir work in Philadelphia and has had charge of the First Methodist Episcopal Church choir for many years. In 1922 she had charge of the Ladies' Chorus of the Women's Club. Mr. and Mrs. Stover have two sons: 1. Paul B., born April 20, 1906, educated in the Royersford public and high schools, now attending Perkiomen Preparatory School, class of 1923. 2. Frank B., born February 7, 1910, now attending Wyndcroft School (private), Pottstown, Pennsylvania. The family home is at No. 567 Church street, Royersford.

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**WILLIAM M. SULLIVAN**—The monuments bearing testimony to the skill and artistic genius of Mr. Sullivan are numerous and well known in the section of Pennsylvania, where he resides. A native of Norristown, Pennsylvania, he has contributed to esthetic marble and stone structures of permanent value in churches in this neighborhood. He is a son of Florence and Ann E. Sullivan.

William M. Sullivan was born at Norristown, Pennsylvania, October 17, 1861, and received his education there in the public schools and at Treemount Seminary. Later he learned the trade of marble cutter and the details of monument construction, a character of work in which he has been continuously engaged up to the present time. For several years he was interested in the King of Prussia Marble Quarries and while thus engaged cut the stone which forms the new addition to the County Court House. In October, 1884, Mr. Sullivan became the proprietor of the Granite and Marble Works, established in 1840 by Franklin Derr, at 127 West Main street, Norristown. Since becoming the owner of this business he has increased the output three hundred per cent, and among the buildings erected by him are the following: Washington Memorial Chapel, at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania; Ursinus College, at Collegeville, Pennsylvania; Lady Chapel of the Episcopal Church, at Cynwyd, Pennsylvania; interior of St. John's Church, in Norristown; and the monument to the late Philander C. Knox, United States Senator from Pennsylvania. This firm is completing a new plant at the corner of Main and Center avenue to which they expect to move soon, and are installing modern machinery. They employ only the most skilled labor to insure a high standard of excellence.

He is a Mason and member of Charity Lodge, No. 190, Free and Accepted Masons; Norristown Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; and Hutchinson Commandery Knights Templar, No. 32. He is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and with the Commercial Club.

Mr. Sullivan married, September 25, 1885, Margaret Long, of Norristown. The children born to them are: Florence, wife of T. Stephen Neale, to whom two children were born, Margaret and Florence; Helen, wife of W. J. Jarrett, of Norristown, and they have two children, William and Helen; Ralph J., who died in his fourteenth year; William Stanley associated with his father and married to Elsie Martin, of Trenton, New Jersey. He enlisted in the United States army, June 5, 1917, in the 108th Field Artillery, Pennsylvania National Guard, 28th Division. From Camp Hancock, Augusta, Georgia, he went overseas May 17, 1918, and was engaged in active fighting from August until Armistice Day. He suffered from a gas attack on the Vesle front, in France, and for acts of bravery at Argonne received the Croix de Guerre from the French Government, being one of the two men from Norristown to receive this honor. Entering the army as a private, he was discharged as a sergeant May 24, 1919. In addition to being a member of the American Legion, he is affiliated with Charity Lodge, No. 190, Free and Accepted Masons, the Tall Cedars, and of Epsilon Kappi Pi, a college fraternity. He graduated from the Norristown High School in 1913, and from Drexel Institute, in Philadelphia.

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**JAMES W. POTTER**—With wide and practical experience in the business world, and still identified with some of the foremost mercantile interests of Philadelphia, Mr. Potter has been active in the public life of Norristown ever since attaining his majority. He is now serving acceptably in the office of burgess of this borough. Mr. Potter is a son of the late James D. Potter, long a resident of Norristown, who died February 27, 1922, and Catherine L. (Rotzell) Potter, a native of Montgomery county, and daughter of Charles Rotzell.

James W. Potter was born in the city of Philadelphia, March 21, 1880. The family settling in Norristown in his infancy, his education was received in the public schools of this community. His first regular employment was with Harley Brothers & Company, prominent grocers of Norristown, located at the corner of Chain and Marshall streets, although he had for some years sold papers as a newsboy. Active in the grocery business for about three years, Mr. Potter then entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, in the capacity of brakeman, in the passenger service, and was thus engaged for a period of four years. His next change was into mercantile affairs, when he became identified, on March 1, 1902, with the nationally celebrated firm of Wanamaker & Brown, of Philadelphia. He has since been continuously identified with this concern in the capacity of salesman, and is still thus active.

Mr. Potter is undoubtedly better known in his home community for his long and useful service in the public affairs of the borough. Always keenly interested in the welfare of Norristown, and a staunch supporter of the Democratic party, he was a worker in the ranks of his party from the time of casting his first vote. In 1904 he was brought forward as Democratic candidate for burgess, against Samuel Roberts. Although



the odds against him were too heavy for his success at that time, he has ever since been a leader in the party. Serving continuously as committeeman of his ward, he was made a member of the Borough Council in 1908, serving until 1911 as Democratic Councilman from the First Ward. In 1921 Mr. Potter was elected chief burgess of Norristown, and is now the incumbent of that office. His success at the election of that year was the cause of much rejoicing among his friends and felicitations from them, and he is conceded by his opponents to be thoroughly qualified for the duties of his position. His record thus far has proved him not only efficient and capable, but a man of resource and tact, and possessed also of the dignity becoming in the highest official of the community. Mr. Potter is widely known in fraternal circles, being a member of Norristown Lodge, No. 620, Free and Accepted Masons, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 714, of which he is past exalted ruler, of the Loyal Order of Moose, and of Minnekaunee Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men, of which he is past sachem.

Mr. Potter married, October 22, 1901, Miss Leila E. Wisner, of Norristown, daughter of William and Jane (Shaw) Wisner, and they have one daughter, Ruth W., born January 18, 1904. The family home is at No. 609 Noble street.

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**HARRY S. MORGAN**—The years of employment with James Lees and Sons Company of Bridgeport, Pennsylvania, have been utilized by Mr. Morgan in a way to increase his usefulness to the concern, so that he has lately come to occupy an executive position of considerable importance. He is still a comparatively young man and his present attainment augurs well for the future.

Scott W. Morgan, born November 17, 1847, married Emella Brown, who was born December 27, 1851, and died June 13, 1914. They were the parents of the following children: Myrtle; John; Bertha, wife of Frank Traver; Gertrude; Florence, wife of Harry Wall; Alice, wife of Oscar Williams; Harry S., the subject of this sketch. The father, who is still living, was a farmer having one hundred and seventy-five acres of land at Beaumont, Pennsylvania, which he worked until 1915.

Harry S. Morgan was born August 30, 1894, on his father's farm at Beaumont, where he worked when not attending the public schools. He graduated from the high school in 1911 and spent the years 1912-13 at Bloomsburg State Normal School. Then he taught school for three years 1914-17 at Laurel Run borough schools. He was then given a position as assistant shipping clerk with James Lees and Sons Company, and in 1918 became a salesman. In 1921 he was entrusted with the position of assistant sales manager and advanced to assistant general manager for Minerva Yarns on January 1, 1923, succeeding J. L. Schweyer, who had then become general manager.

Mr. Morgan is a Republican in politics. He is a member of the Illinois Commercial Men's Association, and in religion, is a communicant of the Jeffersonville Methodist Church.

He married, at Norristown, August 17, 1915, Dorothy Reese, a

daughter of George H. (deceased) and Katherine (Remaley) Reese. Mr. Reese had been manager of a slag works at Swedeland. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Morgan on January 13, 1917, Richard Henry.

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**J. CRAWFORD JOHNSON**—J. Crawford Johnson was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, June 18, 1871, son of Joseph S. and Eliza J. (Crawford) Johnson. He was graduated from Norristown High School in 1889, and became employed on the Norristown "Herald," learning printing, and then engaged in reportorial and editorial work, with especial attention to legal and political writing. He was elected clerk of courts of Montgomery county in November, 1919.

On August 10, 1893, he married Miss Etta L. Fulliam, daughter of Dr. George W. and Elizabeth Fulliam, of Muscatine, Iowa. A daughter, Lydia, died in 1903, and their only living child, Ettabelle Fulliam, is the wife of J. Le Roy Schweyer (q. v.), of Norristown. Mrs. Johnson died February 22, 1920.

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**JOHN LEEDOM JONES**—In one of the most practical lines of business endeavor Mr. Jones has for many years been active, and for some time now has been the head of an important flour mill in Bridgeport, Pennsylvania. Mr. Jones is a son of John and Mary E. Jones, his father having been active in both agriculture and mining.

John Leedom Jones was born in Delaware county, Pennsylvania, March 10, 1860. The family removed to Norristown in his childhood, and his attendance at the Norristown public schools comprised his only educational advantages. At the age of seventeen years the young man entered the industrial world, securing a position in a flour mill in Norristown. Three years later, in 1880, he went to Minnesota, where he was employed along the same line of activity for three years, and gained wide and valuable experience. Returning East Mr. Jones went to Philadelphia, where he acted as salesman for the Milborn Mills Company for a period of eight years, after which he was located permanently in Bridgeport, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania. Establishing a flour mill here in association with W. C. Stokes, the business was carried forward successfully for about four years. When Mr. Stokes retired from the firm, Mr. Jones received into partnership Mr. Warren A. Wright, who continued with him for many years, and was killed in an auto accident November 1, 1921. Mr. Jones is still active as the head of the business, and is counted among the leading men of the community, also being well known in Norristown, his place of residence. In political affairs Mr. Jones is an independent Republican, although he has never sought public prominence. For recreative interest he turns to the out-door world, and is a member of the Ersine Tennis Club and the Plymouth County Golf Club. He has long been identified with the Episcopal church.

Mr. Jones has been twice married. He married first, on December 6, 1893, in Norristown, Helen D. Wills, daughter of Morgan R. and Mary

D. Wills, and she died April 30, 1919. He married, second, on October 17, 1921, at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, Nina Pugh, daughter of John and Emily Pugh, of that town. The family home is at No. 910 De Kalb street, Norristown.

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**PAUL RAYMOND CARROLL**—There are many interests that hold the attention of Paul Raymond Carroll, of Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, for aside from his thriving business he is conspicuous in the political, fraternal, and athletic life of his community. He is the son of Lawrence J. Carroll, so long associated with the Lee Tire Corporation, and Margaret Carroll, and has a brother, Francis T. Carroll, and two sisters, Catherine M. and Margaret C. Carroll.

Paul Raymond Carroll was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, March 15, 1896. He had his preliminary education from St. Matthew's Parochial School, from which he was graduated in June, 1912. For professional training he matriculated in the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, of which he is a graduate, class of 1917. Upon the conclusion of his collegiate study, he came to Conshohocken and established a drug business, the development of which has occupied much of his time and attention with the best of results. He has not neglected other and outside affairs, being prominent in Democratic politics, and is a councilman, representing the First Ward on the Conshohocken board. Fraternally he affiliates with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is active in the Young Men's Athletic Association of his city. He is a communicant of St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

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**ROMANUS FELLMAN**—Romanus Fellman, of Norristown, Pennsylvania, was a trained artillery man when the United States entered the World War, and was eagerly accepted by the government for service in the training of our new army. Before the war ended he had been made a major and was commander of the Third Battalion, 61st Field Artillery. He is well known in Norristown for his efficient service as chief of its police force. The son of Levi Fellman, born March 6, 1845, and Catherine Fellman, born March 4, 1844, Romanus Fellman was born on March 5, 1879, at Hatfield, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania. He was educated in the public and high schools of his native place and later had a year's training in West Point Military Academy, West Point, New York.

His career was begun as a bricklayer, working at his trade for twelve years, four of which were with Charles Heckler of Philadelphia. He then became a member of the Philadelphia police force for four years, coming to Norristown in 1914 to act as its chief of police for the next six years. Since January, 1921, he has been warden of the county jail.

Mr. Fellman's military record is long and honorable. On December 28, 1898, he joined Company B, United States Engineers, as a private, for five months, and reënlisted in May, 1899, in Company E, United States Engineers, with which company he remained until December 24, 1901. From 1904 to 1916 he was a member of the National Guard, starting as a





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private, and by promotion becoming successively corporal, sergeant, lieutenant and captain. In 1916 he went to the Mexican border as captain of the Field Artillery, and served until 1917, when he was assigned as commander of Headquarters Company of the Second Pennsylvania Field Artillery. Promoted to the rank of major, he became commander of the Third Battalion, 61st Field Artillery, and sent to Camp Jackson, South Carolina. He was assigned to and commanded the 61st Field Artillery from December 4, 1918, to February, 1919, when it was mustered out. He was detailed to the School of Fire at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and was graduated with the fifty-third class in April, 1919, when he was assigned to and joined the 81st Field Artillery at Camp Knox, Kentucky. On May 6, 1919, he was appointed provost marshal of Camp Knox, and served in this capacity until his honorable discharge, December 31, 1920.

His fraternal and social connections are many, among which are the United States Spanish War Veterans; Veterans of Foreign Wars; American Legion; Norris Lodge, No. 714, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Tall Cedars of Lebanon; a thirty-second degree Mason, of Louisville, Kentucky; a Knight Templar, of Elizabeth, Kentucky; a Shriner, of Louisville, Kentucky, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

On February 5, 1902, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Romanus Fellman was married to Harriet Mildenerger, of that city, and they are the parents of three children: Nelson, born June 21, 1903; Nicholas, born November 30, 1904; and Frances, born June 14, 1913.

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**WALTER YODER MOORE**—Taking a broadly practical part in the business activities of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, Mr. Moore is achieving marked success in serving the needs of the motoring public with garages at both Lansdale and Montgomeryville. He is counted among the enterprising young men of this section.

Walter Y. Moore was born at Lansdale, Pennsylvania, December 24, 1898, and is a son of Thomas David and Hannah (Yoder) Moore. As a young lad he attended the public schools of his native township, also covered the high school course there, then gained his first business experience in the grocery store of B. H. Springer, of that place. After three years in this connection Mr. Moore entered the garage business in partnership with Robert Mattern, establishing a modern and well equipped garage at Lansdale. The business prospered from the start, and the young men later, in 1922, established a similar enterprise in Montgomeryville. They are going forward with constantly increasing success, and stand among the leaders of progress in their field in Montgomery county.

Mr. Moore married, in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, October 11, 1919, Hattie Refsnider, daughter of Elmer Refsnider, and they have two children: Russell Walter, born in 1921, in Lansdale, and Betty, born in 1922, also in Lansdale.



**CHRISTIAN BAUER**—In the agricultural activities of Montgomery county, Mr. Bauer is widely prominent, and also has interests of similar nature in foreign countries, where for many years he was personally engaged. Born and reared in Germany, Mr. Bauer is a son of Christopher and Carolina (Grassle) Bauer, both natives of Fautzheim, Germany. The father was a farmer by occupation, and a very prominent man in the town of his residence, Neifern, Germany, of which he was for several years mayor. The children of these parents number five, as follows: Ferdinand, deceased; Helena, now deceased, who was the wife of William Grassle; Frederick, single; Magdelina, widow of the late August Leitz, a manufacturer of jewelry; and Christian.

Christian Bauer was born in Fautzheim, Baden, Germany, on May 5, 1869. Educated in the public schools of the city of his birth, he then entered the Reialschuler Practical Business School and took a course in French, English and Spanish to prepare for the commercial jewelry business. He was clerk in various business houses and factories in Germany, and Spain, for eighteen years, and then had one year in a banking house in Germany, and again returned to Spain to study the language and business conditions of that country. In 1891, employed by a concern in Germany, he was sent to the West Indies and South America as salesman and buyer of jewelry and diamonds. Finding South America to his liking, in 1894 he established his own jewelry business in Bogota, Colombia, under the name C. Bauer, which was later changed to Bauer & Company. This interest is still being carried on, Mr. Bauer acting in the capacity of buyer in the United States, and he also manages several farms totaling close to two hundred acres for his father-in-law, Francis J. Clamer, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work. During his stay in Bogota, he established a private banking business and also had several farms, a cattle ranch and a coffee plantation until 1911. He was in the United States in 1904 to buy plated goods when he met Gerterude Margaret Clamer, whom he married the same year and with her returned to Colombia, where two of their children were born. In 1914 he was requested to return here to manage his father-in-law's interests and has been here ever since. The farms over which he has jurisdiction and their acreage are: Glen Farm, of fifty-two acres, where he resides; Ironbridge, of eighty acres; Deitrick, of thirty acres; and Quarry Place, of seventeen acres. He took a trip to Germany in 1919 and purchased several properties, believing them to be good investments because of money depression there. With the desire to adopt this country as his Fatherland, he took out his first naturalization papers in 1919. In his religious affiliation he is a member of the Protestant church, in Germany.

Mr. Bauer married, in Trappe, Pennsylvania, on November 2, 1904, Gerterude Margaret Clamer, of Collegeville, Pennsylvania, daughter of Francis J. and Margaret (Deitrick) Clamer, and they have four children: Gerterude Margaret, born in Bogota, Colombia, on November 6, 1905; Carl, born in Bogota, Colombia, on September 5, 1907; Elsa Consola, born at Glen Farm, Collegeville, Pennsylvania, on October 12, 1917; and Maria Louise, born in Philadelphia, on June 27, 1922.



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**AMOS S. WISMER**—Amos S. Wismer, one of the old line tradespeople of Lansdale, has been one of the factors in the success of his city as a thriving, up-to-date business place. Of a naturally retiring nature, he has not thrust himself forward in matters of public import, but none have been so ready to stand with and to help any movement looking toward the betterment of civic or business conditions. He is the son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Leatherman) Wismer.

Amos S. Wismer was born in Hilltown township, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, December 28, 1861, and attended the county schools until he was nineteen, and laid, during that period, the foundation upon which his later education was built. After schools days were over, he started to learn the tailor's trade, which took him successively to South Hatfield and Souderton, Pennsylvania, after which he became a journeyman tailor. Eventually, he went to Line Lexington, Pennsylvania, and set up in business for himself and spent eight very pleasant and successful years there. In January, 1895, he moved to Lansdale and opened a shop, and has continued both to live and work in the city up to this time (1922). His long service has given him a wide acquaintance, and he has customers who have come to him for thirty or more years.

Mr. Wismer is a follower of the Republican party, and has been for eight years an able member of the council of the borough of Lansdale. He fraternizes with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Patriotic Order Sons of America. For years he has been an attendant and member of the Reformed church of Lansdale.

On November 1, 1884, at Sellersville, Pennsylvania, he was married to Lydia Knipe, daughter of Amos and Elizabeth (Crouthamel) Knipe. Mr. Knipe was a well known contractor and mason of Montgomery county. Mr. and Mrs. Wismer are the parents of two children: Lotta, who is married to Oliver Wood, and lives in Dover, New Jersey; and Harrison, who married Margaret E. Smith, and resides in Lansdale.

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**PAUL B. ZIMMERMAN**—One of the younger men who is making his ability and industry felt in the business life of Lansdale, Pennsylvania, is Paul B. Zimmerman. With a thorough grounding in his trade, and after two years' service in the World War, he returned to Lansdale, and is now head of the Ambler Motor Company, Inc., a thriving concern, with ample headquarters and equipment. He is the son of William H. and Mary E. (Beaver) Zimmerman, his father engaged in the plumbing and heating business in Philadelphia and Lansdale, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of four children: William E., Ruth M., Elizabeth, and Paul B., of whom further.

Paul B. Zimmerman was born at Lansdale, Pennsylvania, March 17, 1892. After completing his education in the public schools of his native city, he was for six years associated with his father in business, four of which were spent in learning his trade. Desirous of getting started in the automobile business, he secured a position as shop mechanic with the Overland Motor Company, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, remaining for nearly three years, and then was with the Locomobile Company, of

the same city, for a year. The entrance of the United States into the World War led him to enlist in the army on November 10, 1917, with the Quartermaster's Corps. He soon was changed to the Motor Transport Department, later was transferred to the Motor Transportation Corps of the First Division, and saw active service in the battle of Chateau-Thierry and in the Argonne offensive until the signing of the armistice. He then was sent to Andernach, Germany, with the army of occupation, and was discharged as sergeant at Camp Dix, September 20, 1919. Returning to his home, he was employed for nearly a year in the Norristown City Garage, Norristown, as manager of the parts department. He moved to Ambler following this, and opened a garage in a large two-story building, under the name of the Ambler Motor Company, Inc., which has met with a thriving success. He is a member of the William E. Hare Post, No. 206, of Lansdale.

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**TOBIAS K. RITTENHOUSE**—Coming from Canada a quarter of a century ago (1897-1922), Tobias K. Rittenhouse continued the practice of his vocation of farming until he established himself as a salesman of farm implements in Souderton, Pennsylvania. He proved as able in his newer line of activity as he had been as a farmer, and became one of the prominent merchants of his adopted place. He has given freely of his time and energy to matters that concern the improvement of farm and town conditions, and his opinions carry great weight with his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Rittenhouse was born in Lincoln county, Ontario, Canada, February 5, 1869, the son of Abraham F. and Christine (Kinsley) Rittenhouse, his father being an agriculturist. He was educated in the public schools of his native county, and early went to work with his father on the latter's farm. He continued tilling the soil in Canada for many years, but in 1896 moved to Blooming Glen, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, where he farmed for six years. In 1902 he located in Souderton, Pennsylvania, started a store, and has since been engaged in his present business of selling agricultural supplies, implements, and other equipment. His venture has been successful and he has year by year enlarged the scope of his establishment. Mr. Rittenhouse is religiously affiliated with the Old Mennonite Church.

On February 13, 1902, at Dublin, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, Mr. Rittenhouse married Katherine Fretz, daughter of Joseph and Esther (Kulp) Fretz. Mr. and Mrs. Rittenhouse are the parents of three children: Sarah Elizabeth, born March 15, 1904; Anna May, born December 15, 1905; and Ida Katherine, born February 13, 1909.

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**HENRY S. HALLMAN**—In one of the most vital branches of production Mr. Hallman, of Souderton, Pennsylvania, is taking a very practical part in the public advance, his farming operations contributing materially to the daily needs of the people, and his creamery producing a fine quality of dairy products for the nearby trade, his exclusive patronage keeping his standard at the very highest point. Mr. Hallman's







*Oliver K. Beane*

family has been in this State for many generations, he being a grandson of Israel and Mary (Schmitt) Hallman, of Bucks county, well known and highly esteemed people of their day and generation. Jesse Hallman, their son and Henry S. Hallman's father, was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, in 1855, and throughout his lifetime was active as a farmer, also being engaged in earlier years as a carpenter, and later in broom manufacturing. He married Susan Shelly, daughter of Levi and Barbara Shelly, also of a prominent family of Bucks county, Pennsylvania.

Henry S. Hallman was born in Milford township, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, August 11, 1883. He was educated in local schools, began business life as a cigar maker in his native place, continuing along this line for about eight years, then came to Souderton, Montgomery county, and wishing to establish a business of his own, bought one of Souderton's leading barber shops and for ten years conducted it with success. He then decided to extend his business activities, and bought the Franconia Creamery, located in Franconia township, Montgomery county, and in this branch of effort he has developed a very prosperous and profitable enterprise, making butter and cheese of the highest grade. He keeps his business within the limits to which he can give it his personal oversight, and the result is gratifying to those whom he supplies with the products of his creamery. He is one of Montgomery's successful business men and in the public life of the community supports the policies and principles that accord with his own ideals of public progress, keeping politically an independent attitude. He has served for some years as a member of the school board of Franconia township, is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, Harleysville Beneficial Association, and is very active in the work of Emanuel Lutheran Church of Souderton, being a teacher and assistant superintendent of the Sunday school.

Mr. Hallman married, in Milford township, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, on December 10, 1901, Emma Lydia Heller, born October 30, 1881, daughter of Elias B. and Lydia (Benner) Heller, of Milford township. Mr. and Mrs. Hallman have four children: Lester Clarke, born in Milford township, June 24, 1903; Henry Theodore, born in Milford township, September 17, 1904; Lydia Bernice, born January 26, 1913, died March 22, 1913; and Emma Ruth, born in Souderton, September 8, 1919.

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**OLIVER KRATZ BEAN**—After being engaged in farming for many years, Oliver Kratz Bean came to Norristown, Pennsylvania, and established himself in the hotel business, from which he has since retired, retaining his interest in the affairs of the borough. He is a son of John J. and Mary (Kratz) Bean, the father having been supervisor of Worcester township for several years and in business as a farmer, and his father, Jacob Bean, had also been a farmer in the same township. The children born to John J. and Mary (Kratz) Bean were: Isabella, wife of William Krause; Sylvester, deceased; Oliver Kratz, of whom further;

Elwood, a jeweler in Lansdale, Pennsylvania; Wilson, deceased; and Katherine, wife of Edwin Kriebel, of Jeffersonville, Pennsylvania.

Oliver Kratz Bean was born in Norristown township, Pennsylvania, January 4, 1859, and obtained his education in the public schools at Worcester, Pennsylvania. He worked on his father's farm until he was nineteen years of age, then purchased a farm and managed it from 1878 until 1893, and from that year until 1902 managed his father's farm. He then gave up farming and moved to the Center Point Hotel, which he conducted until 1906, at which time he secured possession of the Isaac Yeakle Hotel in Norristown. This hotel he continued to operate for five years and then obtained a much more modern hotel, the Montgomery, and until 1920 was its well known proprietor. In that year he sold this building to the Norristown Trust Company, and it is now being conducted by the Young Men's Christian Association, and retired from active business.

In politics he is a Republican, and he was assessor from Worcester township for four terms, or a period of twelve years. He is a stockholder and director of the First National Bank in Norristown, having been so connected for sixteen years. He is also a member of Harleysville Beneficial Association, and a contributing member of the Montgomery Fire Company, Hancock Hook and Ladder Company, Fairmount Engine Company, and the Humane Engine Company, all of Norristown. In religion he is a communicant in the Trinity Reformed Church.

Mr. Bean married, in 1882, at Worcester, Pennsylvania, Ella Schultz, a daughter of Solomon and Sophia (Kriebel) Schultz. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz were the parents of the following children: Amanda, wife of Isaac Yeakle; Chester; Katherine, deceased; Elizabeth, widow of Sylvester Bean; Ella, who married Oliver K. Bean; Sophia and Salina, twins, the former being the wife of Harry Kratz, of Norristown, and the latter the wife of Henry L. Grater, of Worcester, Pennsylvania. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bean, Walter, born at Worcester, May 28, 1888. He married Mary Rosenberger, and they have two children: John and Doris. Walter Bean and his family reside with Oliver K. Bean, at No. 1108 West Main street, Norristown, Pennsylvania. Walter Bean is now engaged in the cigar and ice cream business at the corner of Marshall and George streets, Norristown, which he has been running since September 1, 1922.

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**J. HORACE ZIEGLER**—An old resident of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, who throughout his life has had an active part in the promotion of its various interests, is J. Horace Ziegler, a native of Kulpsville, Towamencin township, where he was born December 11, 1857. Mr. Ziegler attended the local schools of his home community as a boy, and remained with his father until he was thirty-three years old. His parents were Abraham K. and Amanda (Riegner) Ziegler, his mother being a cousin of General Hartranft. He is a member of a family of four children, his sisters being Emma Jane (now deceased), who mar-



ried Samuel Kriebel; and Annie, who married Harry H. Krupp. His brother, E. Elmer Ziegler, is an attorney in New York City.

When he left the home farm, Mr. Ziegler went to Lower Salford township and purchased the Alderfer place, containing seventy-eight acres of land, and located near Lederach. The farm is now highly improved, and three modern dwellings are situated thereon, one of which he occupies himself and the other two are the homes of his sons, Waldo and J. Warren. While giving diligent attention to his agricultural interests, Mr. Ziegler has at the same time maintained many other interests of a varied character. He has conducted a stall in the Fairmont Market, at the corner of Twenty-second and Spring Garden streets, in Philadelphia, for the past thirty years, handling general farm produce. He has served as a director of the poor of Montgomery county; was a charter member of the Skippack Volunteer Fire Department; a charter member and director of the West Point Horse Insurance Company; and a director of the Reading Bone and Fertilizer Company. In his political affiliation he is a staunch Republican, prominent in the local councils of the party, and for twenty-eight years was the township committeeman. He was also tax collector of Towamencin township for four years. In religion he is a member of the United Brethren church, to which he has always given liberal support in its various activities, both in personal service and financial help.

Mr. Ziegler was married, at Skippack, March 2, 1882, to Lydia Alderfer, a daughter of Benjamin and Sarah M. (Harley) Alderfer, her mother being one of the old pioneer families of Harleysville. Mr. and Mrs. Ziegler have a family of eight children, named as follows: 1. Waldo. 2. Lillian, wife of Stanley Yerger. 3. Alverda, wife of Levin Geller. 4. Anna, wife of John Wiles. 5. J. Warren, who as a member of the medical corps spent eighteen months in France during the World War, taking part in the Argonne and other major engagements there. He is now employed by the Penn Trust Company, at Norristown. 6. Sarah Ada. 7. Manda Marie. 8. Emma Luella.

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**JOHN ELLIS HEEBNER ANDERS**—After a number of years in farming experience, Mr. Anders established his large business in lumber, coal, feed and building supplies in Ironbridge, Pennsylvania, where he now resides. He comes of a family originating in Germany, and because of religious persecution came to America on the ship "St Andrew," in 1734, settling in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, near the homestead in Towamencin township.

Rev. Edwin S. Anders was born July 16, 1857, becoming the pastor of the Schwenkfelder Church in Towamencin township and engaged in preaching since 1882. He also owns a farm of eighty-six acres on which truck and other farm products, such as wheat, corn, oats, hay, etc., are raised. He married Susanna Heebner, who was born August 17, 1857, and they had the following children: William, living at Lansdale, Pennsylvania; Ella, wife of Raymond Dresler; Vernon, of Towamen-

cin township; John E. H., of further mention; Cyrus; Lawrence; Harvey, deceased; and Raymond, living at Allentown, Pennsylvania.

John Ellis Heebner Anders was born April 2, 1888, in Towamencin township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, and obtained his education in the public schools there and at Perkiomen Seminary, where he spent two and one-half years, 1904 to 1907. Then he worked for his father on their farm until 1913, and at that time purchased the business of A. R. Bean, in Ironbridge, and began the business in feed and building supplies, which he has since maintained. The main building is three stories high, 50x80 feet, and in addition there are coal sheds, a grain storage two-story building, 35x150 feet, and lumber sheds, giving a total area of about one acre of ground.

Mr. Anders is a Republican in politics; a stockholder in the Collegeville Water Company, and a fraternal member of Camp No. 501, Woodmen of the World, of Lansdale, Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Schwenkfelder church, middle district.

Mr. Anders was united in marriage, October 29, 1913, in Worcester township, with Elsie C. Benner, born January 16, 1889. Her parents were Milton B. Benner, a cattle dealer and farmer in Kulpsville, Pennsylvania, and Minnie (Cassel) Benner, deceased. They were also the parents of the following children: Robert, of Hatfield, Pennsylvania; Carrie, wife of Homer Heebner, of Worcester, Pennsylvania; Mayme, wife of Amos Rothenberger, of Worcester; Henry, living at Kulpsville, Pennsylvania; and Minnie, unmarried. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Anders, Roland B., in August, 1915, who died in infancy.

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**ISAAC LONGSTRETH**, whose life has been spent in useful and progressive occupations, is still broadly interested in the work of his farm and its varied activities, but has in recent years turned over the management of his affairs to younger hands, while he spends his declining years in well-earned leisure. Mr. Longstreth is a son of John and Catharine (Kline) Longstreth, his father having been in his lifetime a prominent farmer of Trappe, and a director of the Pottstown National Bank. The family consisted of the following children: Rebecca, wife of Isaac Rhodes, of Trappe; Anna; Henry, a Civil War veteran, but now deceased; Morris, also a Civil War veteran, and deceased; Samuel; and Isaac, of whom further.

Isaac Longstreth as born in Trappe, Pennsylvania, on April 20, 1849. He received his education in the rural schools of his native place and then attended Freeland Seminary, at Collegeville, for two terms. In 1866 he obtained a position as school teacher in Berks county, where he remained for one year, then went to Chester county in a similar position. He went to Philadelphia in 1870 to learn the jewelry business with Mr. Heilig and stayed there until 1872, then went into partnership with Mr. Heilig, but in 1873 bought a business for himself at No. 1113 Ridge avenue and later was at No. 140 North Ninth street; where he remained until 1898. He then retired for a while, but later bought the old homestead farm at Trappe, to save it from going under the hammer, as his

brother, to whom it had been left by his father, went away and could not be located. There are fifty acres in this farm, which is now being conducted by his son-in-law, S. W. Stearly. They also have another farm of fifty acres, where they raise garden truck and wheat.

Mr. Longstreth married (first) Helen McCallan, of Philadelphia, who later died. They had four children: Isaac Arthur, who died in infancy; Harry, deceased; Katherine, wife of S. W. Stearly, of Trappe, Pennsylvania, manager of the farms; and John, who died in infancy. His second wife was Elizabeth Campbell, of Philadelphia, and they have two children: Nellie P., and Hazel C.

The present home of Mr. Longstreth is located on the same spot where once stood the tavern of John Jacob Schrack, which was notable for the name Trappe being given to this place. As a German soldier once fell down stairs in this tavern, while under the influence of liquor, he said, "*verdamt die treppe*," which means "steps" in German, hence the name of Trappe.

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**FRANKLIN ADAM STICKLER** was born at Limeport, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, February 13, 1866, the son of Ezra and Emmaline (Bader) Stickler. Ezra Stickler was born December 16, 1835, died December 29, 1917. The mother was born September 12, 1842, and is still living. Mr. Stickler's ancestors were among the early settlers of Pennsylvania, his paternal ancestor being Johannes Stickler (Stiegler), who came from the Palatinate, Germany, landing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on September 29, 1733, in the ship "Pink Mary," from Rotterdam. Johannes Stiegler's son, John Adam Stiegler, was a soldier in the Revolutionary army from Lancaster county. On the maternal side the first ancestor coming to these shores was Philip Christian Bader, a Moravian minister, born near Strasburg, in Lower Alsatia, who came to Pennsylvania in 1751 and served Moravian congregations in Lancaster and Hebron (near Lebanon). During the Revolutionary War his Hebron church was used to store ammunition for the American army. His daughter, Justina Eleonora Bader, was one of the Moravian Sisters at Bethlehem during the Revolution, having charge of the girls' choir. Ezra and Emmaline (Bader) Stickler were the parents of nine children, as follows: Charles H., Pierson M.; Franklin Adam, the subject of this sketch; Harvey W., Jacob A., Edward M., William O., Milton E., and Ida E. Of these all but William O., who died in infancy, are living.

Franklin Adam Stickler attended the public schools of Upper Milford, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, until he was twelve years of age. While yet in school, he spent his spare moments with the station agent and telegraph operator at Vera Cruz, Pennsylvania, learning telegraphy, becoming proficient in the Morse code at the age of ten years. After leaving school he secured a position in the iron ore mines of Pascoe, Lewis & Company, at Vera Cruz, where he remained from 1878 to 1881. In the latter year he obtained his first railroad position, that of extra telegraph operator on the Perkiomen branch of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company. He worked at all offices on this line, resigning



on January 1, 1883, to become manager for the Mutual Union Telegraph Company (now a part of the Western Union Company at Norristown). On August 18, 1883, he entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, as telegraph operator in their Meadows Yard office, near Jersey City, New Jersey, where he remained till 1885, when he was transferred to the Schuylkill division and worked as telegraph operator at Manayunk until August 19, 1885; was transferred to Phoenixville, where he served until February 22, 1888; then to Spring City, where he remained until July 28, 1891. On the later date he was promoted from telegraph operator to ticket agent and transferred to Norristown and placed in charge of the ticket office, under the supervision of A. S. Hallman, freight and passenger agent. On the retirement of Mr. Hallman, on March 1, 1909, Mr. Stickler was appointed passenger agent at Norristown, which position he still holds. Mr. Stickler has served the Pennsylvania system continuously for forty years, and the Norristown public for thirty-one years, during which time he has acquired the reputation of being one of the best posted passenger transportation men in the railroad service.

Never active in politics, Mr. Stickler is classed as a Democrat, with decided independent leanings in local affairs. He is affiliated with and takes an active part in the affairs of the following organizations: American Association of Railroad Ticket Agents; Philadelphia Passenger Association; one of the organizers and a member of the board of directors of the Norristown Association of the Pennsylvania Railroad Young Men's Christian Association; Pennsylvania-German Society, whose vice-president he was from 1916 to 1918; chairman of the board of trustees and director of the Montgomery County Historical Society; a charter member of the Valley Forge Historical Society; member of the executive committee of the Montgomery County Fish, Game, and Forestry Association; Historical and Natural Science Society of the Perkiomen region; chairman of the executive committee of the Veteran Employees' Association, Schuylkill Division, Pennsylvania railroad; secretary of Assembly No. 1, Mutual Beneficial Association, Pennsylvania railroad; also the Schuylkill Valley Correspondent for the "Mutual Magazine," their monthly publication. Along with these various interests he finds time to take an active interest in the affairs of Trinity Lutheran Church, having served as an elder for the past sixteen years, editor of the weekly church "Bulletin" for fifteen years, and financial secretary for ten years.

Mr. Stickler was united in marriage, September 26, 1885, with Emma L. Kemmerer, a daughter of Daniel L. and Mary (Getter) Kemmerer, by the Rev. A. R. Horne, D. D., of Allentown, Pennsylvania. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stickler, as follows: 1. Irene M., born September 27, 1886, at Phoenixville, Pennsylvania; she married Walter A. Wilson, the managing editor of the Norristown "Herald." 2. Russell E., born October 2, 1889, at Spring City, Pennsylvania; he married Elsie Lawton, and is in the circulation department of the "Herald" in Norristown. 3. Ruth M., born August 2, 1893, wife of Charles H. Beitenman, of Youngstown, Ohio, where he is connected with the Brier Hill Steel Company.

**ELMER F. ESPENSHIP**—Meeting the oft recurring needs of the people in commercial circles and among the householders of the section, Mr. Espenship, of Norristown, is achieving marked success in the storage and transfer business. Mr. Espenship is a son of Warren and Mary (Francis) Espenship, his father, now a resident of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, having been a farmer and carpenter throughout his lifetime. The mother is deceased.

Elmer F. Espenship was born in Lower Providence township, in this county, June 9, 1877. He was educated in the public schools of his native place and when a lad of twelve years left home and worked on various farms until the age of seventeen years. He then engaged in the butter and egg business in a small way at Worcester. While thus active he covered extensive territory in Montgomery and adjacent counties, and continued for three years building up a very considerable business. On January 16, 1898, Mr. Espenship enlisted in the United States Regular Army as a member of Company K, 16th Infantry Regiment, and for thirty-three months served in the Philippine Islands. He was mustered out of the service in 1902 at San Francisco after enduring many hardships in the wild foreign country. Coming to Norristown immediately thereafter, he was active in the insurance business for about eight years, during four years of which period he was manager for the Colonial Insurance Company of Philadelphia. His next venture was in the livery business at Collegeville, in this county, where he handled moving and general trucking as well. He then came to Graterford, where he engaged in the hotel business, conducting what was known as the Graterford Hotel for one year. Then coming to Norristown he established a livery business here, doing trucking and moving from the start. That part of the business developed so much more widely than the other that he eventually discontinued the general livery work and has done exclusively moving and trucking for a number of years. Always on the alert for any kind of work in his line, he has developed a large and important interest, and for some years has also handled storage quite extensively. He has two storage buildings at the corner of Lafayette and Water streets in Norristown, one five stories high, 75x30 feet, and one two stories high, 75x35 feet. He makes a specialty of individual storage with separate compartments. He does also furniture moving, and the transferring of household goods is constantly increasing, and he goes to any point, operating three vans. Fraternally Mr. Espenship is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose, and the Knights of the Golden Eagle. He is also a member of General Weaver Post, No. 52, Spanish War Veterans, and is a member of the Baptist church.

Mr. Espenship married, April 6, 1905, Laura Brunett, of Norristown, daughter of James and Nora Brunett, and they have two children: Warren Earle, and Marian Evalin. The family home is at No. 555 Hawes avenue, Norristown.

**FRANK WILLIAM BEHN**, proprietor of the Behn Motor Company of Royersford, Pennsylvania, was born in Battle Creek, Iowa, May 18, 1890, son of Peter and Eliza Behn. He was educated in the public schools of Battle Creek, and in Davenport Commercial College, his business life beginning in a Battle Creek bank, that place retaining him for several years. He then resigned his position, spent three years in farming, and entered the real estate and insurance field, continuing until 1921, when he came east and located in Royersford, Pennsylvania, securing the agency for the Ford cars and tractors.

Mr. Behn operates as the Behn Motor Company, having been in business in Royersford since July, 1921. He sells Ford and Lincoln cars and Fordson tractors, Ford parts and accessories, and does a general garage and repair business. He is a member of Battle Creek Lodge, No. 446, Free and Accepted Masons, holding the thirty-second degree in Sioux City Consistory, No. 5, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and is also a member of Abu-Bekr Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Sioux City, Iowa. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

He married, June 14, 1914, Hattie Rothermel, of Reading, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of a son, Daniel R., born September 3, 1915. The family home is at No. 237 Main street, Royersford.

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**WILLIAM J. EHRSFELDT**, owner and manager of the Keystone Pretzel Company, located at No. 147 West Lafayette street, Norristown, Pennsylvania, is one of the successful and well-established business men of the county. For more than thirty years he has been engaged in the manufacture and sale of high-grade pretzels, and he is well known throughout the county, being the only manufacturer of pretzels in the borough of Norristown.

Mr. Ehrnsfeldt was born in Strausstown, Berks county, Pennsylvania, January 18, 1874, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Gassert) Ehrnsfeldt, and grandson of Daniel Ehrnsfeldt, who came to this country from Germany and settled at Taylor's Forge, Berks county, where his family were born. Eight days after the birth of Daniel Ehrnsfeldt, the mother died and Daniel (father of William J.) was given to David Straus, an uncle of the child, with whom he remained until he grew to manhood, when he married and removed to Lebanon county, where he and his wife, Elizabeth (Gassert) Ehrnsfeldt, became the parents of four children: Albert, a resident of Rehrersburg, Berks county, Pennsylvania; Annetta, married Milton D. Reich, of Richland, Lebanon county, Pennsylvania; William J., of further mention; and Adeline, deceased.

William J. Ehrnsfeldt received his education in the public schools of Myerstown, and was engaged in farm work until about seventeen years of age. He then learned the bakery business in Myerstown, and worked at that trade in the employ of others until 1906. In that year he engaged in business for himself, at his present location. The concern was established in 1890 by George Ault, who for sixteen years conducted a general bakery in a small way, and from whom Mr. Ehrnsfeldt purchased





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the plant and the good will of patrons. Mr. Ehrnfeldt devoted his energies and the full facilities of the plant to the making of pretzels and was successful from the beginning. He has rebuilt the whole plant, put in up-to-date machinery, and operates the entire establishment according to the most modern and progressive plans. He makes from 25,000 to 30,000 pretzels a day and disposes of his product throughout Montgomery county, giving employment to nine people. He makes only high-grade pretzels, and his trade-mark is a guarantee of quality throughout the county.

Mr. Ehrnfeldt is well known in fraternal circles, being a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Loyal Order of Moose; Knights of Pythias; and a contributing member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is a member of Christ Reformed Church, of Norris-town.

William J. Ehrnfeldt married, on March 15, 1901, Mary A. (Stutzman) Uhrich, daughter of Andrew and Susan B. Stutzman, of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and they became the parents of one child, William John Ehrnfeldt, born November 13, 1904, died February 14, 1905.

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**ELMER E. OBERHOLTZER**—Among the practical industries of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, Mr. Oberholtzer stands as a veteran blacksmith and distributor of harvesters and farm implements. Reared in the activities of the farm, he has built his success upon his thorough knowledge of the needs of the farmer, and for more than forty years has conducted business at his present location. He is a son of Joseph H. and Sarah Oberholtzer, long residents of Towamencin township, his father for many years a leading farmer of that section and also a prominent and successful cattle dealer. These parents had five children: Josiah; Elmer E., of further mention; Lincoln; and two that died, Sylvester C. and William C.

Elmer E. Oberholtzer was born in Towamencin township, Pennsylvania, May 11, 1862. His education was acquired in the local public schools, and as a boy he assisted his father on the farm, then, at the age of seventeen years, began to learn the trade of blacksmith. He served an apprenticeship of three years with John Appel, at Kulpsville, then remained with him for one year thereafter as a smith. Coming to Mainland in 1880, Mr. Oberholtzer opened a blacksmith shop here, securing the sales agency at the same time for one of the early makes of harvesters, and for a variety of other farm implements. He has followed this line of business endeavor continuously since, now being active in his fortieth year of commercial experience in the same location. He has been largely successful, and is counted among the substantial and progressive business men of the community. The long period of his residence in Mainland and the confidence of the people in his discretion brought him forward into the public service many years ago as judge of elections, in which capacity he served for fifteen years. He was also road supervisor for two years. His political convictions align with the principles of the Republican party, but he endorses every forward move-



ment. Fraternally Mr. Oberholtzer holds membership in Shiloh Lodge, No. 558, Free and Accepted Masons, and also in Kulpsville Lodge, No. 345, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of Christ Lutheran Church, which he has served as deacon for the past six years.

Mr. Oberholtzer married, at Mainland, Pennsylvania, on January 9, 1882, Ida H. Brunner, daughter of James B. and Madelina (Hendricks) Brunner. Mr. and Mrs. Oberholtzer are the parents of three children: 1. Linford B., born October 13, 1886, at Lansdale, Pennsylvania; he married Mabel Clemens, daughter of Henry B. Clemens, and they are the parents of the following children: Ellsworth, James, and Elizabeth. 2. One who died in infancy. 3. Wilbur B., born at Mainland, November 6, 1892.

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**GEORGE BENJAMIN STONER**—Formerly a public accountant and now associated with Percy A. Flavell in the automobile business, Mr. Stoner is widely known as a progressive man of affairs. He was born at Philadelphia, January 25, 1879, son of the Rev. H. Y. Stoner and his wife, Mary (Fritz) Stoner.

His grandfather, George Stoner, was the proprietor of a hotel and general store at Stonersville, Pennsylvania, which takes its name from an ancestor of Mr. Stoner's who settled there in the early days. George Stoner was a zealous and devoted member of the Reformed church and exhibited his devotion to the cause of militant religion in many ways; among other things, he used to send his own teams out on Sundays and special occasions to drive families, which lived at a distance, to the church and back in order that they might not be deprived of the opportunity to attend the services.

It was natural, therefore, that his son, Mr. Stoner's father, being brought up in such an atmosphere of old fashioned piety and reverence, should decide to become a minister. He was carefully trained for an ecclesiastical career and has become widely known for his active and self-sacrificing work on behalf of his church. He was for many years actively engaged in pastoral work as a minister of the Reformed church, and during that period organized and established two churches in different localities. At the present time, he is the owner and director of the Inter-State Commercial College at Reading, Pennsylvania. The Rev. Stoner is a Mason of the thirty-third degree and has been through all the chairs of the Masonic Lodge. Greatly interested in public affairs and everywhere recognized as a public-spirited citizen, he has been active in many welfare and social service movements and held the position of chairman of the Near East Relief work in Berks county during the World War and the period just following it. The Rev. Stoner and his wife have four children: George Benjamin, the subject of this review; Ella, who married Arthur D. Willard; Caroline; Katherine.

George Benjamin Stoner received his education, first, in the public schools of Reading, where his parents live, and, later, completed his preliminary studies at various private schools. When his grammar school studies were completed, he proceeded to a private academic school for

the purpose of finishing his education. While at school, he had decided to enter the field of business and, having a marked ability for mathematics, chose the field of public accounting. He took a thorough course in this branch of business after his graduation from the academy, and began his business career as a public accountant, forming an advantageous business connection at Reading. He spent twenty-two years in this work, and during that period acquired a wide experience of business methods and trade conditions, coming into contact with many different types of business men. In 1916 he moved to Philadelphia in order to accept an offer of a position as office manager for a well-known firm of contractors. He found this work very agreeable and met with great success in it, his instinctively precise and orderly methods combined with a remarkable administrative ability enabling him to secure the maximum efficiency in the conduct of the work of his employers, who rank among the largest firms of contractors at Philadelphia.

But during the course of his career, Mr. Stoner had been attracted by the possibilities offered by the automobile business and, on April 8, 1922, having resigned his position at Philadelphia to the regret of his associates, he formed a partnership with Percy A. Flavell and established the Glenside Motors, with offices and showrooms at Glenside. The partners have already achieved a substantial success and their business has increased to a gratifying extent. They are sales agents for the Ford Motor Car and the Fordson Tractor, and maintain a service station for these motors. They are also the exclusive agents for the Lincoln Motor and the latest models of this superb car may be seen to advantage in their commodious and attractive show rooms. Drivers of the Lincoln car will also find their premises conveniently located for service and repairs of all descriptions and their stock of spare parts and accessories is unusually complete. Mr. Stoner's success is based upon energy and ability and he is generally regarded as a progressive and vigorous member of the business community.

Keenly interested in all civic and social service movements, and proud of the progress made by Glenside, Mr. Stoner takes a firm stand on the side of constructive, legislative and business policies. He holds office as secretary of the Glenside Business Men's Association, and is an active worker for the aims of the association. His favorite recreations are automobiling and inland fishing. As an automobilist, he naturally supports the movement for better roads and uniformity of license laws throughout the country. As a fisherman, he is interested in the conservation of fish and game and the efforts made by various organizations to prevent the pollution of streams and lakes and the taking of fish in illegal and prohibited manners. In religious faith, Mr. Stoner follows his father's and belongs to the Reformed church, lending his support to all the congregational activities.

On April 23, 1898, he married, at Reading, Susie A. Krick, daughter of Adam A. and Ellen (Adams) Krick. Mrs. Stoner is one of a family of five children, her brother and sisters being: Margaret, who married

Archibald Dysart ; Mary ; Sallie, who married John Young, now deceased ; and Adam R. Mr. and Mrs. Stoner have two children : G. Bertram, who was born February 22, 1899 ; Dorothy C., who was born October 2, 1903.

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**JOHN BURTON**—One of the pioneers in the florist business in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, is John Burton, who began business in this section of the State more than forty years ago. He was the first to sell American Beauty roses in the cut flower trade in this country, and was long known as an expert in the horticultural field.

Mr. Burton was born in England, January 27, 1852, on the old homestead, one of the four children of John and Ann (Hand) Burton, both of whom are deceased. He received his education in the public schools of his native country, and then engaged in gardening, making a careful study of that branch of the business in which he later specialized, horticulture. He was employed in the gardens of the Earl of Stamford, in England, for a time, but in 1872 decided to come to the United States. He sailed on the steamship "Atlantic" and after landing at New York City, went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he secured employment as a gardener. He helped in the preparations for the Centennial Exhibition held in Philadelphia, in 1876, and then removed to New Orleans, Louisiana, where he remained for two years. At the end of that time he returned North and settled in Springfield township, Montgomery county, where he at once purchased twenty-one acres of land and engaged in the florist business. His thorough knowledge of the business and his personal qualities rapidly won success and he became one of the leading rose growers in the country. He was the first to see and to develop the possibilities of the American Beauty rose in the cut flower trade in this country, and in Montgomery county was one of the pioneers of his field. By 1904, he was growing plants under more than 2,000 feet of glass, and had made a name for himself as one of the most expert and enterprising growers of plants and flowers in this section of the State. In 1893, his son, Alfred Burton, became his assistant, retaining the association until 1905, when the son engaged in business for himself. The business continued to grow and prosper under the management of John Burton until 1918, when he retired.

Mr. Burton has always taken an active interest in local public affairs. He gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Democratic party and is a leader in the political activities of that part in Springfield township. In 1891 he was elected to represent his district in the State legislature, and during his term of office discharged his duties with distinction and credit, giving entire satisfaction to his constituents. For ten consecutive years he served the township as school director, and as an earnest advocate of the best possibilities for educational progress, rendered valuable service. He is a member of the Florist Association of America, and his religious affiliation is with the Grace Episcopal Church, of Mt. Airy, Pennsylvania.

On January 24, 1875, John Burton married Elizabeth Ann Lees, daugh-



ter of George Lees, a superintendent of carpet works in Philadelphia, and they are the parents of: Alfred, a sketch of whom follows; George; Alice, who married Joseph Finley; Elizabeth, who married Dr. Frank McCracken Ramsey, of Wyndmoor.

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**ALFRED BURTON**—For more than fifty years the Burton family, father and son, have been identified with the horticultural industry of this section of the country, Alfred Burton having been engaged therein throughout his life. He is a native of Germantown, where he was born May 9, 1877, his parents being John and Elizabeth Ann (Lees) Burton, a sketch of whom precedes this.

After completing his studies in the public schools, Mr. Burton took a two-year business course at Pierce's School in Philadelphia, then attended the West Chester Normal for a year, after which, in preparation for his special work, he studied a year at the Pennsylvania State Horticultural College. In 1893 he became his father's active assistant in his florist business, and continued to be associated with him until 1904. The following year, in 1905, he started operations on his own responsibility beginning his enterprise with 3,000 square feet of space under glass, which he has since increased to 7,000 feet. His establishment comprises eleven green houses, enabling him to maintain a very large output of flowers and plants, and conduct an exceedingly thriving business.

Mr. Burton enjoys a high reputation in horticultural circles and maintains membership in a number of well-known organizations devoted to promoting the interests of this field of endeavor. Among these are the Pennsylvania Horticultural Association; the Society of American Florists, the American Rose Society; the Philadelphia Florist's Club. In addition to this he also belongs to the Philadelphia Rotary Club.

On October 2, 1900, Edith May Harper became the wife of Mr. Burton. She is a daughter of Henry Clay Harper, now deceased, and Mary (Hammer) Harper, and has two brothers and two sisters, their names being Henry C. Harper, Charles Harper, Emily Harper and Sarah Harper. Mr. and Mrs. Burton have three children: Mary Hammer, born January 24, 1903, who studied industrial art in Philadelphia for three years, who married Ramsey McKinsey, Jr., of Philadelphia, May 23, 1923; they will reside at Wyndmoor; Elizabeth Lees, born June 4, 1905, is a student at Swarthmore College; Ann, born July 22, 1908, attends the Friends' High School at Philadelphia. The family are members of the Mt. Airy Grace Episcopal Church.

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**EDWIN H. FAUST**—From 1851 until his death in 1884, Alvin D. Faust was engaged as a tanner in Ambler, Pennsylvania, owning and conducting his own tannery very successfully. He married Catherine Kuhns, and three sons of that marriage, Edwin H., Samuel A., and Milton D., succeeded their father in business at his death, having been instructed in the art of leather tanning by their father, an expert tanner. The business, founded over a century ago and developed by Alvin D. Faust, claimed Edwin H. Faust when he was but a lad of fifteen, and as

his father's assistant he spent sixteen years of his life before becoming with his brothers, an owner and responsible head of this, one of Ambler's oldest industries. Alvin D. Faust not only developed a business that yet endures but during his life time he did much for the public school system, serving for many years as school director.

Edwin H. Faust, son of Alvin D. and Catherine (Kuhns) Faust, was born in Ambler, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, December 20, 1853, and began his education in the public school. He continued study in Allentown Military Academy and in the academic department of Muhlenberg College, but school years ended in 1868, and his connection with the tannery of which he now is an owner began. As he grew in years and experience greater responsibilities were laid upon him, the father fitting his sons during his own life time to succeed him in the management of the tannery. In 1884 the three sons of Alvin D. Faust came into the management and ownership of the Faust tannery and with that ownership and management Edwin H. Faust has been continuously connected until the present year 1923. He is also a director of the First National Bank of Ambler, his son, William H. Faust, being cashier of that institution.

In his political faith Mr. Faust is a Democrat and for thirty-five years has served Ambler school board as treasurer. He was the first treasurer elected after the incorporation and as yet has had no successor. He had previously served as a school director and virtually his service in behalf of his public schools has been lifelong. He is a member of Fort Washington Lodge, No. 308, and of Fort Washington Chapter, Royal Arch Masons having held the office of treasurer of his lodge thirty-five years, 1888-1923. In religious faith, he is a Lutheran.

Edwin H. Faust married, in Allentown, Pennsylvania, November 11, 1876, Eliza Rauch, daughter of Jonas and Maria (Kuhns) Rauch. Her mother is a cousin of Catherine (Kuhns) Faust, mother of Edwin H. Faust. Jonas Rauch was a farmer of Lehigh county, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Faust two children have been born: William H., now cashier of the First National Bank of Ambler; Blanche, married Charles Stout, a grocer of Ambler, and has a daughter Catherine.

As a native son, Mr. Faust's record is a proud one, for his years, seventy, have been spent in Ambler, the place of his birth, and during fifty-five of those years he has been connected with the same business that claimed his father, and that an Ambler industry. His service to the schools is also most remarkable.

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**OSCAR H. STILLWAGON**—In one of those branches of mercantile activity most vital to the welfare of the people Mr. Stillwagon has for more than eighteen years been actively engaged in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, for fifteen years being at the head of his own business, in the borough of Ambler. Mr. Stillwagon comes of a family long resident in Pennsylvania, both his parents being natives of this State. He is a son of A. B. Stillwagon, who was born in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, on January 30, 1849. He conducted a bakery and ice cream business in



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Ambler for twenty years and was the first man in this section to make Vienna bread. He also had a restaurant, which he carried on for twenty years, and was postmaster of Ambler from 1884 to 1888, under President Grover Cleveland. He married Mary E. Hulett, who was born in Philadelphia, on May 14, 1848, and they had four children: Oscar H.; Milton, who died at the age of thirteen; Jennie T., wife of William H. Oliver, who is sales representative for the Republican Iron and Steel Company, of New York; and Ross, who died in infancy.

Oscar H. Stillwagon was born in Ambler, Pennsylvania, on October 31, 1875. Educated in the public and high schools of his native place and Sunnyside Boarding School of Ambler, he then attended the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. He passed the State examination and received the degree of Pharmacist in 1904. He was then employed by Joseph S. Angeny and R. C. Roberts at Ambler until 1907, when he started in business for himself in a small way, and to-day (1923) has just completed the erection of a new three-story building—20 x 90—and apartments on second floor, where he lives, in the center of the business section of the city, at No. 317 Butler avenue.

Fraternally Mr. Stillwagon is a member of Fort Washington Lodge, No. 308, Free and Accepted Masons; of Fort Washington Chapter, No. 220, Royal Arch Masons; of the Philadelphia Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and of Lu Lu Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a Democrat by political affiliation. His church connection is as a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Ambler.

Mr. Stillwagon married, in November, 1912, at Madison, Maine, Mayhalie A. Bray, of Madison, daughter of Charles E. and Vyrtiline (Kershner) Bray, the father being a native of Maine, and retired from business before his death, which occurred in 1892. Her mother is still living and resides in Maine. Mr. and Mrs. Stillwagon have two children: Oscar H., Jr., born October 2, 1913; and Mary Jane, born December 11, 1914.

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**CHARLES W. LEWIS**, proprietor of the Lewis undertaking and funeral parlors at Harmonville, Pennsylvania, is a prominent member of the Cold Point Baptist Church. He was born in Whitepain township, May 20, 1854, son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Deaves) Lewis. His father, who was engaged in the cultivation of the soil throughout his active career, was born in Plymouth township, son of Nathan and Rebecca Lewis. Mr. Lewis is one of a family of three, his two brothers being William; John, who died October 22, 1863, aged nine years.

Mr. Lewis received his education in the Sandy Hill School. When he was four years old his father died, and he lived with his widowed mother. During his boyhood and early youth he worked on various farms in the neighborhood, but at the age of eighteen he decided to seek his fortune in an independent venture, and accordingly accepted a position in the undertaking establishment of William H. Ruddach. Spending three years in this connection, he acquired a thorough knowledge of an undertaker's work and duties. When this period came to an end, Mr.

Lewis accepted a position with Crankshaw and Broadhurst, of Conshohocken, and learned the painting and decorating business. After careful consideration of various possibilities, he rented a suitable building and established a general store at Harmonville, Pennsylvania. In connection with this enterprise, he conducted an undertaking business and took entire charge of funeral arrangements. His business met with success, his instinctive business ability enabling him to conduct the store with great profit, especially in as much as he was a practical interior decorator and received many commissions for the decoration of houses and apartments. As an undertaker, his skill and high sense of the dignity and importance of his work brought him many friends, who appreciated his sympathy and devotion at a time of bereavement. In 1889, Mr. Lewis decided to give up the store and to devote all his time to the undertaking and funeral directing. Accordingly, he sold his interest in the store to good advantage, and has since been engaged in business solely as a funeral director and decorator. In 1888 he built his present home and mortuary parlor, sparing no pains to make it convenient in arrangement and harmonious and dignified in appearance. He is widely known and greatly admired throughout the vicinity and has a host of friends and acquaintances who regard his opinions with the highest respect.

In religious faith, Mr. Lewis is a Baptist. He has served as clerk of the church for the past forty-five years, and has held the office of deacon for a period of twenty years. A great believer in religious education and the value of inspiring young people with a sense of their religious duties and advantages, he has always taken the keenest interest in the work of the Sunday school, of which he served as superintendent for one year. In politics, Mr. Lewis is a Democrat. He is a member of the Roxboro Lodge of the Independent Americans and takes a firm stand for the maintenance of the highest ideals of personal and national conduct. He takes a great pride in the development of the community during the last fifty years, and is everywhere regarded as a public-spirited citizen and a man of influence and substance.

On May 6, 1875, he married, at Harmonville, Sarah Johnson, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Carn) Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis had two children: Elizabeth J. Lewis, who was named for her mother's mother and who died some years ago; Harry J. Lewis, who died at the age of fourteen months. Mrs. Lewis died suddenly on December 2, 1918. Mr. Lewis was sixty-nine years of age on May 20, 1923, and is still actively engaged in his business.

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**HENRY H. ALLEBACH**—Among the substantial business men of this section of Montgomery county, is Henry H. Allebach, proprietor of a general store at Lederach. The history of the family of Mr. Allebach dates to the very beginning of the settlement of this part of the country, his first ancestor having come to what is now Montgomery county, in 1650, and was the recipient of one of the original grants of land from King George V.

Mr. Allebach was born in Lower Salford on September 12, 1892, a son .



of Frank and Rebecca (Hunsicker) Allebach, his father being a prosperous farmer of this section of the county. In acquiring his education, Mr. Allebach attended the public schools of his home community, finishing with a course at the Shissler Business College at Norristown. After completing his studies he spent a short time as a clerk in the store of Mr. Mayberry at Lederach, then went to Camden, New Jersey, where for a period covering the subsequent nine years he was a bookkeeper, a portion of the time for Armstrong Cork Company, and the balance of the years for Cassel, Kidd Company.

In fulfillment of a desire to return to his native community, and also to engage in business for himself, in April, 1921, Mr. Allebach came to Lederach, and purchased the general store of Mr. Heist, and since that time he has conducted the store as its sole owner. During the years of the World War, he was employed by the Camden Forge Corporation at Camden, New Jersey. Throughout his life Mr. Allebach has performed his duties as a citizen, by actively participating in the affairs of the community of which he was a resident, and aligned himself with those who work for its best welfare. In his political affiliation he is a believer in the principles of the Republican party, which he supports with his influence and vote. Among the organizations of which he is a prominent member are the Harleysville Beneficial Society, and the Commonwealth Casualty Company. In religious circles he is known as an active member of the Lutheran church.

On September 22, 1917, Mr. Allebach was united in marriage with Mabel Frederick, a daughter of Horace and Deborah (Stauffer) Frederick. On February 12, 1920, Mr. Allebach suffered bereavement in the loss of his wife, who was a woman of beautiful character, with whom he lived in perfect companionship. Her passing was a heavy blow to her devoted husband and an inestimable loss to the community wherein she numbered a host of friends, and was loved by all who knew her.

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**PERCY A. FLAVELL**—The younger generation of business men of this section of Montgomery county, includes as one of its most prosperous and progressive members, Mr. Percy A. Flavell, who, since 1918, has been conducting a garage and automobile business in Glenside. Mr. Flavell is a native of Germantown, where he was born February 3, 1894, his parents being Thomas and Annie (Steere) Flavell. Thomas Flavell founded his underwear manufacturing business in Germantown, in 1864, and continued to conduct it until 1914, when he retired from active participation in commercial affairs. He is now living at 5340 Green street, Germantown. Besides Percy A., there were three other children in the family, all sons, their names being Frank, Albert and Edwin.

The Germantown public and high schools provided the medium through which Mr. Flavell acquired his early education. Later he took a course at the Germantown Academy, and followed this with two years study in Pierce's Business College at Philadelphia. His education finished, he at once entered upon his business career, securing his first employment with A. C. Krewson, of Philadelphia, as manager of his

shop, sales and service departments. He remained there until July, 1917, when he enlisted in the United States army for service in the World War. He was sent first to Camp Meade, then to Camp Johnson, at Jacksonville, Florida, for training, and went overseas with the Ninetieth Division, Company F, 315th Supply Train. He was sent to the battlefields and saw service in France taking part in the campaigns on the Meuse, at Argonne, and St. Mihiel. He left France, July 16, 1919, and upon arrival here was sent to Camp Dix, and given honorable discharge on August 4, 1919. Returning to civil life he came immediately to Glenside and leased the garage on Keswick avenue, and continued to conduct it independently until April, 1922, when in association with George B. Stoner, the Glenside Motors was formed, and they opened an additional place at 137 Glenside avenue. In addition to giving regular garage and shop service, they also handle sales and service for Ford and Lincoln cars, and the Fordson tractor.

In social, religious and political affairs Mr. Flavell takes the interest required of all progressive citizens. He is a supporter of the principles of the Republican party in politics. In his religious affiliation he maintains membership in the Germantown Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia. He is a member of Glenside Camp, No. 249, of the American Legion, and an ardent supporter of any enterprise proposed for the benefit of ex-service men.

On August 27, 1916, occurred the marriage at Baltimore, Maryland, of Mr. Flavell to Bessie M. Stadelman, a daughter of William and Violet Stadelman. Of this union one child has been born, Grace, whose birthday was June 6, 1918.

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**JOHN I. BECHTEL**—While engaged in business as a farmer in Upper Providence township, where he is a well known citizen, Mr. Bechtel found time to serve his community to the best of his ability. He is a son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Latshaw) Bechtel, both of whom are deceased, the father having been engaged in farming in Upper Providence township, and a member of the Mennonite church. They were also the parents of: Sarah, deceased wife of Abram Landes; Mary, deceased wife of Abram Hallman; Annie, who died at the age of seventeen; James and David, who died in infancy; Jacob, living only until nine years old.

John I. Bechtel was born near Trappe, in Upper Providence township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, on the homestead farm, March 30, 1859. He attended the public schools of his township and worked on his father's farm, leaving the latter in the year of his marriage, 1882. He then purchased a farm of ninety-nine acres and until 1907 continued to operate it, but desiring a smaller acreage, sold the farm and purchased one of sixteen acres near Royersford, Pennsylvania, on which truck is raised. He is a Republican in politics and for seven years served as assessor for Upper Providence township. He is a director of the Royersford Trust Company, formerly the Royersford National Bank, and has served in that capacity since its organization. He is a member

of the Green Tree Brethren Church, was deacon for twenty-five years, and at the present time is a trustee of the church.

John I. Bechtel was married, in 1882, in the Green Tree parsonage, by Elder J. T. Myers, to Martha Reiff, a daughter of John and Sarah (Cassel) Reiff, the father having been a farmer in Lower Providence township. Other children of John and Sarah (Cassel) Reiff were: John C., Isaiah C.; Mary, wife of George Zimmerman; Sarah, Anna. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bechtel, and are as follows: Albert R., professor of botany at Warsaw College, Crawfordsville, Indiana; John R., fieldman with H. J. Heinz Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Sarah, wife of Oliver Grimley, Jeffersonville, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania; Anna, wife of Neville Cook, Ardmore, Pennsylvania; Ruth, wife of William Seip, high school teacher at Royersford, Pennsylvania, and graduate of Penn State College, 1919, with the degree of Doctor of Domestic Science; Orpha, living at home and unmarried; Abram, who died at the age of nineteen.

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**HARRY S. SPIESS**—In the business world of Norristown, Pennsylvania, and vicinity, Mr. Spiess is widely known as an energetic and capable blacksmith and mechanic, and is doing a large and successful business along this line of endeavor. He is a son of Charles and Ida M. (Schell) Spiess, long residents of this State. The family consists of three daughters and one son besides the subject of this sketch, as follows: Rosa, now Mrs. Kleinbach; Edna, now Mrs. Auchy; Irene; and Charles A., Jr.

Harry S. Spiess was born in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, December 30, 1889. His education was acquired in the public schools of Lower Salford township, where a large part of his boyhood was spent. His first employment was with his father, in the blacksmith shop of the latter, in Lederach, Pennsylvania. Beginning at the age of fourteen years, he served an apprenticeship of four years with his father, then wishing to see various parts of the country, struck out for himself. This was about 1908, and for the next eight years the young man traveled through many different States of the Union, eventually returning to his native State of Pennsylvania, and establishing in business in the borough of Conshohocken, but residing in the borough of Norristown. Here he has since been actively engaged as a blacksmith, a very considerable amount of his business being the repairing of motor trucks. He has built up a thriving business, and is counted among the successful men of the locality in which he is established. He is broadly interested in the affairs of the community, and in political matters of both local and national import, is a supporter of the Republican party. Fraternally he holds membership in the Loyal Order of Moose, of Phoenixville, and the Knights of Friendship of Salfordville. He is a member of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Spiess married, September 12, 1909, in Wilmington, Delaware, Frances R. Tyson, and they have one child, Francis Harry, born May 27, 1911.



**HENRY H. BECHTEL**, a successful dairyman, orchardist, and truck farmer, was born at Royersford, Upper Providence township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, October 28, 1878, son of Henry and Mary (Detweiler) Bechtel. His father, who was a prosperous farmer and landowner, was born in 1848, and died in 1905. Since his father's death, Mr. Bechtel's mother has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Gennaria, of Royersford. Mr. Bechtel's parents had eight children: Katherine, who married John Bartman, the present steward at the county house; Oliver D., who is a resident of Philadelphia; Mary D., who has never married and who is now engaged in educational work as a teacher at Bryn Mawr; Elizabeth, who died in infancy; Emma, who married J. H. Gennaria, a farmer and landowner of Royersford; Henry H.; J. Irving, who is a farmer of Royersford; Frank D., who is a boiler maker and lives at Upper Providence, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania.

Henry H. Bechtel was educated in the public schools of Montgomery county. As a boy, he took an active interest in the work of the home farm and performed many of the lighter tasks outside of school hours and during the long vacations. By thus familiarizing himself with agricultural methods and the management of dairy cattle, Mr. Bechtel became a practical farmer at an early age and by the time his scholastic education was completed, he was fully equipped for farm and dairy management. Becoming his father's chief helper immediately after leaving school, he spent several years on the Bechtel farm as an employee. In 1901 he became his father's partner and worked on shares until 1905. Upon the death of his father in that year, Mr. Bechtel assumed full control of the property and has continued to carry on the various enterprises connected with it ever since. He gathers a fine yield of apples, sends many truck loads of garden fruits and vegetables to market every week during the season and, daily, ships a large quantity of high grade milk to Philadelphia. In general condition, his farm is one of the best in Montgomery county. He has seventy-nine acres under intensive cultivation and the careful planting and trim condition of his acres gives his place a very attractive appearance and one that is favorably commented upon by every discerning passer-by.

Of deep religious convictions, Mr. Bechtel is a member of the congregation of Trinity Reformed Church at Collegeville, and regularly attends divine worship there. He is interested in all the activities of the church and especially in the Sunday school and work among the young people. In political faith, Mr. Bechtel is a Republican. At the last presidential election, he was an ardent supporter of President Harding and believes that in him the United States has found an ideal presidential type. For many years a member of the Farmers' Grange, Mr. Bechtel is on the roster of Keystone Lodge, No. 2, which meets at Trappe. He is a prominent member of the Pennsylvania Milk Producers' Association and a vigorous upholder of its policies. Widely known among Odd Fellows, he is a member of Royersford Lodge, No. 1038, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and never misses a meeting.

At Collegeville, Pennsylvania, on April 2, 1901, Mr. Bechtel married



*Henry H. Bechtel.*





Sarah H. Gennaria, daughter of Charles and Hannah (Hollman) Gennaria. Mrs. Bechtel's father, who was born on August 28, 1848, is still living in retirement with his daughter at Royersford, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Bechtel's mother died April 10, 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Gennaria had eight children: Abram H., who is now on the State Highway Department of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania; Jerome H., who is a farmer of Royersford; Sarah H., who is now Mrs. Bechtel; Elizabeth H., who married Milton G. Reed, and who is now a resident of Royersford, Pennsylvania; Hannah, David, and Frank H., all of whom are dead; Katharine, who married J. W. Pennypacker and subsequently died at Iron Bridge, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Bechtel have had six children: Mary G. Bechtel, who was born February 5, 1902, and who was employed as a stenographer and an escort at the Valley Forge Chapel by the Rev. W. H. Burk, from 1922 to 1923, and is now employed by Freed Heater Company, at Collegeville; Charles William Bechtel, who was born June 7, 1905, and died October 4, 1905; Hannah G. Bechtel, who was born November 22, 1906, and died May 2, 1908; Henry Ernest Bechtel, who was born May 17, 1909; Frances Tyson Bechtel, who was born July 6, 1911; Sarah Geraldine Bechtel, who was born May 31, 1918. The three youngest children live at home and are attending school.

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**FRANK MEGILLIGAN**—Many of the men who served their country in the World War received among other impressions a realization of the growth and importance of the automotive industry, and like Frank Megilligan, of Bridgeport, Pennsylvania, returned to their homes not to reënter the business in which they were formerly engaged, but to specialize on some phase of the automotive business. Mr. Megilligan comes from a fighting ancestry, his great-grandfather, who came to this country from Ireland and settled at Wilmington, Delaware, was a soldier of the Revolution; his grandfather served in the War of 1812, and his father, George W. Megilligan, enlisted in the Civil War in 1861, and engaged in many of the battles of that war, until its ending in 1865. George W. Megilligan was born at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, and died at Bridgeport, Pennsylvania, November 28, 1918, a machinist by trade, later a Philadelphia & Reading railroad conductor. He married Catherine Z. Jones, daughter of John and Rebecca (Zinc) Jones. To Mr. and Mrs. Megilligan five children were born: John, deceased; Ellen, Emma L., George, and Frank.

Frank Megilligan was born at Bridgeport, Pennsylvania, September 9, 1884, and received his education in the public schools of that place. His business career began as a salesman for the Diamond Fibre Company of Bridgeport. At the outbreak of war between the United States and Germany he enlisted in the United States army, April 7, 1917, serving until honorably discharged at Camp Dix, New Jersey, May 19, 1919. He was first assigned to Battery C of the 107th Regiment, Field Artillery, was promoted to the rank of sergeant in May 18, 1918, and remained with that battery until October 17, 1918, when he was transferred to

Battery F and later promoted to chief gunner, in which capacity he served until honorably discharged.

On March 1, 1921, Mr. Megilligan established at No. 129 West Fourth street, Bridgeport, Pennsylvania, in partnership with George K. Michener, his present business of automobile repairing and experimental machine work, which bids fair to be one of the successes in that line of industry. In politics Mr. Megilligan is an Independent Republican. Fraternally he is associated with the Coates Wafer Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, No. 840; the Patriotic Sons of America, Lodge No. 51; is a member of Charity Lodge, No. 190, Free and Accepted Masons. His religious connection is with the Baptist church of Bridgeport.

At New York City, New York, December 30, 1909, Frank Megilligan married Emma, daughter of George and Catherine (Gouldy) Bush.

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**MRS. ANNA CATANESE**—Since the death of her husband in 1915, Mrs. Anna Catanese has been the successful owner and manager of the florist establishment located at No. 321 DeKalb street, Norristown, Pennsylvania. The business was established in 1900 by William H. Catanese, which he conducted until his death. William H. Catanese, born in Philadelphia about 1889, was brought to Norristown by his parents while still a child. He received his education in the public schools of Norristown and shortly after the completion of his school training, joined his father in the establishment of greenhouses at the corner of Tremont avenue and Basin street, where they began, in a small way, the cultivation of flowers and plants. As the business grew, they established a store on West Main street, and when continued growth made new quarters necessary, they removed to their present location. William H. Catanese was one of the progressive young men of Norristown, well known and well liked. He was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose and of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and his religious affiliation was with the Italian Catholic church.

On October 5, 1910, William H. Catanese married Anna Giannone, daughter of Pasquale and Camilla Giannone, and they became the parents of three children: Thomas, Maria, and Camilla.

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**HENRY BUSSELL BRYANS**—A comparatively young man, Mr. Bryans is successful in business in Norristown, Pennsylvania, where he is associated with the Counties Gas and Electric Company. He is affiliated with a number of important engineering societies of this country, and well known fraternally. He is a son of Henry Montgomery and Ella L. (Lonergan) Bryans, whose other children are: Helen Grace, a teacher in Philadelphia; and Frances, wife of Gabriel De Lozier, an engineer with the Westinghouse Electric Company, in South Philadelphia. The father is employed by the Fire Association of Philadelphia.

Henry Bussell Bryans, born March 26, 1886, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was educated there and graduated from the Central High School with the class of 1903, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Later, in 1917, he completed a course in mechanical engineering at the



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University of Pennsylvania. After completing his university course, he became associated with the United Gas Improvement Company, of Philadelphia, and occupied positions in subsidiaries of that company in various places from 1907 to 1914. In the latter year he secured employment as engineer with the Counties Gas and Electric Company, located at Norristown, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Bryans is a Republican in politics. During the war he was a member of the Public Service Reserve Corps. Fraternally he is a Mason, a member of St. Alban's Lodge, No. 529, Free and Accepted Masons, in Philadelphia; and Temple Chapter, same city. He is also a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; American Institute of Electrical Engineering; Engineers' Club, of Philadelphia; National Electric Light Association; American Gas Association; Norristown Club, Plymouth Country Club, and the General Alumni Society, University of Pennsylvania. During his college days he was a member of the junior 'varsity crew which won the American Henley Regatta in 1906, and was a member of the football squad. He maintains his fondness for sports and enjoys playing tennis. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian and a member of Central Presbyterian Church, of Norristown.

Mr. Bryans was married, May 1, 1911, at Philadelphia, to Ada Matilda Trinkle, daughter of John and Catherine (Brown) Trinkle, whose one other child is William Neel Trinkle, an attorney-at-law in Philadelphia. The father is engaged in business as a printer in Philadelphia. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bryans: Henry Trinkle, born September 28, 1915; and Robert Trinkle, born July 25, 1918.

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**GEORGE Y. FULLMORE**, since a young man of sixteen years, has been connected with the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, gaining promotion as the years passed until he attained the position of station agent, which he has filled at Glenside, since 1910. Mr. Fullmore was born at Huntington Valley, on August 19, 1880, and is a son of Millard F. and Elizabeth (Hoffman) Fullmore, who have one other child, a daughter named Cornelia E. Fullmore. Millard F. Fullmore is now engaged as a carpenter and builder, maintaining offices on South Pennsylvania square, Philadelphia.

In his youthful days George Y. Fullmore attended the public school of Moreland township, finishing his studies in his middle teens. In 1896 he secured his first position with the Philadelphia & Reading, working for the company at Huntington Valley for six months, after which he was sent to Cheltenham as extra agent for a like period, at the end of which he returned to Huntington Valley and remained there until 1901. His next location was at Bryn Athen, where he spent the time until September, 1902, when he was given the position of station agent at Fox Chase. He continued there in that capacity until March 1, 1910, when he came to Glenside as agent and has remained in this position ever since.

As a man of progressive character and public spirit, Mr. Fullmore is interested in the social, civic and religious welfare of the community and

maintains membership in several well-known organizations. He is prominent in Masonic circles, being a member of Jenkintown Friendship Lodge, No. 400, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Philadelphia Consistory, and also belongs to Glenside Camp, No. 331, Patriotic Order Sons of America. In his religious connection he is a valued member of Carmel Presbyterian Church at Edge Hill.

The marriage of Mr. Fullmore to Bertha B. Myers took place at Fox Chase, September 19, 1906. Mrs. Fullmore is a daughter of John and Barbara (Kohler) Myers. She has one sister, Sophie, and a brother, George. Mr. and Mrs. Fullmore have one child, Muriel Caroline, who was born January 1, 1908.

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**JOHN KEARNS**—Among the business men of Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, there are few who have had so complete an experience in the various phases of their industries as has John Kearns, general manager of the Lee Tire Company of that city.

The son of James and Eunice Kearns, life long residents of Boston, Massachusetts, he was born in Boston, November 27, 1860, and received his early schooling there. His business education was acquired in Coleman's Business College, from which he was graduated in 1881. He began his business career that was to attain so great a prominence, by taking a job as messenger boy to the superintendent of the Boston Car Spring Company, but did not stay in so lowly a position very long. His industry and ability to think for others, and to lead, in a few years won him the superintendency of the Overland Wheel Company of Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts, makers of bicycle wheels and tires, which position he held for seven years. The knowledge of rubber and its handling, gained in this period, led to more important connections, first with the India Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio, as superintendent for four years, and later in the same capacity, for twelve years, with the Dunlop Rubber Company of Australia. In 1913 he became the vice-president of the Fisk Rubber Company, leaving in 1917 to locate in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, as general manager of the Lee Tire Company, which office he has held to date. Through the period of rapid business changes and of uncertainty that has characterized the years of his incumbency, he has had the level-headed ability and foresight that was needed to meet the situation, and under his control his company is in a stronger, more conspicuous place than ever in its history.

Mr. Kearns is an Independent in his political views, and not interested in politics to any great extent. Fraternally he is associated with the Knights of Columbus of Conshohocken; Grand Knights of Chicopee, Massachusetts Council, and is a life member of the Improved Order of Red Men, having held all chairs in this society. He is a communicant of the St. Matthew's Catholic Church of Conshohocken, Pennsylvania.

In 1886, at Boston, Massachusetts, he was married to Elizabeth Rose, daughter of Russell and Martha Rose, of Boston, and they are the parents of six children: Edward, John, William, Russell, Eunice, and Katherine.



**WINFIELD SCOTT HARRY**—A native of Conshohocken, and from early boyhood interested in all that pertains to the welfare and progress, not only of the town and county, but in the wider affairs of the commonwealth and the nation, he bore a constructive part in the life of his day, and in passing, left the world better than he found it.

Mr. Harry was born in Conshohocken, June 1, 1848, and died in his native place, December 17, 1918, in his seventieth year. As a boy he attended the private Walnut Hill school of Conshohocken, and later had the advantage of a course at Professor Locke's Seminary, at Norristown, in this county. He left school to enlist in the Civil War, eager to take part in the conflict which fired the patriotism of every youth of that day. But having been only seventeen years of age at the outbreak of the war, he was released at his father's request. As a young man Mr. Harry assisted his father, who owned an extensive nursery, growing fruit and ornamental trees and shrubbery on the original farm of the Harry family, which formerly comprised two hundred and sixty-five acres of land, and from which Harry street received its name. Winfield S. Harry established a florist business in the same location in 1870, and continued in this line of productive endeavor until 1916, a period of forty-six years. He then sold the business and retired from active life, and the locality is now given over entirely to modern business buildings. Mr. Harry was for many years a stockholder of the First National Bank of Conshohocken, and was a leader in all community progress.

A Republican by political affiliation, he gave his best endeavors to that party, but consistently declined all honors of an official nature. He was a charter member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and always deeply interested in the activities of this organization.

Mr. Harry's death was a source of deep regret to all whose privilege it was to have known him. His long and upright life may well be an inspiration to those who come after him to greater usefulness and higher endeavors as citizens and as individuals. He is gone out of reach of those who mourn his loss, but his honored memory will be cherished among them as long as life shall last.

Winfield Scott Harry married, on September 19, 1878, in Conshohocken, Mary E. Johnson, daughter of John Ackroyd and Isabelle (Greenleaf) Johnson. There were three sons born of this union: 1. William Cleaver, born October 2, 1879, a florist in Philadelphia. 2. Ernest Johnson, born February 10, 1881, an Episcopal clergyman of Crafton, Pennsylvania. 3. Benjamin, born February 20, 1885, was a prominent lawyer of Conshohocken and Norristown, who died in 1909. He was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, class of 1906.

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**WILLIAM WHITE JONES**—In the business world of Norristown, Pennsylvania, William W. Jones is taking a prominent place, catering to the needs of the motoring public in the matter of tires. This branch of the Jones family is widely known in Montgomery county, and Charles Jones, Mr. Jones' father, is a man of more than usual prominence. He was the founder of the "Conshohocken Recorder," and was for a number

of years postmaster of Conshohocken. He is now identified with the "Philadelphia Evening Bulletin," and is a resident of Norristown. Charles Jones married Emma White, who is also still living.

William White Jones was born in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, February 25, 1876. Educated in the public schools of Norristown, his first employment was with the Alan Wood Company, with which concern he was connected for four years. He then entered the employ of the Lee Tire & Rubber Company of Conshohocken, where he remained for seven years, beginning at the bottom, rising to the position of superintendent of the tire department. Resigning from this position Mr. Jones opened his present business in Norristown, at No. 220 East Main street, on March 15, 1917. He has developed a very prosperous interest, handling tires and automobile accessories, being the sole distributor of the Lee tires in Montgomery and Bucks counties. On the first day of January, 1921, Mr. Jones received into partnership Alonzo Mancill, who is still associated with him, the original firm name, The Lee Tire Sales Company, being retained.

Mr. Jones is counted among the successful men of Norristown, and has always kept in touch with local, State and National advance. He enlisted under Lieutenant Bean for the Spanish-American War, and served for one year, but was one of the many thousands of that period who never reached the front. Receiving his honorable discharge, he returned to his home interests. Mr. Jones has long been a member of the Hancock Chemical Volunteer Fire Company of Norristown. He is a member of Montgomery Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; of Norristown Lodge, No. 620, Free and Accepted Masons; of Beaver Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men; of the Penn Club, of Conshohocken; and of the Norristown Young Men's Christian Association. His chief recreative interest is baseball.

William White Jones married, in Philadelphia, November 27, 1907, Flora Wilkinson, daughter of Joseph and Phoebe (Young) Wilkinson, and they have three children: Walter C., born December 14, 1911; William W., Jr., born November 20, 1913; and Bernetta, born April 29, 1916. The family home is at No. 221 Jacoby street, Norristown.

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**ELLIS M. LAW**—A practical electrician thoroughly skilled in all the modern forms of harnessing that most subtle powerful force in nature, and making it serve man's needs and provide his pleasure, Ellis M. Law has made Law's Electrical Stores in Norristown the center of "things electrical" in that borough and as well has made it a successful business enterprise. With the advent of wireless communication, radio set building became his specialty, and in Norristown and vicinity he has built and installed successfully hundreds of these wonder machines that pluck sounds from the air without interference with others who wish to use the same sounds. "Law's" is headquarters for radio supplies and all the standard apparatus is carried, but his specialty is his own privately built apparatus, he the pioneer in that line and the only successful builder of radio sets in business in Norristown.



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Ellis M. Law, son of John R. and Lillian Myrtle (Weierbach) Law, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 20, 1892. He obtained a thoroughly practical education in the public schools and then began learning the mechanical side of the electrical business with a leading Norristown house and with that house became a skilled electrician and mastered the contracting side of the business as well as the merchandising of electrical supplies and equipment. He has been engaged in electrical work since his eighteenth year, and in March, 1919, he established in Norristown an electrical contracting business under his own name. He was very successful, and with the development of the business found it advisable to expand his operations to include the wholesale and retail dealing in electrical supplies. In February, 1922, he opened Law's Electrical Store, at No. 209 West Main street, Norristown, moving March 1, 1923, to enlarged quarters, three floors and basement, twenty feet by sixty feet and 3,600 square feet, at 145 Main street, where he includes in his stock all kinds of electrical goods and household appliances in the way of electrical devices. His contracting interests continue to increase and he executes contracts for electrical installation in all parts of Montgomery county and adjacent territory. He makes a specialty of wireless telephones and radio sets especially constructed to meet any condition, being pioneer in that line in Norristown. He does a large business in standard makes of radio sets and has been very successful in meeting the demands of the trade. Mr. Law is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America; the Patriotic Order of America; Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Woodmen of the World; the Young Men's Christian Association, and All Saints' Protestant Episcopal Church of Norristown, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Law married October 27, 1915, Mary Rose Plumly, of Norristown, and they are the parents of four children: Ellis Monroe Law, born December 10, 1917; Jean Rosemary Law, born April 6, 1919; Anna Elizabeth Law, born April 14, 1920; John Richard Law, born April 4, 1922.

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**JOHN J. MURPHY**—As a resident of the prosperous and growing borough of Bridgeport, and with extensive business interests in Norristown, Mr. Murphy was a thoroughly representative citizen of the county of Montgomery. Mr. Murphy came of sturdy Irish stock, his parents coming to this country as pioneers about 1846. He was a son of John and Mary (Rossiter) Murphy, both natives of County Mexford, Ireland, where they were married, coming to this country soon after, and settling at that time in Upper Merion township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania. The father was a lime burner throughout his active life, and both were members of the Roman Catholic church, rearing their children in their own faith. They were the parents of eleven children, as follows: Nicholas; James; John J., who died in childhood; John J., whose name heads this review; Mary; Elizabeth; Julia; Thomas; Catherine; William; and one who died in infancy.

John J. Murphy was born in Upper Merion township, on December 16, 1854. He attended the public schools as a child, but at the very early age of nine years started out in the industrial world to do his share in providing for the large family. He was first employed in Lee's factory, a woolen mill at Bridgeport, Pennsylvania, and there he remained for a period of eighteen years, working up to the position of second carder. He then changed his line of activity, having an opportunity to enter the hotel business in partnership with his brother James, and he was thus engaged for three years. Thereafter, taking over the hostelry known as the Friendship Hotel, he conducted it independently for a period of seventeen years. This hotel was located at the corner of Fourth and Grove streets, in the borough of Bridgeport, in this county, and was widely popular with the travelling public under Mr. Murphy's regime. In the year 1901 Mr. Murphy became identified with the Norristown Brick Company, with which he is still connected. After one year's employment with the concern he took over its management, and in the capacity of general manager continued until the time of his death, which occurred on September 19, 1922, in Montgomery Hospital of Norristown, after an operation for appendicitis, he being stricken suddenly on the fifteenth of September. The business progressed steadily and expanded largely under his hand, and he was numbered among the leading executives of Norristown, devoting his entire attention to his interests in this connection. Mr. Murphy was a large stockholder in this corporation, and was also a stockholder in various other business enterprises in both Norristown and Bridgeport.

He was one of the organizers of the Bridgeport National Bank, of which he was a director until 1920, when on account of the multiplicity of other interests demanding his attention, he resigned. He did much toward the upbuilding and civic advance of Bridgeport, the place of his residence, having personally handled a considerable amount of real estate, erecting upwards of twenty houses in this borough. A Republican by political affiliation, he long wielded a strong and beneficial influence in the public life of the borough. Caring nothing for political honors, he nevertheless served the people when called upon to do so, and for more than twenty years served on the Borough Council. Always holding the best interests of the people at heart, he forwarded and encouraged every movement which tended toward the public welfare. He was a charter member of the Bridgeport Fire Company, No. 1, and always took the liveliest interest in its progress. He was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and of St. Joseph's Beneficial Society, and was a member of the Roman Catholic church.

John J. Murphy married, on September 3, 1884, Margaret A. Lawlor, daughter of Michael and Julia Lawlor. Mrs. Murphy resides at No. 204 East Fourth street, Bridgeport.

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**IRA BENNER HARR** is the able manager of the Heebner Agricultural Works of Lansdale, Pennsylvania, and has become one of the



important factors in the growth and betterment of the city. He is the son of Henry and Susanna (Benner) Harr, who have another son, Milton, and two daughters, Laura and Alice. Mr. Harr was a well known builder of Bucks county.

Ira Benner Harr was born at Telford, Pennsylvania, March 15, 1874. He was a pupil in the public schools of Telford, and later entered and was graduated from the Lansdale High School, class of 1892. He early started out to gain a livelihood, and began clerking in a general store. For eighteen years he was connected with the mercantile trade. In 1910 he changed his occupation and went in the Heebner Agricultural Works, and in 1922 had been serving for some time as its manager.

Mr. Harr has been intimately interested in civic and educational affairs. For eleven years he has been secretary of the Lansdale school board, and for some time president of the Board of Trade. He affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of the Golden Eagle, and the Loyal Order of Moose. He is a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal church of Lansdale, and is superintendent of its Sunday school.

On February 20, 1907, at Orange City, Florida, Ira B. Harr was married to Clarella Heebner, daughter of William D. and Emma (Frantz) Heebner. A sketch of Mr. Heebner's life appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Harr have one son, William Heebner.

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**MICHAEL DALY** was born in the town of Fermoy, County Cork, Ireland, the son of James and Margaret (Burke) Daly, both now deceased, the latter having died when her son was but four years old.

Mr. Daly received his education in the National and Christian Brothers' schools in the Fermoy district. He also spent a short time in the Royal Barracks, Dublin. At an early age he began his trade as a stone-cutter in a business that was being carried on by his father and older brothers.

Early in the year 1830 Mr. Daly's grandfather came to this country, being followed two months later by his son (Mr. Daly's father), remaining for several years, and being finally compelled to return to the old country, due to family conditions.

Being somewhat familiar therefore with conditions in this country, and realizing the possibilities and advantages to be gained, and urged on by a progressive spirit that has ever been evident in his efforts, Michael Daly came to the United States in the year 1875, and for a short time located in New York City. He later secured a position in a marble business in Dover, Dutchess county, New York, where he remained for a period of six years. After leaving Dover, Mr. Daly traveled throughout the New England States and Canada. This particular section of the country is practically the supply center of the marble and granite industry of the country, and it therefore afforded him a wonderful opportunity to study the industry from its foundation, which knowledge has served him in good stead in his present business. Finally, in the year 1884, he settled in Conshohocken. In the year 1890 he estab-

lished a small stone cutting works and monumental business, but was soon compelled to enlarge his plant until, at the present time, it is one of the largest marble and granite works in Montgomery county.

In religion Mr. Daly is a Roman Catholic, for years being a prominent member of St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church, Conshohocken. He has on several occasions been chairman of committees raising funds for the erection of the beautiful edifice now in that parish. In politics Mr. Daly is a Democrat and has always adhered closely to party principles. While he has on several occasions been approached with regard to accepting the candidacy for State, county and borough office, he has always declined.

During the years he has resided in Conshohocken he has always been a strong advocate for any movement looking towards the betterment of the town. He is a prominent member of the Conshohocken Chamber of Commerce and of Conshohocken Council, No. 1603, Knights of Columbus, of which his son, Walter Joseph, is head. Mr. Daly is also a prominent member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and of the American Federation for the Recognition of the Irish Independence, and while he has always been a strong advocate of the principals of his adopted country, he has ever been an ardent worker in the cause of Irish Independence.

In the year 1885 Mr. Daly married Hannah Devanney, daughter of Martin and Margaret Devanney, from which union six children were born: Mary Elizabeth; Madeline Regina; Rosalie Veronica (deceased); Walter Joseph; Martin (deceased); and Margaret Francis.

To summarize, Mr. Daly is a type of citizen whose example may be emulated for the common good of any community and for a better United States of America.

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**JAMES JOHN KELLY**—One of the names which was long identified with the steel industry in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, is that of James John Kelly, and the man who bore it is still remembered among the people of this community for his genial spirit, and his sturdy honesty in every relation in life. Always a hard worker, and devoted to his family, he was a valued friend and a worthy citizen, and his passing left a sense of deep loss among many who were glad to have come within the circle of his acquaintance. Mr. Kelly was a son of Patrick and Annie (McQuade) Kelly. Patrick Kelly was a tiller of the soil in his native county of Ireland, but came to America while still a young man, bringing his little family with him, and settling in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania. He secured employment in the Phoenixville Cotton Mills, where he became foreman, and was thus active until his death.

James John Kelly was born in Tyrone, Ireland, January 6, 1837, and died in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, November 18, 1913. Educated in the national schools of his native town, he came to America with his family as a youth, scarcely yet entered upon the responsibilities of life. In the year 1860 he came to Conshohocken and entered the employ of the John Wood Rolling Mills. His industry and constant interest in his

work brought about his advancement, first to foreman, then to assistant superintendent of the puddling department, and this position he filled until his death. Meanwhile, during the entire period of his residence in Conshohocken, Mr. Kelly gave a generous share of his time and endeavors to the general good. He had been here scarcely more than a year when the Civil War broke out, and he enlisted in the 72nd Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, with the rank of sergeant. He served under Colonel Baker through many of the most important engagements of the earlier period of the war, then in 1863 was discharged on account of physical disability. He accordingly returned to his home in Conshohocken, and upon regaining his health, again took up his work at the rolling mills.

By political affiliation always a staunch Democrat, Mr. Kelly was a consistent worker for the good of the party, and although he cared little for public honors, was at one time elected supervisor of the Borough of Conshohocken. One of his most marked characteristics was his friendly attitude toward all with whom he came in contact, and this was perhaps most definitely expressed through his activity in fraternal circles. He was a member of many fraternal orders, his kindly feeling for others making him an active and broadly popular participant in the benevolences and fellowship of his lodges. A devoutly religious man, he was one of the original members of St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church, and before its formation was one of the most devoted supporters of the Holy Fathers who came through this region as missionaries. Nearly a decade has passed since James John Kelly passed on from among the people who for so many years had known and honored him, but he is not forgotten. Many times his name is spoken, and now after the freshness of their grief has worn away, it is with a smile that his friends remember him, such a smile as in the old days came in response to his own genial and warm-hearted greeting. He is gone, but he will long be remembered by every one who knew him.

Mr. Kelly married, in Philadelphia, on May 18, 1864, Susan McGonigal, who died October 3, 1905. She was a daughter of Terrence and Susan McGonigal, long residents of Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly were the parents of six children: 1. Neil, deceased. 2. Annie Elizabeth. 3. James, who resides in Conshohocken. 4. Thomas J. 5. Mary E. 6. Elizabeth M. The family home was for many years at No. 123 Fayette street, Conshohocken, and there the youngest daughter still resides.

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**ALLEN MINNER HAAS**—The position which Mr. Haas occupies with the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company is one of responsibility and follows twenty-two years of conscientious, efficient service to this company. Among fraternal associates he is known as an active member of the Masons.

Abram Haas, his father, worked a farm of twenty-five acres at Oley, Pennsylvania, on which he had a feed mill, and managed both until his death, which occurred at Boyertown, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, in March, 1922. He married Elizabeth Minner, still living, and



their children were: Allen Minner, the subject of this sketch; Howard, living in Brooklyn, New York; Edwin, of Hummelstown, Pennsylvania; Eli, of Oley, Pennsylvania; Clinton, deceased; Wilson, deceased; Elizabeth, a teacher at Boyertown, Pennsylvania; and Grace, deceased.

Allen Minner Haas was born at Oley, Berks county, Pennsylvania, August 20, 1881, and obtained his education in the public schools there and through a correspondence course in telegraphy, which led to his entering the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company. He first worked in a creamery for two years after leaving school, then was given the position of assistant agent at Cedar Hollow, September 5, 1900, for the aforementioned railroad. The following year he was made agent at Kimmerton, near Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, where he remained until March 23, 1905, when he went to Lorane. In 1907 he located at Monongahela City, as operator with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, remaining but a few months, then returned to the service of the former railroad company as agent at Chester Springs, Pennsylvania. He was again transferred, April 20, 1910, to Byers, Pennsylvania, and to West Conshohocken in June, 1917, and finally to Norristown, February 1, 1922, where he is employed at present. Here he is in charge of two passenger stations and a freight station, having supervision of thirty-seven men. This represents a consistent record of attention to duty on the part of a trusted employee with the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company.

Mr. Haas is a Republican in politics, and fraternally is a member of Norristown Lodge, No. 620, Free and Accepted Masons; Phoenixville Chapter, No. 198, Royal Arch Masons; Palestine Council, No. 8, Royal and Select Masters; Jerusalem Commandery, Lodge No. 15, Phoenixville; Rajah Shrine, of Reading, Pennsylvania; and the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Norristown Forest, No. 31, Pennsylvania; also a member of the Craftsmen's Club of the Philadelphia & Reading Company. He is religiously affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church in Norristown, Pennsylvania. He is fond of fishing and baseball.

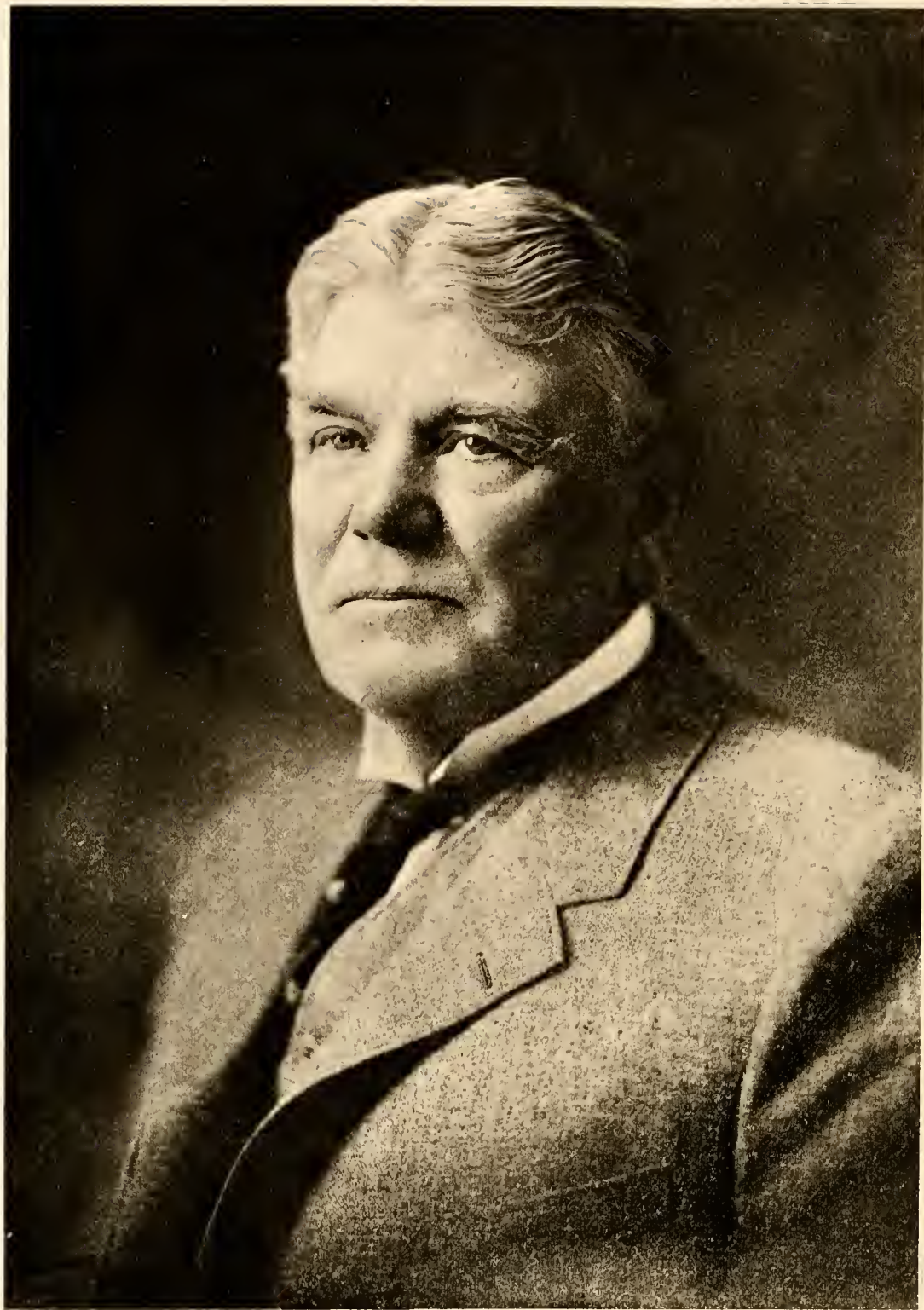
On March 4, 1908, Mr. Haas was united in marriage with Ella Sloyer, only child of Benjamin Franklin and Emma (Kuerr) Sloyer, both of whom are deceased, the father having been engaged in farming in Charlestown township, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Haas have no children.

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**NORVIN S. WILE**—Occupying a prominent position with the Dill Company, of Norristown, Pennsylvania, Mr. Wile is well known as a successful business man and member of several fraternal and social organizations. He is a son of Jonas and Sarah Jane (Spare) Wile, whose other children are: Bertha, wife of Carrol Baldwin; Adele; and Estelle. The father was engaged in farming and dealing in truck gardening until his death, which occurred in December, 1914.

Norvin S. Wile was born at Fairview Village, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, February 2, 1879. He obtained his education in the public schools of Worcester township, graduating from the high school in





*John E. Mountain*



1895, and then studied at the West Chester Normal School for two years, 1895 and 1896 inclusive. After completing his education he taught school in Worcester township for a period of one year, then entered the employ of the Dill Company, as salesman, in which capacity he continued until 1908. At that time he became the general manager of this company and has since held that position. The Dill Company manufactures medicines of various sorts, pills, etc., and employ sixty-six persons in their plant and forty salesmen.

In politics Mr. Wile is a Republican. He has held the office of president of the Norristown Wholesale Grocery Company for four years, and is a stockholder in the Dill Company. Fraternally he is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose; Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is affiliated with the Consistory of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and is a member of Lu Lu Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Philadelphia. He is also a member of the Manufacturers' Club of Philadelphia; Norristown Club; Plymouth Country Club; and the Whitemarsh Country Club. In religion he is a member of the Haws Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church. His favorite recreation is fishing.

Mr. Wile was united in marriage, March 21, 1905, at Norristown, Pennsylvania, with Elizabeth Brenlinger, a daughter of Emanuel (deceased) and Lovina (Leidy) Brenlinger. The father was a hotel keeper in Norristown and Roxborough, Pennsylvania, for eighteen years. A brother of Mrs. Wile, Emanuel L. Brenlinger, Jr., is vice-president of the Dill Company. There were no children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wile.

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**JOHN EDWARD MOUNTAIN**—Coming from Canada to this country as a young man, John Edward Mountain has worked his way up to an important place in the steel industry and in certain business developments of Conshohocken, Pennsylvania. He is the son of William Mountain, who died in 1911, at the age of seventy, and Levina (Taylor) Mountain, who died in 1910, when nearly sixty-five years of age. Mr. Mountain was a ship carpenter, later a mine carpenter, and was born and lived his whole life in New Brunswick, Canada.

John Edward Mountain was born at Hillsboro, Albert county, New Brunswick, September 4, 1855, and was educated in the local schools. He spent nine years as a telegrapher in the General Stores Company of his native place. In 1880 he located in Springfield, Illinois, and was for seven years connected with the Ridgley Steel and Iron Company of that place. He then moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and as open hearth melter superintendent, spent three years in the Shoenberger Steel Works, leaving to go for the next twelve years with the Park Steel Company of Pittsburgh. In 1902 he accepted a position with the Alan Wood Iron and Steel Company, as general superintendent of the Ivy Rock plant, where he has given twenty years of most able service. Among his interests, aside from the steel industry, is the Norris Building and Loan Association, of which he is a director. For years a Republican in his political views, he is auditor of Plymouth township.

He is fraternally affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is a life member; and the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, No. 190, Norristown; past high priest of Norristown Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Philadelphia Consistory; Hutchinson Commandery, Knights Templar, of Norristown; and Lu Lu Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is a Presbyterian in his religious faith.

At New Brunswick, Canada, November 8, 1874, John E. Mountain married Rachel Terrice, daughter of James and Rachel Terrice, and they are the parents of six children: Willoughby H., with the United States Corporation at Gary, Indiana; John R., in the open hearth department at Gary, Indiana; Frank L., bricklayer in the steel department at the Ivy Rock plant of Alan Wood Iron and Steel Company in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania; Genevieve E., now Mrs. Malcolm Evans; a child who died in infancy; and Mabel, who married Charles H. Detmiller, now residing in Los Angeles, California.

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**FREDERICK KARL SCHLUMBERGER**—A visitor coming to Lansdale, Pennsylvania, receives a deep impression of the hospitality of the place if he is fortunate enough to go to the Broadway Hotel and meet its affable proprietor, Frederick Karl Schlumberger. A genial host, a well-informed citizen, he not only makes the chance visitor feel at home, but can give him a knowledge of the city and create a liking for it. He has a host of friends.

Frederick Karl Schlumberger was born in Germany, the son of Adam and Rosine Schlumberger, the former a school teacher in Germany. He attended the public schools of his native country up to the age of eighteen. Like many another youth, America was an Eldorado to him, and he came here seeking his fortune. He succeeded better than most. Work was easily found, and he was soon busy in the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York City, staying there for five years. From New York City he went to Philadelphia, then came to Lansdale and secured the Broadway House and proceeded to make of it a first-class hotel. He has been its proprietor and manager for fourteen years.

Mr. Schlumberger has taken an active interest and part in the politics of his county and is a staunch Republican. He was at one time auditor of Franconia township for two years. He is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a Forester. He is also a member of the Fish and Forest Association, and of the Citizens' Club. He is a communicant of the Lutheran church of Lansdale.

At Frankfort, Pennsylvania, Mr. Schlumberger was married to Louise, daughter of William and Meta Brown. Mr. Brown is a farmer and dairyman of long standing, at Frankfort. Mr. and Mrs. Schlumberger have a daughter, Louise, born in 1916.

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**FLORENCE E. DONNELLY, M. D.**—The number of women representatives in the professional class of Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, is

not large, but none takes higher rank than Florence E. Donnelly, M. D., who located there in 1902, and has become one of its noted physicians. With ability, personality, and technical training of the highest order, she has attained remarkable success, and has a reputation that reaches beyond the borders of the city. She is the daughter of Hugh I. Donnelly, who, a prosperous contractor and builder of Conshohocken, died at the age of forty-nine, in 1885, and Catherine (Murphy) Donnelly, who died at the age of sixty-three, in 1913. Her brother, Michael F. Donnelly, is city solicitor of Philadelphia. She has two sisters, one, Dorothy Donnelly, M. D., the well known physician of that name in Philadelphia, and the other, Helen, widow of James F. Dixon.

Florence E. Donnelly was born in Dublin, Ireland, where her parents were visiting at that time, on June 16, 1872. She secured her first schooling in the public institutions of Conshohocken and her academic education in the high schools of the city. She then attended the Women's Medical College of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from which she was graduated in 1902 with the degree of M. D. Immediately after the completion of her professional training, she located her offices at No. 110 East Fourth avenue, Conshohocken, where she is now engaged in practice with a large and exclusive clientele. She is also on the auxiliary staff of the Montgomery County Hospital.

Among her professional associations are the Montgomery County, Pennsylvania State, and American Medical societies, and the Women's Medical College Alumni. She is an Independent in politics, and is a communicant of St. Matthew's Church of Conshohocken.

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**ROBERT E. JACKSON**—In the town of Red Hill, Pennsylvania, Mr. Jackson has accomplished a great deal in the way of civic advancement. He has interested himself in many enterprises which have proven to be decidedly advantageous to the citizens of his community, and receives the respect and esteem of his fellowmen.

He is a son of John T. and Amelia Old (King) Jackson. The father was a veteran of the Civil War, serving in cavalry under General Sheridan, and was wounded in action on several occasions. He was a harness maker by trade. His death occurred April 11, 1919, and he was buried in Saint Paul's Cemetery. Robert Jackson was one of four children, the others being: Annie, who married Robert Bartholomew; Emma, wife of Howard Wiltrout; John.

Robert E. Jackson was born at Kutztown, Berks county, Pennsylvania, November 28, 1869. He secured his education in the public schools there. He first took up the trade of harness making, in which he continued until 1892, when he moved to Red Hill to assume the duties of postmaster. For eighteen years he served in that capacity, maintaining his harness business at the same time. In October, 1913, he began his present business as a general sales agent for automobiles. From 1913 to March, 1922, he was agent for the Ford car, and in 1915 added the Willys-Knight and Overland, which is the only agency he is carrying at the present time. Mr. Jackson was connected in building a block of



ten houses in the town of Red Hill, and he has been a stockholder and secretary of the Red Hill Improvement Company since 1908. He is also interested in the Building and Loan Association; for two years was president, now vice-president and director.

Mr. Jackson served one term as a member of the Borough Council. He is also a charter member and director of the Board of Trade. In his fraternal affiliations he is a Free and Accepted Mason, with membership in East Greenville Lodge, No. 595, of which he is a past master; the Golden Eagles, East Greenville; for fourteen years a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, but has no connection at present with that order. He is a member of Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, of which he was an elder for a time.

Mr. Jackson married, May 5, 1891, at Red Hill, Pennsylvania, Annie Miller, daughter of Conrad and Sarah (Hoover) Miller. The children born of this marriage are: Florence, a graduate in law of Washington University, Washington, D. C.; Elmer, John, Helen, and Ella.

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**REES C. ROBERTS**, one of the progressive business men of Ambler, Pennsylvania, who has been in the drug business there for nearly thirty years, has kept abreast of the times not only in his commercial affairs, but in politics, and is a great admirer of the late Theodore Roosevelt.

His father, Matthew Holstein Roberts, who died in August, 1882, at Richmond, Virginia, was a manufacturer of fire brick, and was a Civil War veteran, serving in the 192nd Pennsylvania Volunteers. He married Clara Virginia Connard.

Rees C. Roberts was born at Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania, November 27, 1870. He attended the public schools of Norristown, Pennsylvania, and was graduated from the high school in 1888. For professional training he matriculated in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, College of Pharmacy, from which he gained his degree in 1892. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. Mr. Roberts' business career from 1892 until the present time (1922) has been confined to the retail drug trade. His business was incorporated in 1920 and the company maintains a popular, finely stocked and well equipped store in Ambler. He was a delegate to the Progressive Convention at Chicago, Illinois, in 1916. When the movement started to form a Theodore Roosevelt Division for service in the World War he promptly volunteered, and when the idea had to be abandoned, he was commissioned a first lieutenant by the Governor and recruited and organized at Ambler a platoon of infantry which combined with the Norristown platoon to form Company I, First Infantry, Pennsylvania Reserve Militia. Mr. Roberts also served as special enrolling agent of the Recruiting Service, United States Shipping Board, during the period of the war. He was treasurer of the Ambler Branch, American Red Cross. Mr. Roberts is affiliated with Lodge No. 308, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a Shriner, also a communicant and trustee of the First Presbyterian Church of Ambler.

At York Springs, Adams county, Pennsylvania, on October 17, 1900,

Rees C. Roberts was married to Zula E. Trostel, daughter of Isaac and Catherine Trostel, and they are the parents of two children: Matthew Holstein, born April 8, 1902; and Catherine Trostel, born November 18, 1904.

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**JOHN L. BECHTEL** has been closely associated with the business and community life of Collegeville, Pennsylvania, for many years. A young man only a year or two out of college, he returned to the town in which he had obtained his early education, and established himself in business. Since then his interests have expanded, and his sterling character has won its way into the hearts of his fellowmen.

His father, Daniel D. Bechtel, was a well-known farmer, living just out of Black Rock, Pennsylvania, born August 6, 1837, and died in 1910; his mother Elizabeth Landers Bechtel, born November 4, 1838, died in 1894. They had two sons, Harry L., a real estate dealer in Philadelphia; and John L., of further mention.

John L. Bechtel was born in Upper Providence township, near Black Rock, Pennsylvania, September 12, 1869. His early education came from the public school of his native town, and was continued in Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pennsylvania, where he spent three years. His first entry into business life was by way of a lithographer company of Philadelphia, where he was employed as a bookkeeper. He did not remain here very long, and in 1895 established a furniture store, which he handled with increasing success until other lines of activity required so much of his time as to make it advisable to sell out in 1917. In the meantime he had taken up the profession of undertaking, and in 1895 received his license. He studied his work from every angle, and was one of the first in this section to do his own embalming, and now stands with the heads of his profession. In 1919 he branched out again, this time in the automobile business, tires and accessories, under the name of The John L. Bechtel & Son.

Mr. Bechtel is connected with a number of technical societies, among which are the Funeral Directors' Association of Pennsylvania; the Montgomery County Funeral Directors' Association; and for three years was president of the National Funeral Directors' Association. He has been for the past decade a member of the school board, has served on the Borough Council both as member and as president, and in his political faith is a Republican. He fraternizes with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has been for many years a communicant, and for fifteen years an elder in the Trinity Reformed Church, of Collegeville.

At Fairview Village, on June 4, 1891, John L. Bechtel was married to Clara A., daughter of Jacob and Henrietta (Dettra) Custer, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Carl L., born June 6, 1894, graduate of Ursinus College, 1914, with degree of A. B., who taught for a time in Berwin, Pennsylvania, in a private school. He later was for some time with the B. F. Goodrich Tire Company, of Philadelphia, and in 1919 joined his knowledge of the motor trade with his father's business acumen, as John Bechtel & Son. He was married at Reading, Pennsyl-

vania, to Anna Urban, of Philadelphia, and they are the parents of one daughter, Florence, born November 25, 1917. 2. Alma, born April 2, 1897, a graduate of the Collegeville High School, and of the Coombs Conservatory of Music. She was married on July 29, 1921, to William C. McAllister, of Collegeville, Pennsylvania.

**CHARLES P. DEVLIN**—Veterans of the Civil War are growing fewer as the years go by and of those that remain there are not many who saw such long dangerous service as did Charles P. Devlin. His army life reads like a romance. After much persuasion, his mother, who had five brothers already in arms, two of whom were on the Confederate side, permitted her twelve-year-old son to enlist. Almost without training he was thrust into battle, and for four years was with the armies most actively engaged, and did a man's fighting in practically all the great battles of the war; when finally the strife was over he marched in the Grand Review at Washington with half a year to live before he would be seventeen. To-day (1923), after fifty-eight years, Mr. Devlin sits on the porch of his tavern, itself dating to the Revolutionary War, and will tell anyone interested, the tales of those boyhood days and of the exciting years that followed. Charles P. Devlin is the eldest son of Hugh Devlin, who was a reed maker in Philadelphia at the time when reeds were much used for weaving, and of Mary (Toner) Devlin, whose brothers, Arthur and Patrick, were in the Southern armies, while Edward, Peter and James, were on the Union side.

Charles P. Devlin was born January 21, 1848, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was attending school when the Civil War broke out. He promptly enlisted and was discharged when his mother found it out and objected, but by persevering he finally won the consent of his Spartan mother, and at the age of twelve years and eight months joined, on September 9, 1861, Company F, of the 73rd Regiment of Pennsylvania.

He was with the Army of the Potomac in all the battles, including those of Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, and was then transferred to the Army of the Southwest at Bridgeport, Alabama, for the purpose of relieving General Rosencrans, who was hard pressed. While with this army he participated in the engagements of Wauhatchee, Tennessee, Lookout Mountain, and Missionary Ridge. In the latter battle he found himself opposed to his Uncle Arthur, and of the 370 men in his regiment that entered the fight, only 73 survived. His term of enlistment expired at this time and he promptly reënlisted the next day. He marched with Sherman from "Atlanta to the Sea," and was present at one of the last incidents of the war, the surrender of Johnson at Raleigh, North Carolina, in 1865. Then came the Grand Review at Washington, when as a four years' veteran, although only sixteen and a half years old, he marched before President Lincoln. On Independence Day, 1865, he was mustered out at Alexandria, Virginia. One of the curiosities of his war time experience was that he cast his first vote when only fourteen. He was then what he is now, a Democrat, and voted for General McClellan. His being able to vote at so young





*Charles P. Devlin*



an age grew out of the law that any man, regardless of age, could vote if actively engaged in army duties.

After his discharge there came the difficulty of a livelihood to make, and he met it by going to Philadelphia and getting a job in a brewery. For twenty years he worked for Christian Smith & Sons, brewers, soon rising to a foremanship, or head maltster, and served in this capacity for most of the time. He later spent three years with the Bergdoll Brewing Company and a year with the Francis Blackburn Malt House.

About this time he had the honor of being elected to the State Senate, and put in four years of able work for his party. Upon his return in 1892, he quit the brewing business and purchased a hotel at Eleventh street and Girard avenue, Philadelphia, which became very popular under his genial management. He kept this establishment until 1908 and then retired, but a few years later he was advised to go into the country to live on account of his health, and he selected Trappe, Pennsylvania, as the place that best suited him. He opened the famous Lambs Tavern at this place, which is said to have been built in 1742, and during the Revolutionary War was a relay post and station for couriers. In this present day it is a place for friends and cronies to meet and smoke and talk over the good old days with mine host, Charles P. Devlin.

Mr. Devlin has had a share in the inception of many organizations. He was a member of original Ringold Hose Company of Philadelphia, a volunteer company, and remained in it until 1870, or until it was replaced by a paid fire department in 1872. He joined the George E. Meade Post, No. 1, Civil War Veterans, of Philadelphia, and the Union Veterans Legion Encampment, No. 73, of the same city. He has fraternal relations with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 2; the Fraternal Order of Eagles, No. 42, of which he was treasurer for several years; the Loyal Order of Moose, No. 54; the Ancient Order of Hibernians, No. 11, of which he was president for three years and treasurer for one; the F. O. A., of which he was president and treasurer for some time; and the Volunteer Firemen's Association, all of these societies being of Philadelphia. His clubs are: The West Kensington, the oldest in Philadelphia; the Quaker City Tourist, of which he is a charter member; and the James Page Library Association, the second oldest Democratic club in the United States. In religious affiliation he is a Roman Catholic.

Charles P. Devlin married (first), in 1868, at Philadelphia, Elizabeth Cavanaugh, deceased. He married (second) Mary F. Delaney, on February 3, 1893, at Philadelphia.

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**FREDERICK H. BELTZ**—The cigar manufacturing business has engaged the attention of Mr. Beltz for many years, and he has a large factory in Schwenkville, Pennsylvania, and branches in other towns, doing a very successful business. He is active in the affairs of the borough, and a highly-respected citizen.



Mr. Beltz's parents, Michael and Rosa (Henzler) Beltz, were natives of Germany, the father, born in 1818, since deceased, coming to this country and settling in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1848, and later, in 1863, settled on a thirty-acre farm in Upper Salford township; the mother came to America in 1850, settling in Philadelphia, where they were married before moving to Upper Salford township. They were the parents of six children: Lena, wife of Jacob Shade; John; Marietta, wife of Charles Schraishuhne; Michael; Frederick H., of whom further; and Rosa, wife of John Richard.

Frederick H. Beltz was born at Souderton, Pennsylvania, August 11, 1864, and educated in the public schools in Upper Salford township. Later he learned the trade of cigar making, in Tylersport, with John Deetz, with whom he remained for four months, in 1884. From that time until 1892 he secured employment in various cigar concerns, and then established a factory of his own in Norristown, Pennsylvania, where he continued until 1898, and then moved to Graterford, Pennsylvania, and in 1900, to Schwenkville. Here he remained, and built a factory building, two stories and basement, 44x88 feet. He also has branches at Yorkana, York county, Pennsylvania; Hoppenville, Montgomery county; and at Perkiomen Heights. The total production in his factories is five million cigars yearly, of the brand name "El Murillo."

He is a Democrat in politics, and ever since the organization of this borough has been a member of the board of school directors. The Building and Loan Association of Schwenkville, organized in April, 1915, has had him as its president from that time. He is fraternally a member of Warren Lodge, No. 310, Free and Accepted Masons, of Collegeville; Philadelphia Consistory; Lu Lu Shrine of Philadelphia; also the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in Norristown; Knights of Friendship in Zieglersville; and Patriotic Order Sons of America, of Schwenkville. He is associated with the Acacia Club, of Collegeville, and is an elder of the Reformed church. His recreative interest is fishing. The fact of his having had three sons in service in France, and that he was enabled to act as chairman of the first home defence, is especially gratifying to him.

On April 3, 1890, Mr. Beltz was married, at Norristown, to Laura Tyson, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Fox) Tyson, the father a farmer at Skippack, Pennsylvania. Other children of Mr. and Mrs. Tyson were: George; Lillian, wife of Chester Freeman; Annie, widow of Clinton Grace; Minerva, wife of John Fisher; and Mary, wife of Harry Heperly.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Beltz are as follows: Raymond, born March 10, 1891, who married Ruth Bromer, and is associated with his father in business; John, born May 12, 1894, engaged as salesman, and also associated with his father in business; Wallace, born June 7, 1896, married to Sarah Keeley, and living in Honolulu; Joseph, born April 20, 1905. Raymond and John enlisted in the United States army on November 3, 1917, the former at Camp Hancock and assigned as a motor mechanic in the aviation service, and the latter assigned to the sanitary squad at Camp Meade. Wallace, a graduate of Annapolis Naval

Academy in 1919, is still in the service, with the rank of lieutenant, and stationed at present at Honolulu, where Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Beltz spent three months during the early part of 1922.

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**WILSON S. CASSEL**—One of the youngest business men of Lansdale, Pennsylvania, who is making a name for himself in the various activities there, is Wilson S. Cassel, who in partnership with Charles S. Carver founded a new firm, dealing in automobile work, in 1922. The two active and industrious young men are meeting with a merited prosperity, and are planning to have one of the most up-to-date establishments of its kind in this city.

Wilson S. Cassel was a native of Lansdale, born August 14, 1902, son of Nathan S. and Emma S. (Seibert) Cassel, the former named born in 1858, a farmer, and the latter named born in 1860. Wilson S. Cassel attended the public school of Upper Gwynedd township, later entering the high school of that place. He became connected with the Holmeyer Garage, Norristown, Pennsylvania, and it was there he began his trade and secured the preparation for the business in which he is now (1923) engaged. At Broad and Market streets, Lansdale, he joined with Charles S. Carver, under the firm name of Carver & Cassel, they opening a modern garage for the repair and care of automobiles and other motor vehicles, which bids fair to become one of the best in town.

Mr. Cassel is not interested in party politics, reserving the freedom to vote for the man and not the man's party affiliations. Naturally, his tastes run toward automobiling, and he likes getting out in the woods and fields with a gun in his hand, when autumn comes. His religious connections are with the Schwenkfelder Church of Lansdale.

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**CHARLES A. MOSER**—One of the prominent members of enterprising business men for which Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, is noted is Charles A. Moser, who makes various glass receptacles for the use of surgeons and physicians. Although a native son of Conshohocken, he has been engaged in business there only since 1913, but in that brief period has made himself known and influential in its business and trade life. He is the son of John Moser, well known for years in the city, who died at the age of sixty-two years, in 1915, and his mother is Mary Anne (Vickers) Moser.

Charles A. Moser was born in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, July 2, 1888, and attended first the public schools, completing his education in the parochial school of that city. His first essay on self support was in the J. Elwood Lee Glass Works, makers of glass supplies for surgeons, where he remained for seven years. He then spent two years with the American Thermo Ware Company, of New York City, and to further familiarize himself with the vocation he had chosen, went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for two more years.

In 1913 he entered upon a partnership with H. Fisher and established a glass works at Nos. 302-306 Hector street, Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of making a wide variety of glass articles used by

the medical profession and druggists. The firm specializes on the manufacture of vials; some for holding homœopathic medicines, others for antitoxin or serum containers. During the nine years since the firm's beginning it has shown a marked increase in custom and is very successful. Mr. Moser confines himself very strictly to his business, and aside from being an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, has few outside interests. He is a Democrat in his political views, and is religiously affiliated with the Methodist church.

On April 22, 1914, at Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, he was married to Edith McCracken, a native of Norristown, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Reed) McCracken. Mr. and Mrs. Moser are the parents of four children: Mildred Mary, Margaret, Helen, and Edith.

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**JOHN WILKINSON BLACKBURN** is the grandson of one of the real pioneers of Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, and lives in the house that has been in the family for three generations. The first James Blackburn came from North Ireland to Conshohocken as a small boy, served his apprenticeship as a blacksmith, and was in business at West Conshohocken until his death in 1906, at the age of sixty-one. The second James Blackburn was also a blacksmith, and later was in partnership under the name of Blackburn & Buckel. His wife was Matilda Blackburn, and they are the parents of John Wilkinson, of whom further.

John Wilkinson Blackburn was born in Conshohocken, March 5, 1885, and educated in the public schools of the city. His business career began with learning the trade of pattern making, at which he worked for fifteen years, first with Niles-Bement Pond Company, of Philadelphia, and later with the Harrison Safety Boiler Works, of Norristown, Pennsylvania. In 1919 he set up in business for himself, after three years under William Miller, the undertaker, and has his parlors and mortuary at No. 1016 Hector street. Mr. Blackburn is an active member of the Conshohocken Chamber of Commerce, is a Republican in politics, and fraternizes with the Knights of Pythias, No. 117; Patriotic Order Sons of America, of which he is past president; Fritz Lodge, No. 420, Free and Accepted Masons, all of Conshohocken. He is a communicant of the Presbyterian church, and besides being on the board of trustees has been the financial secretary for eighteen years.

At Conshohocken, April 20, 1910, Mr. Blackburn was married to Emma R. Stiteler, and they are the parents of two children: John, and Walter Cobain.

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**WILSON S. NICE**—In the construction world of Montgomery county Wilson S. Nice holds a foremost position, and through his former experience with another contracting concern and the nearly a decade during which he has been independently active, he has been identified with the construction of very many of the residences, industrial plants and commercial structures which go to make up the physical existence of the borough of Souderton. Mr. Nice is a member of a family long in



Montgomery county, and is a son of John and Martha Nice, his father a farmer by occupation, and a highly esteemed citizen.

Wilson S. Nice was born in Souderton, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, May 31, 1873. His education was acquired in the local schools, and as a young man he assisted his father in the work of the home farm. Conceiving an ambition to fit himself for the construction work of the day, he learned the trade of carpenter and builder, and for ten years was active in this field with John Luder. In 1915 Mr. Nice struck out for himself as a contractor and builder, and from the first was successful. He has built very many of the newer structures which now add beauty and dignity to the streets of the borough of Souderton and its environs. This very practical and useful activity has given Mr. Nice more than usual local prominence, and as a loyal adherent of the Republican party he has been brought forward in the public service, acting as judge of elections in Souderton, and also serving as county road inspector. Fraternally Mr. Nice is affiliated with the Loyal Order of Moose, No. 35, of Sellersville, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Nice married, November 6, 1895, Anna Trea, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Hockmen) Trea, of Souderton. Mr. and Mrs. Nice have six children: Elmer, Evelyn, Stella, Mary, Harry, and Ezekiel.

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**MORVIN W. GODSHALL** is active in one of the unusual and interesting industries which form a part of the business life of Collegeville, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, the manufacture of flags and handkerchiefs. He is also identified with various activities of civic or fraternal import, and stands among the progressive and forward-looking men of the day in this borough. David C. Godshall, his father, is a citizen of Skippack township, retired at this time, after a long and active life spent in agricultural pursuits. David C. Godshall married Mary Ann Wanner, who is now deceased, and their children were: William W.; Ella, single; Rosanna, widow of the late John S. Undercoffer; Abner, a successful poultry farmer; and Morvin W.

Morvin W. Godshall was born in Skippack township, Pennsylvania, June 9, 1883. He received his early education in the Skippack public school. After working five years for the Phoenix Iron Company, at Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, he attended Ursinus Academy, and later Ursinus College, from which he was graduated in 1911, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then entered the employ of the Collegeville Flag Company, as factory manager, and remained with them until 1916. From then until the present time (1923), he has been factory manager for the H. O. Stansbury Company, manufacturers of flags and handkerchiefs. While he is very busy with his duties in connection with the business, Mr. Godshall spends a portion of his spare time in writing fire and casualty insurance, representing the Aetna Insurance Company and Fire Association of Philadelphia, and Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance Company of Springfield, Massachusetts. Mr. Godshall is interested in all topics of the day and is a firm believer in the Republican party, at the present time being an assessor, for one term, at Collegeville, Penn-

sylvania. Fraternally he holds membership in Warren Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Collegeville. He is a member of the Acacia Club, of Collegeville (a Masonic club). Along recreative lines, he is very much interested in out-of-door sports, especially hunting and fishing, and belongs to the Camp Biff Hunting and Fishing Club, of Pike county, Pennsylvania. He is also a member of the Reformed church, where he is now a deacon.

Mr. Godshall married Sarah K. Detwiler, on July 9, 1913, at Skippack township. She is the daughter of the late A. C. and Lydia S. (Kulp) Detwiler, the father being a retired farmer before his death. Mr. and Mrs. Godshall have three children: Mildred, born June 9, 1914; Gerald, born September 25, 1915; and Leon, born April 28, 1917.

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**AMBROSE B. UMSTEAD**—The active participation of Mr. Umstead in the civic affairs of his home town, Norristown, Pennsylvania, has resulted in his occupying public office with credit to himself and honor to the community. He takes a genuine interest in religious work, and is well known to fraternal associates. He is a son of J. Calvin and Kate A. (Reifsnyder) Umstead, and was born in Limerick township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, July 18, 1867.

Ambrose B. Umstead graduated from the high school in Norristown in 1886, and for three years thereafter was associated with the firm of Rambo and Regar, then accepted a position with the Earl Line Steamship Company. For thirty-two years he was a trusted employee of this company and advanced from one position to another, until at the time he resigned he was the secretary of the corporation.

During his connection with the company he was detailed for service in Cuba as auditor of the books of a mining company that had been kept in Spanish. But he had a working knowledge of both Spanish and French and was well equipped for the work. During another period of his connection with the Earl Steamship Company he was in charge of transportation matters in the building of the Panama Canal, and in the "Official History of the Panama Canal" there is mention made of his activities in the building of that great work. During this period he did much in connection with government affairs relating to the canal, the upbuilding of the navy, and on steamship government work; he has traveled extensively.

In April, 1922, Mr. Umstead was appointed a division chief of United States Internal Revenue and assigned to the district comprising the counties of Montgomery and Berks in Pennsylvania. He then resigned his office of secretary of the Earl Steamship Company and has since devoted himself to the duties of the Federal office. He is a Republican in politics and from 1903 until 1913 served as councilman and during the last nine years was president of that body. In religious faith he is connected with Christ Reformed Church, of which he has been the financial secretary since its organization twenty-seven years ago. As a Mason he is identified with Charity Lodge, No. 190, Free and Accepted Masons; Norristown Chapter, No. 190, Royal Arch Masons; Cryptic Council, No.



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53, Royal and Select Masters; Hutchinson Commandery, No. 32, Knights Templar; Lu Lu Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Philadelphia; and is also a member of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Young Men's Christian Association, and Hancock Fire Company. As chairman of the general committee of the Centennial celebration of Norristown in 1912, he contributed much to its success.

Mr. Umstead married, October 18, 1893, Mary B. Wiegner, of Norristown, and they are the parents of one son, Lynford A., born November 2, 1895, a graduate of Norristown High School, class of 1914, and now engaged in the iron and steel business. Mr. and Mrs. Umstead reside at 1017 West Marshall street, Norristown, Pennsylvania.

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**HARRY M. NASE**—For longer than a decade Harry M. Nase has been the postmaster and a merchant of West Point, Pennsylvania. His father, Thomas D. Nase, was at one time a farmer and later a merchant in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and his mother was Matilda Nase.

Harry M. Nase was born in Rock Hill township, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, February 10, 1877. He received his early education in the district school of that place. He continued his schooling in the Sellersville (Pennsylvania) High School and took a course in the Schissler Business College of Norristown, Pennsylvania. For the years 1888 and 1889 he pursued bookkeeping and typewriting as his vocation, but changed to become a general merchant at West Point, where he has been located ever since. During that same year he was appointed postmaster of that place, and he is now known far and wide throughout the district for his ability and careful, successful handling of both his office and his business. His fraternal interests are in the Patriotic Order Sons of America, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Woodmen of the World. With his family he attends and they are members of the Reformed church at West Point.

At Skippack, Pennsylvania, in 1891, Mr. Nase was married to Maggie H. Bean, daughter of Henry F. and Catherine Bean, and they are the parents of two children: Beatrice Elizabeth, born July 4, 1899; Frances Adelaide, born August 3, 1905.

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**SAMUEL HOMER KENDIG** is not only well known in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, for his business ability, but has been honored with public office because of his deep interest in municipal affairs. His father, Samuel B. Kendig, has been for many years a retired merchant in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, and his mother is Elizabeth (Enterline) Kendig, of that place. Samuel Homer Kendig was born in the State of Pennsylvania, December 14, 1874, and after early study in the grammar schools attended the high school of his native place.

His career as a worker began immediately after the completion of his education, by entering a manufacturing plant, in which he rose by various stages to official position. He was employed at one time by

Wanamaker & Brown, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. At the present time (1923) he is the capable manager of the A. J. Brumbach Company, clothing manufacturers.

For years active in the Republican party he is now a member of the Town Council from his ward, and a member of several important committees. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, Red Men, and Knights of the Golden Eagle, and is one of the Board of Trade of Lansdale. He is a communicant of the Episcopal church of this city.

On June 12, 1900, at Reading, Pennsylvania, he was married to Eugenia P. Cunningham, daughter of David and Mary (McDonald) Cunningham, of Lewistown, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Kendig are the parents of a son, John S. C., born March 11, 1901, who is a graduate of the Lansdale School of Business.

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**ALLEN E. BORTZ** has been a railroad man for thirty years, and as agent at Collegeville, Pennsylvania, his good natured but strict attention to business has won for him the respect of the many with whom he has come in contact. He is the son of Solomon Y. Bortz, a school teacher, and Mary K. (Kemmerer) Bortz, well known residents of Berks county.

Allen E. Bortz was born at Hereford, Pennsylvania, May 9, 1875. His education was received from the public schools of his town, but he early began to contribute to his own support. He soon decided that he wished to take up railroading, and as soon as an opportunity presented itself, became connected with the Reading railroad, in 1892, and has never left its employ. He is a thoughtful, home-loving man, but has served his community faithfully and well for years as treasurer and a director of the public schools, and has had a helpful part in many activities looking toward civic improvement and welfare.

In his political views he leans toward the Republican party. Fraternally he affiliates with Warren Lodge, No. 310, Free and Accepted Masons, and his club is the Acacia Club, of the Masonic order. He is a communicant of the Lutheran church of Schwenkville.

At Schwenkville, Pennsylvania, August 21, 1897, Allen E. Bortz was married to Laura B. Markley, daughter of Phillip and Hetty (Bossert) Markley, well known residents of Schwenkville. Mr. and Mrs. Bortz are the parents of two children: Myron S., born in August, 1901; and Nelson M., born in September, 1908.

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**WILLIAM CLAYTON KOCH**—Many of the more able men upon their return from service in the World War established themselves, as did William Clayton Koch, of Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, in a business of their own instead of working for others. Perhaps the military training gave increased confidence and independence, whatever the cause. Mr. Koch has been immediately successful in his later venture, and is becoming prominent among the business men of his city. He is the son of Howard and Eva (Colen) Koch, well known in Conshohocken, and



has a brother Francis, and sister Helen. Mr. Koch has been for years a worker in the rubber industry.

William Clayton Koch was born in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, November 22, 1897, and received his preliminary schooling in his native city, and was also graduated from the Lower Merion High School. His career as a business man began with the Lee Tire Corporation, in which he was engaged for four years previous to 1918. On November 8 of that year, the United States having gone into the World War, he enlisted and was sent to Camp Lee, in Virginia, where he remained until his discharge on May 5, 1919. The next year he started a service station in his home city, where he carries on a large trade in automobile supplies and repairs, and has the agency for the Studebaker car.

He is a Republican in politics, and is connected with several lodges and fraternal organizations, among which are the Whaita Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men, Conshohocken; Independent American; Knights of Pythias of Conshohocken; the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; and the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Norristown, Pennsylvania. He is a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal church.

At Westchester, Pennsylvania, May 8, 1920, he was married to Harriet, daughter of Charles and Marion (Williams) Benard, of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Koch are the parents of a son, William Koch, born October 8, 1921, at Conshohocken.

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**FRANKLIN SCHWENK**—Until retiring from active business affairs, Mr. Schwenk was engaged in the cattle business, an experience beginning in his sixteenth year. He is affiliated with fraternal organizations and financial institutions. His father, Aaron Schwenk, was a tanner by trade and in addition maintained stage routes, dealt in cattle and farmed. He married Elizabeth Ziegler, and they were the parents of four children: Franklin, the subject of this sketch; Sarah, wife of V. G. Prizer; Anna, deceased, wife of Jacob Gaub; and Amanda, wife of Dr. Faust.

Franklin Schwenk was born near Schwenkville, Pennsylvania, in Frederick township, at what is now known as Delphi Post Office, October 5, 1852. He attended the rural public schools until he was sixteen years old, when he purchased sixty-two head of cattle in New York State and returned with them to settle at Zieglersville as a cattle herder in 1868, remaining there until 1902. In that year he came to Schwenkville, Pennsylvania, and carried on the business until 1920, when he retired and turned it over to his son, Franklin, who married Elizabeth Pennypacker, daughter of John B. and Elizabeth (Wagner) Pennypacker, on September 25, 1906. They have four children living, one dead: Mary, Charles, Elizabeth, John; Nelson, deceased. They reside at Schwenkville. In political faith he is a Republican. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, Zieglersville, No. 247; and the Knights of Friendship, Zieglersville. He is a stockholder in the Schwenkville National Bank, the Growers and Merchants Bank, of Philadelphia, and several others.

Mr. Schwenk was united in marriage with Hanna Krause, at Sumneytown, who was a daughter of William and Susan (Hefisbinger) Krause. The children born to this union were: William, living in Columbus, Ohio; Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Beard; Aaron; Susan, married; Franklin, managing the cattle business; Hannah, living at Trappe, Pennsylvania, until her death. He married a second time, Katherine Hersch, whose father was a huckster and patronized the markets in Philadelphia. Her death occurred August 14, 1922, leaving no issue.

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**MAHLON F. DETWEILER**—The Detweilers are a farming family of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, Samuel and Anna (Freed) Detweiler residing at Hilltown, in that county, at the time of the birth of their son, Mahlon F., who is now a prosperous farmer and landowner of Franconia township, in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania. Samuel Detweiler, son of John and Sarah Detweiler, was a farmer all his life, and under his instruction Mahlon F. Detweiler gained his first experience as a farmer. Samuel and Anna (Freed) Detweiler had four children: John (2), Mahlon F., of whom further; Saloma, wife of William Landis; and Isaac F.

Mahlon F. Detweiler was born at the home farm at Hilltown, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, July 16, 1870, and obtained his education in the district public school. He early became his father's farm assistant and remained at the homestead until reaching the age of twenty-one. He then began farming on his own account, and in 1916 bought his present farm in Franconia township, Montgomery county, where he has eighty fertile acres under cultivation. The farm is a part of one of the old estates of that section and has a history running back to pre-Revolutionary days. Mr. Detweiler is a Republican in politics, and in religious faith a Mennonite.

Mr. Detweiler married, in Bucks county, December 9, 1894, Amanda Myers, daughter of Jacob and Anna Maria Myers. Mr. and Mrs. Detweiler are the parents of four children: Anne, Bertha, Howard and Samuel. The Detweiler farm is located near Souderton, Pennsylvania, is well kept, and indicates a prosperous, energetic, capable owner.

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**JOHN S. GRATER**—In the industrial world of Montgomery county Mr. Grater holds a position of responsibility, as superintendent of the Fowler & Wolf Radiator Manufacturing Company of Norristown. Mr. Grater comes of a well known Pennsylvania family, and is a son of Abram and Hanna Grater, his father a farmer throughout his lifetime.

John S. Grater was born in Limerick township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, May 18, 1874. The family home being removed to another State in his childhood, he attended the public schools of Morrison, Illinois, then spent one year at Mount Morris College, this being the extent of his educational advantages. On May 27, 1897, Mr. Grater entered the employ of the Fowler & Wolf Radiator Company, in the capacity of molder, at their plant at Royersford, Montgomery county, and was thus engaged for about four years and a half. In September, 1901, he was transferred to the Norristown plant of the same concern, and now







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for over two decades he has been an active factor in the success of the company in the same capacity.

A Republican by political affiliation, and always a worker for the good of the party, Mr. Grater was brought forward in 1917, as a member of the Borough Council of Norristown. He took his seat in that body in November, 1917, and served until January, 1921; and he is a director of the Schuylkill Valley Protective Building and Loan Association. He is a member of the Brethren Church, of which he is deacon and trustee.

Mr. Grater married, on June 20, 1901, at Royersford, in this county, Bertha A. Oehlert, daughter of Robert and Emma Oehlert, and they have two children: Edgar, born July 17, 1904; and Mildred, born April 2, 1909.

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**HOWARD S. STILLWAGON**—For years prominent and successful in various lines of business endeavor, Mr. Stillwagon has since devoted his time largely to his duties as a public servant, his broad experience and practical ability making him a factor in the public advance. Mr. Stillwagon comes of old Pennsylvania stock, and is a son of William H. and Emma J. Stillwagon, his father for many years a farmer in Montgomery county.

Howard S. Stillwagon was born near West Spring Mill, Lower Merion township, March 15, 1869. His early education was acquired at the public schools of his native place and in the township of Radnor, and he prepared for his career at Pierce's Business College, in Philadelphia. As a youth of seventeen Mr. Stillwagon took up the duties of his first position in a grocery store at Ardmore, in this county, where he was employed for three years. He then became identified with the lumber business at Rosemont, where he was assistant bookkeeper for about five years, thereafter entering the wholesale end of the lumber business in Philadelphia, and continuing for six years. On February 9, 1899, Mr. Stillwagon was appointed postmaster of Rosemont, in which office he served for seven years. Meanwhile, on July 1, 1899, he entered the real estate business in Rosemont, handling insurance also, and for years he went forward along this line of endeavor. In 1905 Mr. Stillwagon was elected clerk of the courts of Montgomery county, and was reelected in 1908, serving a second term. For three years he served as commissioner of Lower Merion township, and in 1915 was made justice of the peace of this township, in which office he is still active. In all his public service Mr. Stillwagon has displayed the same practical and progressive qualities which have made him successful in personal endeavor. He is most highly-esteemed by his contemporaries, of whatever political allegiance they may be, and is himself affiliated with the Republican party. Fraternally, Mr. Stillwagon is widely known, being a past master of Cassia Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Ardmore; of Montgomery Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; of St. Albans Commandery, Knights Templar; and of Lu Lu Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America; of the Order of Independent Americans; and of the Improved



Order of Red Men. Since his residence in Ardmore he has been identified with the Matthew Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Stillwagon married, at Rosemont, Pennsylvania, on September 15, 1892, Mary Elizabeth Super, daughter of Lewis and Rachel Super, and they are the parents of four children: Grace E., who married Lawrence R. Davis, D. D. S., of Ardmore, Pennsylvania; Howard S., Jr.; Anna Florence; and Algernon B. R.

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**J. FRANK RAMSAY**—One of the successful business men of Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, is J. Frank Ramsay, electrical contractor, who is also engaged in selling electrical appliances. Mr. Ramsay is a son of William and Sarah (Beneux) Ramsay, the last named of whom died in 1908, at the age of sixty-four years, and the former of whom is engaged in cultivating the homestead farm near Coatesville, Chester county, Pennsylvania, which has been in the possession of the Ramsay family for more than one hundred and twenty years.

Born in Ronk, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, July 24, 1883, Mr. Ramsay received his education in the public schools of Berwyn, Chester county, and when his high school course was completed learned the general electrical business. In 1900 he removed to Conshohocken, where he was employed as electrician of the Broad Street Station of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. That position he continued to hold for a period of eighteen years, at the end of which time, in 1918, he engaged in business for himself at Conshohocken as an electrical contractor. He has been notably successful in his business career and in addition to his electrical contracting business he also conducts a store for the sale of electrical appliances, located on Fayette street. Politically Mr. Ramsay gives his support to the principles of the Republican party. He fraternizes with the Improved Order of Red Men, of Berwyn, Pennsylvania, of which he is past sachem; and with the Knights of Pythias. His religious affiliation is with the Lutheran church of Conshohocken.

On November 10, 1899, at Camden, New Jersey, J. Frank Ramsay married Myrtle Pope, daughter of William and Catherine (Charles) Pope, and they are the parents of seven children, all born at Conshohocken, Pennsylvania: Howard Beaumont, Myrtle Virginia, Catherine Dorothy, William Frank, Robert Horace, Warren Arthur, and Charles Ernest. The family residence is at No. 131 East Eighth avenue, Conshohocken, Pennsylvania.

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**HARVEY T. HEATH**, one of the younger men of Ambler, Pennsylvania, who has started out in business for himself, having a two-story brick garage on Main and Butler avenues, is a son of James S. Heath, born October 30, 1860, who is chief engineer of the Jenkin Rubber Company, of Elizabeth, New Jersey. His mother is Mary Heath, born July 29, 1865.

Harvey T. Heath was born in Trenton, New Jersey, August 24, 1893. He attended the public educational institutions of Ambler, and was graduated from the grammar school in 1915, then spent some time in high



school. When sixteen years of age he began his business career as a clerk in the grocery store of J. W. Freas, of Ambler, Pennsylvania, remaining for two years. His liking for mechanics led to his securing a position in the garage of H. J. Deramies, of Elizabeth, New Jersey, where he learned his trade as an expert mechanic. He then joined his father, James S. Heath, in the automobile business, and after some years moved to Ambler and started a garage of his own. He has a fine two-story building, fifty by sixty feet, fitted with everything needed for the care and repair of all motor vehicles, and is busily engaged with his increasing custom. In politics he is a Republican, in his fraternal affiliation a member of Lodge No. 214, Patriotic Order Sons of America, and is a communicant of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Heath married, November 9, 1917, Margaret Elizabeth Myers, daughter of Lee A. and Alice Myers, and they are the parents of two children: Harvey T., born November 23, 1918, and Alice Marie, born July 29, 1919.

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**FRANK C. BECHTEL**—In all essential respects Frank C. Bechtel is a self-made man, the foundation of his success being plain, honest hard work. The most of his opportunities he has himself created, and he has utilized them in an intelligent and capable way, being ranked to-day among the men of worth and substance in Pottstown, where he makes his home.

Levi Bechtel, father of Frank C. Bechtel, was born in Washington township, Berks county, Pennsylvania, and while a young man, carried on the undertaking business at Bechtelville, Pennsylvania, later entering the lumber business, together with farming. He died in 1905, at the age of eighty-two years. Levi Bechtel married Catherine Cleaver, who passed away in 1912, at the age of eighty-six years. Mr. and Mrs. Bechtel were the parents of eleven children: Hiram C., a millwright by trade; Lavinia, wife of E. H. Stauffer, of Bechtelville; Amanda, wife of Joshua Fry; Mary, deceased; Sarah, wife of John Zuber, of Reading, Pennsylvania; Olivia, wife of Horace D. Heins; Amos; Catherine, deceased; Elizabeth, wife of William Moyer, of Reading; Frank C., of further mention; Edwin C., who is engaged in the flour and feed business at West Leesport, Berks county.

Frank C. Bechtel, son of Levi and Catherine (Cleaver) Bechtel, was born in Washington township, Berks county, Pennsylvania, November 4, 1872. He attended school in his native district for some years, after which he spent one year at the J. W. Arms Academy. He then terminated his studies and served an apprenticeship to the millwright trade with Angus Wolf & Company, at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. He remained here for seven years, after which he secured a position in the Quaker City Flour Mills, Philadelphia, where he spent the next twelve years, going thence to West Leesport, where he took over the Pleasant Valley Roller Mills, carrying on business successfully there for nine years, or until April, 1920, when he removed to Pottstown and established the Pottstown Roller Mills, at South and Hanover streets. The

building was formerly used as a flour and grist mill for many years. On August 5, 1920, Mr. Bechtel launched his business there, consisting of flour and feed mill. The building, which is of brick and stone construction, has four floors and basement, with a storage capacity of 25,000 bushels, and a grain elevator. He now employs six men. His flour is shipped to many of the big cities throughout the United States, being handled through brokers. He also retails coal and wood.

In politics Mr. Bechtel is a Republican, but in no sense of the word is he an office-seeker, preferring to devote himself exclusively to his business affairs. Mr. Bechtel affiliates with the Loyal Order of Moose; the Knights of Malta; Pottstown Business Men's Association; and the Flour and Feed Men's Association of Pennsylvania. He attends the Transfiguration Lutheran Church of Pottstown.

On December 17, 1896, Frank C. Bechtel was united in marriage with Sarah Emma Renninger, daughter of John H. and Maria (Hoffman) Renninger. Mrs. Bechtel passed away September 29, 1919, at the age of forty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Bechtel had the following children: Eva, deceased; Catherine, born February 14, 1901, attended McCann's Business College (Reading), class of 1918; Miriam, born March 2, 1906; John Franklyn, born March 1, 1908; Sarah A., born December 14, 1915. The family home is at No. 267 York street, Pottstown.

A lover of sports, Mr. Bechtel devotes some time to his favorite pastime, that of hunting, but largely is his time taken up with business affairs, which are ever urgent in their demands. Frank C. Bechtel can review his life with satisfaction, and trace his way to his present station with the proud thought that he has been the architect of his own fortune, and has won his way through sheer pluck and that indomitable energy which in its last analysis is the fundamental characteristic of the successful man.

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**RAYMOND B. MILLER**, proprietor of the electrical supply business located at No. 16 North Hanover street, in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, carries a full line of electrical supplies and household accessories and does a general electrical contracting business.

Mr. Miller was born in Waynesboro, Franklin county, Pennsylvania, June 7, 1884, son of David T. and Amelia (Mays) Miller, and received his education in the public schools of Lebanon. When school days were over, he began his career as an electrical man, by associating himself with electrical concerns in Lebanon and learning the business from the bottom upward. He continued to follow that line of business as an employee until 1918, at which time he engaged in business for himself in Pottstown. His thorough knowledge of every branch of the business, his wide acquaintance with the people of his section, and his excellent business methods have brought him deserved success and he has filled some of the most important wiring and installing contracts given in Pottstown and vicinity. Among other contracts most efficiently filled by him was the installing of the motors in the Water Company's plant, and the wiring and installing of lighting in the Bernhart building and in

the new addition to the Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. Miller does not specialize in any one branch of his line but does a general electrical business. His religious interest is with Trinity Reformed Church, with which his family is affiliated, and he also is a member of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Mr. Miller married, on September 17, 1907, Beulah Leshner, of Reading, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of one child, Eleanor B. The family residence is at No. 223 North Evans street, Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

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**ELAM E. SCHELL**—Among the well known and successful business men of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, is Elam E. Schell, of the Pottstown Printery, whose plant is located at Nos. 74-76 North Charlotte street, in Pottstown.

Mr. Schell was born in Limerick township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, January 9, 1880, son of Jacob R., a retired farmer, and of Elizabeth (Stauffer) Schell, both of whom are living in Pottstown. He received his education in the public schools of his native district and then at an early age began his active business career. About 1897 he decided to learn the printer's trade, and in that year associated himself with the Pottstown "Daily News" as an apprentice. He learned the art of printing in all its practical branches, remaining with the "Daily News" for about eight years, at the end of which time he took charge of the printing plant of the Mission Printing Company, which was established in 1907 by the Rev. H. F. McNally for the purpose of doing church printing. This connection he maintained until 1918, when, after the death of Mr. McNally, he formed a partnership with Daniel L. Evans and purchased the business. The new owners changed the name, formerly the Mission Manufacturing Company, to the Pottstown Printery, and are conducting a successful and growing business. They do a general job printing business in Pottstown and vicinity, and require the services of six employees. They are prepared to do all kinds of high-grade work and enjoy the patronage of many who require first quality work.

Mr. Schell is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose; of the Improved Order of Red Men; and of the Royal Arcanum, of which he is a past regent. His religious affiliation is with St. Paul's Reformed Church, which he serves as a member of the board of deacons and as superintendent of the Sunday school, having filled the latter position for twenty-five years. He is also a member of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Mr. Schell married, on October 21, 1902, Ida Embury, of Pottstown, daughter of Edwin K. and Matilda (Benner) Embury. Mr. and Mrs. Schell reside at No. 374 North Evans street, in Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

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**CHARLES HENRY KUHNT**—Having succeeded in establishing a prosperous bakery in Collegeville, Pennsylvania, Mr. Kuhnt has turned over the reins of office to his son and son-in-law and lives in



retirement. He is a son of Gottlieb and Caroline Kuhnt, both of whom were natives of Germany, where the father was born January 19, 1834, and died May 22, 1901, having been engaged in business as a dyer. The mother was born November 17, 1836, died February, 1921, and was buried at Trappe, Pennsylvania. She was the widow of Mr. Knoblich, of Germany when she married Mr. Kuhnt, and after his death came to this country to reside with her son. One other child was born to them, Ernest, deceased.

Charles Henry Kuhnt was born in Silesia, Germany, February 7, 1864, and obtained his education in that country before coming to Baltimore, Maryland, June 30, 1882. The following October he moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he worked in various positions until 1887, and then learned the bakery business with F. K. Steeble, remaining with him two years. After working in several other bakeries he established a business of his own in 1899, and continued to reside in Philadelphia until 1907, when he moved to Collegeville, on November 11, and the bakery which he moved here is now managed by William E. Kuhnt, his son, and Ralph Graber, his son-in-law, Charles Henry Kuhnt having retired from business in 1921.

In politics Charles Henry Kuhnt is a Republican and became a fully naturalized citizen of this country, December 3, 1904. He is a stockholder in the Metropolitan store, a five and fifty cent store, and in the Peter's Home Building Company, of Minneapolis, Minnesota. In religion he is a member of the Lutheran church at Trappe, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Kuhnt returned to his native country, and while there met Pauline Bergmann, whom he married January 26, 1891, at Silesia, Germany. She was a daughter of Traugott, a brick mason, and Susan (Schnabel) Bergmann. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kuhnt, who were: A boy, died at birth; William E., born May 14, 1893; Frieda, born April 30, 1894, wife of Ralph Graber; Carl, born February 20, 1909, at present attending school.

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**E. FRANK FINK**—One of the well known and substantial business men of Pottstown, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, is E. Frank Fink, who is owner and manager of the electrical appliances and contracting business located at No. 268 King street. Mr. Fink carries a full line of supplies and household appliances and also specializes in commercial house-wiring.

Born in Douglas township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, June 19, 1870, son of William B., a landscape gardener, and Mary R. (Kolb) Fink, both deceased, Mr. Fink received his education in the public schools of his native district and then learned the trade of the carriage builder, in which line he was successfully engaged until 1900. He then became associated with the Rapid Transit Company of Philadelphia, and with the Atlantic Coast Electric Company as dispatcher at Asbury Park, New Jersey. His next business connection was with a concern engaged in handling electrical supplies, and in 1914 he engaged in that business for himself in Pottstown, locating on Charlotte street. The venture was

successful, and at the end of five years the business had grown to proportions which made necessary the securing of larger quarters. In December, 1919, Mr. Fink removed to his present quarters at No. 268 King street, where the enterprise has continued to grow. He employs an efficient and intelligent corps of helpers, and enjoys the patronage of a steadily-increasing number of those who desire excellence of quality, promptness of service, and reliability and integrity of business methods. Mr. Fink has won the confidence and the esteem of his business associates and of a large circle of personal friends, and is recognized as one of the progressive and enterprising business men of Pottstown. His religious affiliation is with the Presbyterian church.

E. Frank Fink married, on November 16, 1920, Minnie E. Sherman, of Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of one son, Jonathan Sherman, who was born April 30, 1922.

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**DORA (WEIDNER) ZWEIER**—Mrs. Dora (Weidner) Zweier, of Lansdale, Pennsylvania, has been very successful in her first and only business venture. She sensibly chose a profession that was not only suitable, but in which she had long experience, that of housekeeping, and she has practiced it on a rather large scale, as proprietress of the Eitherton rooming house with its annex. She was born in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, November 29, 1858, daughter of Edwin H., a former carpenter, and Rebecca Y. (Shultz) Weidner, of Lehigh county. Her education was gained in the district schools of her county.

For many years Mrs. Zweier lived with her uncle in Lansdale, taking care of him and of his home, and is now (1923) living in the same house in which for nineteen years she was his housekeeper. She is now owner of the "Eitherton" with its large annex, and has been very fortunate in her career as its manager. It is probably one of the finest of its kind in Montgomery county. Mrs. Zweier has been for years a supporter of all temperance movements, and is a charter member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Lansdale. She is a Republican voter, also an ardent member of the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania, and is, with her family a communicant of the Reformed church, of Lansdale.

On August 14, 1900, Miss Weidner was married to Daniel D. Zweier, of Lansdale. Mr. Zweier is foreman of the wood-working department of the Heebner Agricultural Works, and has been in their employ for thirty years. Mr. and Mrs. Zweier have one child, Mary Jane, a young lady of great refinement and pleasing personality. She is a graduate of the Lansdale High School.

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**JOSEPH P. ROBISON**—In the activities which for many years have commanded the attention of Joseph P. Robinson, the borough of Collegeville has greatly benefited, both from the civic standpoint and the economic. Long active in business in Philadelphia, Mr. Robison has for more than a quarter of a century been identified with the real estate and construction advance of Collegeville. A native of Montgomery county, Mr. Robison is a son of John and Elizabeth (Haws) Robison. John

Robison was born in Salem, New Jersey, in the year 1809, and died in 1885, his early life having been spent on the farm and his later years in mercantile pursuits. These parents had a family of seven children: Harry H., now deceased, who was a merchant at Collegeville; Rachel, wife of Joseph Landis; Mary Ann, who died in infancy; John C., now deceased; William, who served for four years in the Civil War under General Hartranft, and for five years on the frontier with the 9th Corps, under General Burnside; Morris E., who served with the 51st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and died at Newport News, Virginia, in 1863; and Joseph P., whose name heads this review.

Joseph P. Robison was born in Lower Providence township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, December 10, 1846. His education was acquired at the Level School in that community, and as a young lad of fourteen years he went to Philadelphia, where he secured a position as clerk in the grocery store of William Hoffman. There he remained until his enlistment in the Civil War, when he was still under seventeen years of age, on June 29, 1863. He became a member of Company B, 34th Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, but being stationed at Reading, Pennsylvania, he saw no active service at the front, and received his honorable discharge in August of the same year. Upon his return to civilian life Mr. Robison went back to Philadelphia and took charge of the grocery store of J. C. Keenan, where he was engaged until 1867, when he opened his own store at the corner of Front and Walnut streets, handling a general line of groceries. Although very successful in this venture, four years later Mr. Robison saw a larger opportunity and availed himself of it, becoming clerk at the St. Charles Hotel, in Philadelphia, to gain the practical experience which he was later to need. In 1875 he opened a hotel and restaurant at the corner of Third and Arch streets, in Philadelphia, and for twenty-one years he carried forward these enterprises, attaining a large measure of success. In 1896 Mr. Robison retired from active business and taking up his residence in Collegeville became interested in farming. Shortly afterward, however, the great opportunities of community development in the vicinity of Collegeville attracted his attention, and while still retaining his agricultural interests Mr. Robison handled real estate quite extensively, also entering upon a course of construction activity, building pleasant modern homes of moderate cost, which he sold. In this connection he did not confine his operations to the immediate vicinity, but built in surrounding towns and counties, a row of eight houses which he built in Newtown, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, now being known as Robison's Row. His interest in civic progress very naturally led the people to seek his services in the public affairs and he was importuned for some time to accept the candidacy for mayor of Collegeville, but definitely declined any public honors. His political convictions are those of the Independent Republican. Fraternally Mr. Robison holds membership in Stephen Girard Lodge, No. 450, Free and Accepted Masons, of Philadelphia; Oriental Chapter, No. 183, Royal Arch Masons; and Kadacks Commandery, No. 29, Knights Templar, all of Philadelphia. By religious faith he is a Quaker.



Mr. Robison married, in Philadelphia, in the year 1872, Katharine Shive, of that city, daughter of Samuel and Lydia Shive, her father a farmer of Bucks county. The seven children of Samuel and Lydia Shive were: Hannah, wife of Gideon Groff; Katharine, now Mrs. Robison; William; Levi; Monroe; Sally, now Mrs. Smith; and Emma, now Mrs. Daniels. Mr. and Mrs. Robison are the parents of five children: Ida L., born in 1872, who is now the wife of William S. Allen, formerly a shoe manufacturer of Philadelphia, now employed by the United States Government; John, born in 1875, died in 1896; G. Morris, born in 1884, married Helen Adrian, of Philadelphia, and is in the employ of the David Hess Estate, of that city; Katharine, born in 1887, now the wife of Earl Kemmerer, a wholesale and retail confectionery dealer of Philadelphia; and Joseph B., born in 1890, married Mildred Schrader, and is engaged as a shipping clerk in Norristown.

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**JOSEPH S. MILLER, M. D.**, had been recently graduated from a medical school and was getting his second year of practical training as an interne in a Camden (New Jersey) hospital when the United States entered the World War. He early enlisted in the service of his country and rose rapidly in the ranks, being a captain when discharged. He immediately settled in Collegeville, Pennsylvania, and is rapidly becoming one of its best known and capable physicians.

Joseph S. Miller is the first son of Frank and Julia (Bobber) Miller, prominent citizens of Shamokin, Pennsylvania, who were married in 1888. Frank Miller is a retired mining engineer and realtor, a staunch Democrat, and a leader in his party for eighteen years. They are the parents of: Anna, now Mrs. Michael, of Philadelphia; Joseph S., of whom further; Ella, private secretary to Dodge Brothers, of Philadelphia; Anthony, medical student in Hahnemann Medical School; Francis, first year in Hahnemann Medical School; and Stanley, a graduate of the high school (1922).

Dr. Joseph S. Miller was born in Shamokin, Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, June 11, 1894. After a preparatory education in the Pottsville, Pennsylvania, public and high schools, graduating from the latter school, class of 1913, he entered Hahnemann Medical School of Philadelphia, graduating with the degree of M. D. in 1917. He was an interne in the West Jersey Hospital of Camden in 1917 and 1918, leaving in the second year to enter the United States army. For nearly a year and a half he was stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, giving medical treatment to the army officers and railroad employees who made their headquarters there. He was commissioned a captain of a company of five hundred and thirty-six men, and also was an instructor in chemistry and biology.

Upon his discharge with honor, December 22, 1919, he returned to Collegeville, Pennsylvania, which he had chosen for his home early in January, and took up the practice of medicine. Dr. Miller is a member of the National and Philadelphia Medical associations. Like his father,

he has a taste and the ability for the handling of real estate, and is becoming (1923) somewhat interested in that line.

Dr. Miller fraternizes with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Economy Lodge, Collegeville; and the I. O. O. A., of Evansburg, Pennsylvania; the American Legion; and is a communicant of the Episcopal church, of Evansburg.

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 6, 1917, Joseph S. Miller was married to Margaret Mary Marr, daughter of Andrew and Anna (Michael) Marr, of Pottsville, Pennsylvania. Mr. Marr is a well known realtor of that city, now retired. Dr. and Mrs. Miller are the parents of one child, Margaret Lorraine, born June 25, 1919.

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**NELSON P. FEGLEY, A. B., LL. B.**—Born and reared in Montgomery county, and trained for his profession in the educational institutions of Pennsylvania, Mr. Fegley now stands among the successful professional men of the day as attorney and counsellor-at-law in Norristown. Mr. Fegley's family has long resided in this county, and he is a son of Henry and Frances (Place) Fegley, his father being a farmer by occupation. The mother is deceased.

Nelson P. Fegley was born in Skippack township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, May 15, 1883. His early education was acquired in the public schools of his native place, and he later attended Ursinus Academy and College, being graduated from the latter institution in the class of 1907, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. For his professional studies he entered the University of Pennsylvania Law School, from which he was graduated in the class of 1911, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In November of the same year Mr. Fegley was admitted to the bar, and began practice in the law office of A. R. Place, with whom he was associated for nearly eight years. Upon the death of Mr. Place, which occurred in January, 1919, Mr. Fegley continued alone, and has since been thus engaged. He has now for nearly twelve years been in practice in Norristown, and is counted among the foremost men of the profession. In connection with his private practice Mr. Fegley is editor of the "Montgomery County Law Reporter," the duties of which office have been in his hands since January, 1919. He is a member of the Montgomery County Bar Association, also the State Bar Association, and in fraternal circles he is well known, being a member of Warren Lodge, No. 310, Free and Accepted Masons; Norristown Chapter, No. 190, Royal Arch Masons; Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Norristown Forest, No. 31; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, also the encampment, and the Order of Independent Americans, the Keystone Automobile Club, and the Young Men's Christian Association. He is a member and elder of the Presbyterian church, of Jeffersonville, in this county, the place of his residence.

Mr. Fegley married, on November 21, 1914, Mabel Gledhill, daughter of Walter and Eliza Ann Gledhill, the latter deceased.



*Nelson P. Fegley*





**FRANCIS PIERCE NOBLE**—During recent years in Montgomery county the Great Reaper has taken a group of men who were identified with that period of industrial prosperity which was inaugurated with the closing of the nineteenth century and the opening of the twentieth. In this group Francis Pierce Noble was a figure at once prominent and self-effacing. His activities brought him much in the public eye, yet he always forgot himself for and in his work, both as a leading manufacturer of Conshohocken and as a public servant. A native and lifelong resident of this State, he was a son of James and Beulah (Hugg) Noble, his father an early brass manufacturer of Philadelphia.

Francis Pierce Noble was born in the city of Philadelphia, June 23, 1859, and died in Conshohocken, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, April 21, 1920. His education was acquired in the public and high schools of his native city, and was therewith completed, as he felt no interest in a professional career. His first industrial experience was as a brass worker at Merrill's Brass Foundry, at the corner of Fourth and Race streets, in Philadelphia, where he was active for five years. He then became identified with the Cornelius Brass Foundry, on the corner of Twelfth and Brown streets, Philadelphia, continuing with this concern for three years. His next position was in the capacity of assistant superintendent at the Seville Chandelier Works, where he was active for ten years, at their Philadelphia plant. In 1892 Mr. Noble came to Conshohocken to become associated with the J. Ellswood Lee Company, and remained with this concern for two years. Then in 1894 he established in Conshohocken, in partnership with his son, Pierce Noble, a glass foundry, which became and still is one of the important industrial interests of this borough. Francis P. Noble's wide experience and splendid executive ability placed this industry on a solid foundation and built it up to a largely prosperous and broadly useful plant, and now his son is carrying the business on with continued success, having taken over the management following the death of his father. In civic and national affairs Francis P. Noble was broadly interested. As a young man he served two enlistments in the Pennsylvania National Guard, first in Company E, of the 6th Regiment, with the rank of first sergeant, and later in Company F, of the 2nd Regiment, with the rank of first lieutenant. His interest in military affairs ended only with his death. A Republican by political affiliation, Mr. Noble's only interest in public office was the service he could render to his fellow-citizens. He never sought nor desired public honors, but his practical business ability and experience were needed in the affairs of the community, and the office sought the man. He was for a number of consecutive years elected to the Borough Council, and also to the Board of Assessors; and was practically throughout the period of his residence in Conshohocken a member of the Chamber of Commerce. His religious connection was with St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Noble married, in Philadelphia, on December 22, 1879, Anna M. Nullet, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Smith) Nullet, her father a leader

in political affairs of Philadelphia in a day gone by. Mr. and Mrs. Noble were the parents of four children: Eugenia, born October 23, 1880, deceased; Estella, born March 4, 1886; Pierce, born February 26, 1890, who is now at the head of the business; and Joseph, born July 4, 1892, all born in the city of Philadelphia. The grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Noble are as follows: Dorothy, born April 14, 1911; Edwin, born November 18, 1913; Rhea, born January 13, 1919; Francis P., born June 21, 1918. The three first mentioned are the children of the daughter Estella, the last named the child of the son Pierce. The family home is at No. 1005 Forrest street, Conshohocken, Pennsylvania.

In the death of such a man as Francis Pierce Noble, the people in general, as well as the friends and family, feel a sense of loss. Too few men of his calibre are given to the world. In his upright life and useful activities the entire community found help and encouragement; and now that he is gone his name is spoken with reverence. He will long be remembered among all whose privilege it was to know him.

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**BENJAMIN F. EVANS**—For two decades Mr. Evans has been engaged in the fire insurance and real estate business in Norristown, Pennsylvania, the city of his birth and life time residence, he now representing a group of the largest and strongest fire insurance companies in the United States. He is an insurance expert whose knowledge of the business is thorough, covering every detail of agency work, schedule rating, proper preparation of policies, settlement of losses, and those other vital points which are overlooked by the average insurance man. His agency, now located in the New Curren Arcade, Nos. 51 to 55 East Main street, Norristown, has gained the confidence of insurers who testify to the business-like, intelligent service rendered them, not only in securing satisfactory settlements when losses occur, but in advice, direction, and expert service in insurance matters generally. He is a son of Thomas and Maria (Hart) Evans, his parents born in Wales, Great Britain, who came to the United States, first settling in the coal regions of Pennsylvania, later in Norristown. Thomas Evans died in Norristown in 1910, his wife, Maria (Hart) Evans, preceding him to the spiritland in 1908. They were the parents of two sons, Rev. Thomas H., D. D., a graduate of Dickinson College and a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Benjamin F., of this review.

Benjamin F. Evans was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, August 11, 1878, and there completed grammar and high school study. He finished his school years with a course at Pierce's Business College, in Philadelphia, then began his career as a business man, as clerk in the employ of the United States Steel Corporation, in Philadelphia. For two years he continued in that position and then began his independent career. In 1903 he established his present business in Norristown, Pennsylvania, his first offices being in the Miller building. Two years later he moved to the Shoemaker building, thence four years later to the Stinsm building, and five years later, on June 1, 1923, to the present commodious offices in the New Curren Arcade. In addition to his promi-







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nence in the local insurance field, Mr. Evans has a Philadelphia office in the Lincoln building which he has maintained since 1915. He is a director of the First National Bank, of Norristown; a director of the Bridgeport-Atlantic Spinning Company, a director of the Norristown Wholesale Grocery Company, and of Norristown Hospital. He is a Republican in his political faith and in religious affiliation is connected with Haws Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church. His clubs are the Plymouth Country, and the Norristown. Mr. Evans is a talented vocalist, possessing a rich baritone voice, highly cultivated and trained for solo and concert work. He is widely known throughout his section of Pennsylvania as a soloist and has appeared in programs broadcasted from the Wanamaker station in Philadelphia. He is soloist in the choir of Haws Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, and has made frequent appearances on the concert stage. In 1923 he visited Europe on pleasure bent and to obtain a clearer idea of the economic question now affecting the peace and security of the whole world.

In Norristown, Pennsylvania, on June 18, 1903, Mr. Evans married Mary Gotwals, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Detwiler) Gotwals, of Norristown. Mr. and Mrs. Evans are the parents of two daughters: Mary, born in Norristown, April 30, 1906, and Kathryn, born in Norristown, September 30, 1908.

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**HARRY RENNINGER**—George J. Renninger, father of Harry Renninger, was a confectioner by trade. He married, December 31, 1879, Sarah J. Lunney, of Philadelphia, and resided in that city, in Edge Hill, and in Glenside, Montgomery county. They were the parents of eight children: George J., of the firm of Smith & Peters, Philadelphia; Francis X., a lawyer of Glenside and Norristown, Pennsylvania; Blanche R., married Albert Zellfelder, a building contractor of Philadelphia and Glenside; Harry, of further mention; Philip, Charles P., Sarah R., and Fred F.

Harry Renninger, son of George J. and Sarah J. (Lunney) Renninger, was born at Edge Hill, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, December 12, 1888, and was educated in the public schools of Edge Hill and Philadelphia, graduating from North East High School, in Philadelphia, in 1908, and attending the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, class of 1912. He was an employee in the real estate business with Renninger & Renninger, at Glenside, until June 1, 1916, when he assumed the entire control of the business and so continues, his agency including a general line of real estate and insurance, with a mortgage loan department. He is a director in the Glenside Trust Company; second vice-president of the Ambler Trust Company; director and treasurer of the Remln Building and Loan Association, of Edge Hill; director of the Waverly Building Association, of Glenside; director of the Roslyn Building and Loan Association; director of the Fairmount Avenue Building and Loan Association, of Philadelphia; director of the Community Building Association, of Ambler; and has other connections with the business of his section. He served as real estate assessor of Chilten-



ham township from 1916 to 1920 inclusive. Mr. Renninger is a Republican in politics, a member of the Masonic order, affiliated with the bodies of both the York and Scottish Rites; is a member of Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia; Philadelphia Consistory; Philadelphia Forest, No. 10, Tall Cedars of Lebanon; a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Norristown; Patriotic Order Sons of America, of Glenside; and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is also a member of the Philadelphia Board of Realtors, Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, Glenside Fire Company, president and director of the Glenside Lumber & Coal Company, a member of the Glenside Business Men's Association, Old York Road Chamber of Commerce, the American Academy of Political and Social Science, and a member of Carmel Presbyterian Church, Edge Hill, Pennsylvania.

Harry Renninger married, in Glenside, October 9, 1913, Ruth Searing, who died February 13, 1917, daughter of O. Coe and Ella (Baker) Searing, her father a Philadelphia business man. Mrs. Renninger left a son, Kendall S., born September 1, 1914. Mr. Renninger resides at No. 300 West Mt. Carmel avenue, Glenside. His recreations are those of the out-of-doors, and he mixes well his work and his play. He was active in the home work of the war period, and is at present secretary and a director of the Glenside War Memorial Association. He is also a member of Lu Lu Temple Auto Club, and Lu Lu Temple Yacht Club. Few men have done as much in a philanthropic way as has Harry Renninger, who gives liberally to all things that are helpful and beneficial to the town of Glenside, and its surrounding country.

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**JESSE WALT KLINE**, United States postmaster at Graterford, Pennsylvania, has many business interests in the community. He was born at Graterford, September 13, 1876, son of John Smith and Sarah (Walt) Kline. Both of his parents are living. His father, who was a blacksmith by trade and had a wide reputation for the excellence of his work, is now retired from active participation in business affairs. Mr. Kline is one of a family of six children, his sisters being: Annie, who died at the early age of nineteen years; Sallie, who married Joseph Nice, and is now deceased; Katharine, who married A. M. Smith, and is now deceased; Ella May, who is now the wife of Alvin Underkolfer; and Stella, who died at the age of sixteen. Jesse Walt Kline is the eldest of the family.

Mr. Kline received his education in the public schools, and after completing his studies decided to learn a trade and eventually to establish himself in an independent business. After careful consideration he formed a connection with Richard Singmaster, of Schwenkville, for the purpose of learning the barber's trade. He made rapid progress and soon became a master of the tonsorial art. Although he has since enlarged the scope of his interests Mr. Kline still continues to exercise this trade and has many customers who appreciate his careful work and the spotless and attractive appearance of the premises in which he conducts his barber work. He established himself as an inde-

pendent barber at Graterford, on January 18, 1895, and as his business increased and he acquired a wider experience of men and affairs, he decided to establish a general store. This new venture was immediately successful and he still continues to manage it. In addition to the regular stock of a general store he deals in candy, cigars and cigarettes, and supplies the townspeople with newspapers and magazines. His goods are always of the highest quality and his customers have the utmost confidence in his service, knowing that their orders will be promptly and carefully filled.

Besides the work of the barber shop and the general store, Mr. Kline is engaged in the management of an automobile livery, operating three passenger omnibuses and one truck which is much in demand for light hauling. This service is particularly appreciated by the inhabitants of the town and the surrounding farmsteads, and Mr. Kline has many patrons who are attracted by the freshness of his vehicles and the absolute trustworthiness and reliability of his drivers. In politics Mr. Kline is a Democrat. He was appointed United States postmaster at Graterford by President Wilson, March 23, 1915, and has ever since filled this office with the greatest fidelity and devotion. He is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and belongs to the Schwenkville Lodge, of that order. In religious faith he is a member of the Lutheran church, and as a believer in militant religion and the inestimable value of church influence in the life of the community, he takes an active part in the work of the parish. A progressive and far-sighted citizen, Mr. Kline is greatly admired for his stand on the side of constructive and liberal policies, and his opinion on political matters is regarded with respect by the members of all parties.

On April 1, 1900, he married, at Schwenkville, Laura Fly, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Gross) Fly. Mr. Fly, who died in 1919, was a prominent dairyman and had creameries at Pine Run, Bucks county; Howertown, Northampton county; Graterford and Perkiomenville, in Montgomery county. Mrs. Kline has two brothers: Henry, who lives at Bridgeport, Connecticut; and Joseph, who lives at Sellersville, Pennsylvania; and one sister, Edith, who married Daniel Meyers, and lives at Dublin, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Kline have two sons: Stanley, born in February, 1905, a student at Spring Garden College in Philadelphia, where he is engaged in the study of electrical engineering, for which he has a decided and remarkable talent; and Harold, born in October, 1910.

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**FRANK COBB**, assistant-treasurer and trust officer of the Royersford Trust Company of Royersford, Pennsylvania, was born in Wilton, New Jersey, January 7, 1884, son of William and Lena (Seifert) Cobb. He was educated in the public schools and Pottstown Business College, his business life beginning with his entering the employ of the Royersford Trust Company, as clerk, in March, 1904. During the nineteen years which have since intervened he has been through several promotions to his present official position, assistant treasurer and trust officer.

Mr. Cobb is active in civic affairs. He is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Junior Order United American Mechanics, Society of American Magicians, the Yogi Club, of Philadelphia, and in politics is a Republican.

Mr. Cobb married, October 21, 1915, Miriam Tyson, of Royersford, who died December 7, 1922. His residence is at No. 534 Walnut street, Royersford.

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**LEWIS TAWS MATLACK**—When William Matlack (Matlock, Macklack) came to Chygoes Island, a tract of land on which Burlington, New Jersey, now stands, he was the first of a family in this country of which Lewis Taws Matlack, of Royersford, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, is a ninth generation member. William Matlack was one of the Friends who came in 1677 from Cropwell Bishop, Nottinghamshire, England, to West Jersey. After landing at now Burlington, land was secured by purchase from the proprietors, and William Matlack, a carpenter, was employed in the erection of the first two houses built there, and helped to build Thomas Olive's corn mill, the first in West Jersey. William Matlack received from Daniel Willis as consideration for services rendered one hundred acres situated near the Indian town of Penisauken, between the north and south branches of Penisauken creek in Chester township, Burlington county. There he built a house, married Mary Hancock, in 1682, and reared a large family. He became a large landowner having one thousand acres in now Camden county, bought in 1701. In 1717 he bought two hundred acres from John Estaugh, attorney for John Haddon, on which stood the old Matlack graveyard, where the Matlacks of nearly all the elder branches of the family were buried. William Matlack lived to his ninetieth birthday and saw the forest retreat before the fields and the fields yield sovereignty to the town, he and Mary Hancock aiding in this march of progress. They were the parents of nine children, his eldest son, John, being next in line in this branch.

(II) John Matlack, son of William and Mary (Hancock) Matlack, was born in 1684, and died in 1765. He married, in 1707, Hannah Hornor, in Burlington Friends' Meeting, and settled on a two-hundred-acre tract of land three miles east of Haddonfield, New Jersey, on the north side of a branch of Cooper's creek, and there built a house that stood until 1875. John Matlack married (second), Mary Lee. His children were all by his first wife, a son, Isaac, is of further mention.

(III) Isaac Matlack, son of John and Hannah (Hornor) Matlack, was born March 14, 1708. He married, May 28, 1728, Rebecca Bates, born March 11, 1710. Isaac Matlack kept a tavern at Haddonfield, New Jersey. They were the parents of a son, John, of whom further.

(IV) John Matlack, son of Isaac and Rebecca (Bates) Matlack, was born in December, 1733, and married Ann Ferguson. They had a son, Jacob, of further mention.

(V) Jacob Matlack, son of John and Ann (Ferguson) Matlack, was born December 19, 1762, in Waterford, now Camden county, New Jer-



sey. In his application for a Revolutionary pension in 1832 he stated that in August, 1777, being then not quite fifteen years old, he volunteered for service against the British. He served all through the war and in June, 1834, was granted a pension of fifty-six dollars and sixty-six cents annually, he being then seventy-two years of age. He died in Philadelphia, February 2, 1857, and was buried in Haddonfield, New Jersey. He married, December 28, 1782, at Old Swedes Church, in Philadelphia, Sebilla Ellis. They were the parents of a son, Mason, of further mention.

(VI) Mason Matlack, son of Jacob and Sebilla (Ellis) Matlack, was born March 9, 1794, died July 12, 1865. He was a contractor and builder. He married (first) Mary ———, who died December 25, 1817. He married (second), in 1820, Mary Montgomery, born November 3, 1801, died February 11, 1824. He married (third), Matilda Eveline Deayman, born October 28, 1808, and died January 12, 1894. By his second wife he had a son who died young; by his third marriage, ten children, the eighth a son, Lewis Taws, of further mention.

(VII) Lewis Taws Matlack, son of Mason and Matilda Eveline (Deayman) Matlack, was born November 4, 1842, and died in April, 1909. He was a blacksmith by trade but later was a steel salesman, a dealer in coal, a manufacturer of springs, and a jobber of hardware. He enlisted in the Union army as a private and was mustered out a lieutenant. He married, October 17, 1861, Clementina G. Cressley, born January 19, 1844, and died May 19, 1922. They were the parents of five children: 1. Laura Cressley, born November 4, 1863, died November 22, 1863. 2. Lewis Henry, born December 2, 1864, married Laura J. Lewis. 3. Ellwood Compton, of whom further. 4. Clementina, born November 7, 1871, married John Lindauer. 5. Evelyn D., born January 9, 1874, married Charles W. McCue.

(VIII) Ellwood Compton Matlack, son of Lewis Taws and Clementina G. (Cressley) Matlack, was born July 7, 1867, and died February 27, 1923. He was a hardware jobber and later a manufacturer of textiles, at Royersford, Pennsylvania. Ellwood Compton Matlack married, October 17, 1888, Laura J. Lewis, born September 2, 1868. To them were born three children: Florence Josephine, born March 31, 1890, married Frederick A. Fenton; Gertrude, born October 25, 1893, died October 25, 1893; Lewis Taws (2), of whom further.

(IX) Lewis Taws (2) Matlack, only son of Ellwood Compton and Laura J. (Lewis) Matlack, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 23, 1896. He was educated in Philadelphia primary and grammar schools, West Philadelphia High School, Brown's Preparatory School, Institute of Technology, and The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, receiving his diploma from the last named in 1917. His first year in the business world was spent with Solomon Stearns, Limited, commission workers, he then going with Matlack, Smith & Matlack, No. 366 Broadway, New York, commission merchants, as one of the firm. That firm handled a full line of ladies' knit goods, underwear, and hosiery, and for two years Lewis T. Matlack remained with the firm. He then retired to become general manager of the Progressive Knitting

Mills, Royersford, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, his present position. Mr. Matlack is a Republican in politics, a member of Memorial Baptist Church, of Philadelphia, and of Polar Star Lodge, No. 245, Free and Accepted Masons, of New York City. He married, in Philadelphia, August 14, 1918, Nettie Green, daughter of Frank and Freda (Berg) Green. Mr. and Mrs. Matlack are the parents of two children: Lewis Taws (3), born July 4, 1919; and Barbara, born February 17, 1922. The family home is in Royersford, Pennsylvania.

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**WILLIAM D. RENNINGER**—In 1907 William D. Renninger entered the service of the Collegeville National Bank and from that year until the present he has known no other business home nor a greater business interest. The long term of service as cashier has made him well known in the community where he is held in the highest esteem.

Henry H. Renninger, father of William D. Renninger, was born in Douglass township, Montgomery county, April 11, 1845, and died there May 25, 1915. He was a bricklayer by trade and also engaged in cattle dealing. In politics he was a Democrat. He married Mary Derr, of Washington township. Mrs. Renninger now resides in Collegeville. Mr. and Mrs. Renninger were the parents of seven children: Ellen, wife of Henry F. Gerhart, of Red Hill; Harry, of East Greenville; William D., of further mention; Elizabeth, wife of Dr. John R. Baer, of Philadelphia; Frank, of Boyerstown; Alvin, a resident of Gilbertville; and Rufus, who resides at Metuchen, New Jersey.

William D. Renninger was born in Washington township, Berks county, September 4, 1869. He received his early education in the schools of Douglass township and the Perkiomen School, at Pennsburg, and then entered Kutztown State Normal School some years later, going in the meantime to Boyerstown, where he learned the bricklayer's trade. After finishing normal school he taught during the winter months and worked at his trade in the summer time. But not yet had Mr. Renninger found the particular line of business which he wanted to make for his life work, so he took a course at Pierce's Business College, Philadelphia, and after graduating in 1896, secured a position as teller in the Pennsburg Farmers' National Bank, where he remained for eleven years coming thence to Collegeville as cashier, which position he still holds.

Since coming to this community Mr. Renninger has identified himself with the life of the community and has given his earnest support to whatever pertains to civic advancement. He was a member of the school board of Pennsburg, has been borough treasurer since 1914, and politically favors the Democratic party. He affiliates with Perkiomen Lodge, No. 595, Free and Accepted Masons; Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Malta, and St. Mark's Lutheran Church, at Pennsburg, of which he was formerly a trustee. He also holds membership in the Acacia Club, of Collegeville. Mr. Renninger is devoted to all out-of-door sports, especially fishing and hunting, and much of his spare time is spent at these favorite recreations.

On December 20, 1890, William D. Renninger was united in mar-

riage with Leanna Koch, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth Koch, the former a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Renninger are the parents of four children: Nevin, born April 3, 1892, is identified with the Collegeville National Bank; Mary, born June 25, 1896, died September 13, 1899; Elizabeth, born May 12, 1908, a graduate of Collegeville High School, class 1925; Mabel, born June 27, 1913. The family home is in Collegeville.

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**WESTON K. HARTZELL**, who is proprietor of a sales agency and service station for Chandler and Cleveland cars at Souderton, Pennsylvania, is conducting a prosperous and growing business. His grandparents, Henry C. and Matilda (Rodenbush) Hartzell, were both natives of Bucks county, and his parents, Harry R. and Elizabeth (Kulp) Hartzell, were proprietors of a hotel in Souderton, the former also being engaged in farming, so Mr. Hartzell has the advantage of a wide and long acquaintance in his section of the State.

Mr. Hartzell was born in Franconia township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, June 16, 1886, and received his early education in the local schools and then entered Souderton High School, following his high school course with careful training in Pierce Business College. When his education was completed he became associated with Allen & Company, Inc., of Philadelphia, engaged in the shoe manufacturing business, of which corporation he was secretary and general manager until the business was sold in 1915. He purchased the modern hotel on Main street, in Souderton, in 1919, and further extended his business interests by establishing at Souderton a sales agency and service station for Chandler and Cleveland cars. Under his vigorous and efficient management the last-named enterprise has grown rapidly and is steadily increasing its usefulness to the public which it serves. He is well known throughout the township as an able and enterprising business man and as a public-spirited and worthy citizen. Politically he gives his support to the Republican party, and his religious affiliation is with the New Mennonite church. Mr. Hartzell is the eldest of a family of six, his brothers and sisters being: Clarence, Arthur, Jacob Robert, Amanda Eva, and Grace Iona.

On October 7, 1908, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Weston K. Hartzell married Bertha A. Freed, daughter of Isaac K. and Elizabeth A. Freed, and they are the parents of one son, Edgar Willard, who was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 24, 1909.

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**HENRY B. SHISLER**—It is seldom that a man who has been engaged in one line of business for nearly half a century establishes himself in an entirely new line, making as marked a success in the later as in the earlier enterprise. Such, however, is the achievement of Henry B. Shisler, who was born in Franconia, Souderton township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, January 30, 1860, son of John K. Shisler, a well known farmer of that locality, and of Elizabeth Shisler.

Henry B. Shisler attended the public schools of Salford township, his parents having removed to Vernfield, in the latter township, when he



was four years of age. When his school training was completed, he learned the wheelwright's trade, and establishing his shop in Harleysville gave the people of that locality honest and efficient wheelwright service. Well known and highly esteemed throughout that section of the county, his friends supposed that he would continue in that line until age compelled him to retire to inactivity and the well earned rest of life's evening. He did not do so, however. Before his powers had begun to wane, he established, in February, 1904, at Harleysville, an undertaking and embalming business, and this he has continued to conduct to the present time (1923). Known and respected throughout the locality, he is most highly esteemed, and the thoughtful, considerate service rendered by him in performing the last offices for loved ones has won for him the warm regard of his numerous clientele, who are also the friends and neighbors of a lifetime. Politically, Mr. Shisler casts his vote for the candidates of the Republican party, and he takes a quiet interest in the public affairs of his community, as a citizen only. His religious affiliation is with the German Baptist church.

On February 6, 1899, at Lederach, Pennsylvania, Mr. Shisler married Irene M. Frederick, daughter of William and Barbara (Metz) Frederick, and they are the parents of six children: Alice, Emma, Wilma; Florence, wife of Wilmer S. Nice, whose sketch follows; Mabel, Raymond.

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**WILMER S. NICE**, son of William S. and Emma B. (Sell) Nice, and of an ancient Montgomery county family, was born in Franconia township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, August 11, 1891.

He was there educated in the public district school, and has spent his life in his native county, being now a resident of Harleysville. He learned the painting and decorating trade, but since his marriage has been the assistant of his father-in-law in the undertaking business. To perfect himself in modern methods of caring for the dead, he took a course in Eckels Surgical College of Embalming, whence he was graduated, April 4, 1922. Mr. Nice is a Republican in politics, and a member of Schwenkville New Mennonite Church, and of the advisory council of the church. He was one of the organizers and is chief of the Harleysville fire department, and an ex-president of the Alumni Association of Graduates of the township schools.

Mr. Nice married, in Schwenkville, Pennsylvania, June 6, 1914, Florence Shisler, daughter of Henry B. and Irene M. (Frederick) Shisler, whose sketch precedes this. Mr. and Mrs. Nice are the parents of a daughter, Pauline S., born December 26, 1920, and have an adopted son, Roland S. Sholl, born March 24, 1915.

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**JOHN M. MOYER**, son of a Montgomery county farmer, during his four decades of life has continued a resident of the county, but, choosing a business career, he has grown to influential position in that field of human endeavor. Mr. Moyer, however, is that type of man who would have made a success of any business or occupation to which he would ally himself, but his energy and ability having been applied to manu-



John M. Hoyer









Franklin K. Moyer

facturing, he must be considered from that angle. He is one of Telford's public-spirited, progressive citizens, and to him the employees of the United States Gauge Company, of Sellersville, owe the transportation facilities which enables them to reside in Telford. So, too, he worked for the introduction of gas to the borough, and from his seat in the Borough Council he championed every movement looking toward a better, bigger Telford.

John M. Moyer, son of Samuel D. and Mary M. Moyer, was born at the Montgomery county farm of his parents, November 7, 1881, and in the district schools of Morwood obtained his early educational training. To the knowledge gained in the school room he has added the practical education which comes from contact with the world, and which every successful man furnishes himself. Mr. Moyer was employed at the home farm and in other ways until reaching the age of twenty-five, then, in 1906, began his connection with the United States Gauge Company, at Sellersville, and there he continues, having worked his way from the bottom to high and responsible position.

Mr. Moyer is a Republican in politics, and is now serving a second term in Borough Council, an office to which he was first elected in 1916. He is a member and a deacon of Trinity Reformed Church (elected in 1919), and is treasurer of The Forward Movement of the Reformed Church. He is interested in good roads, a cause for which he is an untiring worker, and during the war period, 1917-18, he rendered valuable service in loan drives, and in every way possible "did his bit." Among his souvenirs of that time of stress and storm, he treasures a certificate given him by the Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, in appreciation of the patriotic service rendered during the Fourth Liberty Loan sale in 1918. He is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, and of The Mystic Circle, of Philadelphia.

On November 19, 1904, in Telford, Pennsylvania, Mr. Moyer married Emma, daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Horning) Rosenberger. Mr. and Mrs. Moyer are the parents of four children: Verna Marie, born October 8, 1907; Marion Viola, born September 20, 1909; J. Harold, born September 3, 1912, and Grace Pauline, born September 26, 1919. The family home is in Telford, Pennsylvania.

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**FRANKLIN KULP MOYER**—From 1914 to the time of his death, which occurred August 12, 1921, Franklin K. Moyer was engaged in business as a public accountant, in Philadelphia, in association with George Schectman, under the firm name of Moyer & Schectman.

Mr. Moyer was born in Souderton, Pennsylvania, son of Enos H., now retired, and of Sarah S. (Kulp) Moyer, and received his early education in the public school of his native district. Upon the completion of his public school training he became a student in the Pierce Business School, of Philadelphia, from which he graduated. He then engaged in the feed commission business in Allentown, Pennsylvania, where he remained for a period of six years. At the end of that time he removed his business to Souderton, where he continued in the feed commission



business for some time. Later he became a bank clerk in Philadelphia, and still later accepted a position as accountant in the employ of the Pennsylvania Lead Company, of Philadelphia, and of the C. W. Todd & Company. In 1914 he formed an association with Mr. Schectman, and under the firm name of Moyer & Schectman engaged in business for himself as a public accountant. This venture met with marked success and the partnership was successfully maintained until terminated by the death of Mr. Moyer, August 12, 1921.

Along with his various business responsibilities Mr. Moyer found time for public service and for fraternal associations. He served as a member of the board of school directors for eight years, during which term he was president of the board, and he was several times nominated by the Republican party to serve as assemblyman. He was one of the Republican party who stood for progress and reform during the time of ex-President Roosevelt's break with the "standpat" portion of the Grand Old Party, and was one of those who earnestly and whole-heartedly supported Roosevelt in the formation of the short-lived Progressive party during the campaign which resulted in the election of President Wilson. During the World War he rendered valuable service as chairman of the Liberty Bond commission, and gave his aid to all the various war drives. As a successful business man, a public-spirited citizen and a greatly valued friend, he held a large place in the esteem of a host of friends and associates, and his death was felt as a distinct loss to the community. Fraternally he was affiliated with the Woodmen of the World, of Allentown, Pennsylvania. He was a member of the Zion Mennonite Church, of which Mr. Landis is pastor.

On October 24, 1895, at Souderton, Pennsylvania, Franklin Kulp Moyer married Anna Zendt, daughter of Milton D. and Mary (Hallman) Zendt. Mr. and Mrs. Moyer had three children born to them: Clifford Z., Margaret Zendt, and Leon D.

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**FRANK S. NICE**—Every community is indebted to many of the quiet lives lived faithfully and without ostentation which have made the simple but invaluable contribution of ordinary, everyday right living. Some one has said that the true values of life are found along the ordinary ways where the sun rises and sets upon simple duties simply performed. Among those who have made their contribution and passed on to the land "beyond our ken" is Frank S. Nice, who passed his entire life of more than five and a half decades upon a farm, and died July 6, 1917.

Born in Franconia township, May 3, 1871, son of John and Catherine (Schoemaker) Nice. Mr. Nice received his education in the public schools of his native district. At an early age, even before his school days were ended, he assisted his father upon the farm, and when his school training was completed, made farming his life work. In the simple and healthful life of the agriculturist he found not only his daily bread but the breadth of outlook and the peace of mind which, along with a simple and direct faith in the wisdom and care of an all-wise Providence, makes the performance of the simplest duties a source of joy and

satisfaction. As a member of the Mennonite church he was loyal to the faith of his fathers, and was well known in his community as one of those who could be depended upon to "do his bit" in whatever project he undertook to forward or support.

On March 2, 1895, Mr. Nice married Rachel A. Cassell, daughter of Samuel K. and Mary (Alderfer) Cassell, and they became the parents of five children: Mary, born January 19, 1897; Katie, born January 22, 1899; Edna D., born September 7, 1903, deceased; Elmer, born August 10, 1907; and Garrett, born May 31, 1909, deceased.

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**JONAS L. SHOEMAKER**—The character of a man is often reflected in the enterprise in which he is engaged, and when one sees the model, carefully cared-for farm of Jonas L. Shoemaker, of Franconia, Pennsylvania, one knows that it is a thrifty, optimistic, industrious man who has made it what it is. When one enters the pleasant home, and meets the happy, contented family, one realizes that its head must be gifted in many ways.

Jonas L. Shoemaker, born in Franconia, Pennsylvania, August 14, 1891, is a son of Abraham A. and Mary M. (Landis) Shoemaker, his father an agriculturist and miller. His early education came from the district school, which he left to begin the career in which he has been engaged ever since, farming. He has studied and worked at his vocation, and has had his efforts meet with success. Setbacks came and have been heroically encountered, such as the burning of his barns and out-buildings in 1920, which, undismayed, he set out promptly to rebuild, and has now an equipment finer than his former one. In religion he is affiliated with the Old Mennonite Church.

Mr. Shoemaker married, May 17, 1913, Bessie B. Moyer, daughter of William K. and Lizzie W. (Wile) Moyer. Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker are the parents of three children: Curtis M., born October 1, 1914; Abraham M., born April 9, 1918; and Jonas Harry M., born June 26, 1921.

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**FREDERICK K. KLEINBACH**—Among the prosperous and substantial business men of this section of Montgomery county, Mr. Frederick K. Kleinbach has made for himself a place of prominence. He was but eight years of age when he came to the United States with his family from Wittenberg, Germany, where he was born September 11, 1881. His parents were Christian and Margaret (Knarger) Kleinbach, and his father's occupation was that of a farmer. The family made their home in Upper Salford when Mr. Kleinbach was a boy, and he acquired his education in the schools of that community. He worked on a farm in the village of Woxall until he reached the age of twenty-one years, then in 1902 secured employment in Brey's Feed Mill, near Perkiomen. His diligence and ability were rewarded three and a half years later, by his employer taking him in as a partner in the business, and when Mr. Brey died, in 1918, Mr. Kleinbach took over the entire ownership and has since conducted operations independently. He also carries on a coal and

lumber business at Green Lane, dividing his time between these two enterprises.

As a man of progressive character and a public-spirited citizen, Mr. Kleinbach takes an active interest in whatever makes for the best welfare of the community in which he resides, and gives a share of his time to political, social, and religious affairs. In politics he supports the principles and candidates of the Democratic party, and he is a prominent member of Perkiomen Lodge, No. 595, Free and Accepted Masons. His religious support is given to the Lutheran church at Old Gossenhoppen, of which he is a highly-esteemed member.

On August 19, 1905, at Perkiomen, Mr. Kleinbach married Rosa Spiess, a daughter of Charles and Ida (Schell) Spiess. Of this union a family of seven children have been born: Margaret, Alma, Charles, Dorothy, Edward, Edith and Wilmer.

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**HESTON R. LEIDY**, the successful, up-to-date farmer, who has made of the old homestead farm inherited from his father, a model, modern agricultural plant, is also interested in pedigreed stock. Known throughout the locality as a most able and successful farmer and breeder, he is also known as a progressive, public-spirited citizen, and a much esteemed friend and associate.

Heston R. Leidy was born in Franconia township, Montgomery county, May 15, 1894, son of Andrew and Ellen (Roming) Leidy, the former for forty years owner and cultivator of the homestead farm now owned by Heston R. Leidy received his education in the public schools of his native district. Even before his school training was completed, he was, during spare time and vacations, his father's assistant, and when his formal school training was completed, he at once became associated with his father in the work of the farm. Under Mr. Leidy's vigorous and efficient management, the ninety-six acres of the homestead, which is a beautiful farm situated on the Elroy road, are under careful cultivation. Modern machinery and scientific methods of cultivation have produced splendid results, and in addition to the raising of crops, Mr. Leidy is an expert in stock raising. His stock is of the best, pedigreed and registered, and the animals are housed and cared for in the most modern and scientific way. Politically, Mr. Leidy gives his support to the Democratic party, and his religious affiliation is with the Reformed church.

At Souderton, Pennsylvania, September 23, 1916, Heston R. Leidy married Minnie Detweller, daughter of Theodore and Mamie (Moyer) Detweller, and they are the parents of two children: Heston, Jr., born December 13, 1917; and Althea, born December 5, 1919.

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**EARL JAMES HEMMIG**, now assistant manager of the plant of the Norris Pattern & Machine Company of Norristown, was born in Reading, Pennsylvania, April 16, 1896, son of George and Alice (Herbert) Hemmig; his father, a rolling mill heater, died in October, 1901, in Reading. Reading was then the family home, but later the Hemmigs



moved to Philadelphia, where the lad, Earl J., attended public school until 1910, when he began working in a pattern making shop and became an expert pattern maker. He learned his trade with the Newbold Machine Company of Norristown, remaining in that employ for six years. The succeeding two years he was with the Charles O'Hara Pattern Shop in Norristown, then entered the employ of the Norris Pattern & Machine Company of Norristown, and since April 10, 1922, has been assistant manager of the plant of that company.

Mr. Hemmig is Independent in his political action, and in religious faith a Lutheran. His fraternal order is the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, his lodge, Norristown, No. 57.

Earl James Hemmig married, in Norristown, Pennsylvania, January 31, 1917, Margaret Kinderine, born July 4, 1893, at Norristown, daughter of Henry and Joanna (Coates) Kinderine; her father, deceased, was a successful building contractor. Mr. and Mrs. Hemmig are the parents of two children, both born in Norristown, Pennsylvania: Alvin, born October 26, 1917; and Leon Howard, born July 3, 1922. They reside at No. 1300 Arch street. There is one sister beside Earl James Hemmig, Helen, who married Leon Kohl, who is in the real estate business in Norristown, Pennsylvania.

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**LEVI C. ROSENBERGER**—Acting as he has for many years in the dual capacities of station agent and postmaster at Colmar, Levi C. Rosenberger is without doubt one of the best known men residing in this section of Montgomery county. A native of Hatfield township, his birth occurred April 30, 1873, his father being John H. Rosenberger, a Mennonite farmer, who died September 29, 1910; his mother, Nancy (Clemmer) Rosenberger, passed away December 15, 1917.

Levi C. Rosenberger acquired his education in the public schools of his home community, and when ready to take his place in the business world began by learning telegraphy, as an employee of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad. For thirty-three years he has continued his connection with that company, the past seventeen of which he has been station agent at Colmar. On March 13, 1911, Mr. Rosenberger was appointed postmaster at Colmar, and so satisfactorily has he performed his duties in that position that he has been retained in it ever since. In his political affiliations he is a Republican. In the social and religious life of the community Mr. Rosenberger is a prominent figure, and maintains membership in a number of organizations, among which are: The Patriotic Order Sons of America, the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, and the Free and Accepted Masons. He belongs to Shiloh Lodge, No. 558, of Lansdale, and the Royal Arch Masons, Chapter No. 301. In his religious affiliation he is a member of the Baptist church, in which he is an active worker, and a member of the board of trustees.

On December 8, 1894, at Lansdale, Mr. Rosenberger married Martha Sapp, daughter of Tobias and Elizabeth (Detwiller) Sapp. Of this union five children were born, as follows: 1. Claude, born March 26, 1896, saw active service in France during the World War, as a member

of the signal corps with the 231st Battalion, and was made a second lieutenant during his service there; he is now station agent at Wissahickon, Pennsylvania, of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad. 2. Roscoe, born July 5, 1898, enlisted in the Navy, serving on the cruiser "Cleveland," during the World War. He is now in the real estate business in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 3. Gladys, born November 16, 1902. 4. John Paul, born April 3, 1906. 5. Sarah Catherine, born November 3, 1910. The mother of this family passed away February 17, 1916, at the age of forty-one years.

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**MERRI CLAUDE MOLLIER, D. C.**—Reputed to be the most skilled worker in the art of pearl engraving in the world, Merri Claude Mollier, the son of a sculptor, taught and trained in Paris, specialized in the carving of pearl shell, and rose to a topmost place in his profession. On August 19, 1909, when it was desired to present Archbishop Ryan on the fiftieth anniversary of his birth, with a bust of himself in pearl shell, Mr. Mollier was sought as the one most capable of making it. More than twelve tons of shell were examined before the proper material was found and selected, and after months of work he wrought one of the most exquisite carvings of its kind now extant.

His father, Eugene Albert Mollier, a Parisian sculptor, a graduate of the Academy of Fine Arts, lived in France until twenty-five years of age and then came to America, locating at Atlantic City, New Jersey, in 1891 and remaining until 1898, since which time he has been a resident of Philadelphia. His mother is Felicite Victoria (Janet) Mollier, born in Normandie, France.

Merri Claude Mollier was born in Paris, France, October 21, 1880. His first schooling was in the Renard School of Paris, from which he was graduated, and in which he was a first-prize winner at the age of twelve. He then attended the De Vosges High School and later took a professional course in the same school. In 1895 he came to the United States and studied sculpture in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, under his father's instruction, working at his art for fourteen years. Meanwhile, in 1906, he had become an American citizen and was imbibing American ways of making money. Three years later he entered the National College of Chiropractic at Grand Rapids, Michigan, and was graduated with honors in 1910, since then practicing his profession with a growing clientele up to the present (1922), with an office in Trappe, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Mollier is president of the legal board of Chiropractics for Pennsylvania. His fraternal relations are with the Columbia Lodge, No. 91, Free and Accepted Masons of Philadelphia; Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 714, of Norristown; Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Palestine Encampment, No. 51, of Philadelphia; and is past district deputy for the third district. His club is the Acacia Club of Masonic Lodge, Collegeville, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Mollier was married (first), at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 27, 1902, to Elsie Wilhelm, daughter of Harry and Margaret (Fink) Wilhelm, who died at the birth of their child, Elsie Margaret,



*M. C. Mollie D. C.*





born February 4, 1908. He married (second), September 2, 1914, Anna (Hamilton) Allen, widow of Nathan Allen, of Philadelphia, and they are the parents of two children: Claudia Victoria, born August 30, 1915; and Eugene Albert, born August 25, 1916, both of whom have shown remarkable musical talent.

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**HARRY FORSYTHE STAPP, M. D.**—When Dr. Stapp faced the problem of a career, heredity and environment were on the side of medicine, four generations before him having been physicians, and it was this profession that he chose. That he made no mistake is proven by the fact that daily he is adding to an already extensive practice. Since establishing himself in Pottstown, which he did in 1915, he has always combined with his professional activities those of a public-spirited citizen, associating himself intimately and influentially with the leading interests of the borough.

Harry Forsythe Stapp was born in Keansburg, Carbon county, Pennsylvania, September 2, 1881, the son of Dr. Assapa Milton and Martha (Brobst) Stapp, the former a graduate of Bellevue Medical College in 1871. Dr. Stapp, Sr., was born in Lehigh county, and after receiving his degree practiced in later years in Detroit, Michigan, where his death occurred March 8, 1888. He was a Democrat in politics, and was deputy sheriff during the Jesse James riot that took place in Eastern Pennsylvania. Besides Harry F., he had one other son, Claud, who is now with the Loose-Wiles Biscuit Company, of New York City.

The early life of Dr. Stapp, whose name heads this review, was spent in the Lutheran Orphans' Home at Germantown, his parents passing away within less than a month of each other when he was but seven years old. He later entered the Kutztown Normal School for a preparatory course, afterwards entering Baltimore Medical College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1904. Immediately after receiving his degree he located in the practice of his chosen profession at Bethel township, Pennsylvania, where he remained for six years, going thence to Womelsdorf, Pennsylvania, and still later to Sapulpa, Oklahoma, where he remained until he removed to his present location, in 1915, at Pottstown.

Mr. Stapp affiliates with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Pottstown Lodge, No. 814; the American Medical Association; the Pennsylvania State Medical Association; and the Montgomery County Medical Society. Dr. Stapp is interested in all out-door sports, and during his school and college days played on both the football and baseball teams. His particular hobby is automobiling.

On August 29, 1909, at Bethel, Pennsylvania, Dr. Stapp was united in marriage with Sarah May Wagner, and to them have been born two children: Margaret, born January 21, 1911; and Harriett, born December 7, 1913. The family home is at No. 312 King street, Pottstown.

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**WILLIAM G. HOWER** is one of the citizens of Bryn Mawr, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, who came into the world as a member

of a family which had already set for itself high standards of achievement and had won success in varied lines of human endeavor. His father had made the Hower name a prominent one among the successful newspaper men of the county and it has been Mr. Hower's task not so much to achieve as to maintain the family name and honor. Few men were better known or more highly esteemed in the Bryn Mawr of a generation ago than was the late Frank A. Hower, father of William G. Hower.

Frank A. Hower, for years the popular and efficient editor of "The Home News," a weekly paper published in Bryn Mawr, was one of those who early recognized the fact that Bryn Mawr had a future growth and development before it and from 1877 to the time of his death, October 23, 1902, his career was closely identified with the growth of Lower Merion township. Born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, February 29, 1848, one of the four sons of Dr. Joseph B. and Margaret E. (McNaughton) Hower, Frank A. Hower received his education in the public schools of that city, graduating from the grammar school at the age of fourteen years. His education was not completed with the termination of his school training, however, for he at once entered the printing office of the Lancaster "Examiner" in order that he might learn the printer's trade, and in that connection an active, observant boy of fourteen was sure to find much to learn. He found the work to his liking and made the most of his opportunities, but the outbreak of the Civil War caused an interruption in the routine of his work. On May 26, 1864, he enlisted in Company K, 92nd Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, then the 9th Regiment Cavalry, as a bugler, and with that unit he served throughout the period of the war, being mustered out with the company at Lexington, North Carolina, July 18, 1865. After the close of the war he returned to Lancaster where he resumed work at his trade, but his military experience had greatly enlarged his field of vision and he was anxious to enlarge and vary his experience in his chosen line of activity. He went to Reading, Pennsylvania, where he found employment as a compositor, and later went to Coatesville, Chester county, Pennsylvania, where in partnership with Dr. William George, he founded the Coatesville "Times," which is still published in that town. After the paper had been in existence for a short period of time he disposed of it and became actively connected with the publication of the Rochester, New York "Herald," and the Sunbury, Pennsylvania, "Express." In 1876 he removed to Philadelphia, and recognizing the fact that Bryn Mawr had a future, located there. On June 1, 1877, he established "The Home News," a weekly publication which is still one of the best of its kind in the county. His publication office at that time was in a cottage on the grounds where later was built the Bryn Mawr Hospital. At first he had no printing material, type or presses, but gathered the local and other news of interest and had the typesetting and presswork done at Parkesburg, by William F. Potts. Several years later Mr. Hower fitted out a printing office in a building that stood on the ground owned by the Humphrey estate, opposite Dr. Charles T. Goentner's property, on Lan-



caster avenue, Bryn Mawr. After conducting business here for about two years he sold the paper to Samuel A. Black, and on July 1, 1881 established the "News," a weekly publication, in a building situated north of Lancaster avenue, on Robert's road, where he remained until January, 1883, when the office was removed to the Old Temperance Hall, Lancaster avenue and Buck road. The business was conducted in that building for nineteen years, but when Mr. Hower was about to issue the silver anniversary edition of the paper on May 22, 1902, the building was destroyed by fire. After this catastrophe the type was set in the parlor of his residence and the presswork was done in Philadelphia until a suitable location could be secured. On August 8, 1890, Mr. Hower again purchased "The Home News" from the heirs of Samuel A. Black, and consolidated it with the "News." On August 18, 1902, the office of the paper, as well as the residence, was moved to its present location, on Lancaster pike, a short distance east of the Bryn Mawr depot and in that location Mr. Hower continued to publish his newspaper to the time of his death, October 23, 1902.

In politics Mr. Hower was always an adherent to the principles of the Republican party and whenever an election was about to be held he was found working for the entire Republican ticket whether local or national, using the columns of his paper to further their election. Senator Matthew Stanley Quay and Senator Boise Penrose often consulted him upon matters of vital interest to the party, counting him as one of the best co-workers in the political arena. His political acumen was recognized at numerous times by being called upon to officiate at conferences of the State and National leaders of the Republican party, and whenever his party controlled the apportionment of office he was foremost in the ranks to plead the cause of some friend or official appointment, notwithstanding that he had been earnestly solicited at various times to become a candidate for at least some county office. In 1889 when the Haverford district was created by the division of the Bryn Mawr district, he was elected committeeman and continued in that office until 1901. For a number of years Mr. Hower was a member of the Knights Templar, Knights of the Golden Eagle, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and Typographical Union, but as his business enterprise occupied all of his time he allowed himself to run out in the orders. At the time of his death he was a member of Colonel Owen Jones Post, No. 590, Grand Army of the Republic, being one of its charter members. He was also a member of the Bucks-Montgomery Press League, the State Editorial Association, and the Pen and Pencil Club.

On June 4, 1879, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Frank A. Hower married Anna M. Grubb, daughter of William B. and Catherine E. (Hagerty) Grubb. Their children were: William G., of further mention; Frank A., Charles M., James S., Thomas, Harry V., Catharine M., Anna M., and Mary M.

William G. Hower, son of Frank A. and Anna M. (Grubb) Hower, was born March 5, 1880, at No. 2205 Spruce street, Philadelphia, the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Grubb. William

G. Hower has resided in Bryn Mawr since he was an infant, and attended the public and high schools of Lower Merion township. When war was declared against Spain, in 1898, Mr. Hower enlisted in the 6th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served as company clerk and corporal of Company B until the regiment was mustered out of service at the end of the war.

In 1914 he was appointed sealer of weights and measures of Montgomery county, which position he still holds. During the World War Mr. Hower was the registrar for the East Bryn Mawr district, and recorded the men under the draft law. He was a member of the Food Administration for the county, helped on the Coal Administration and on the United States Secret Service. He assisted the draft board of Lower Merion township with his newspaper, and gave his aid to the Red Cross and Liberty Loan campaigns. Three of his brothers, Charles, James, and Harry, enlisted at the beginning of the war and the first two named served in the 28th Field Artillery, which gave such excellent service in the battles in France.

In politics Mr. Hower is a Republican and has represented his district on various occasions at conventions of his party. He has always taken an active part in public affairs and is a booster for Bryn Mawr and Lower Merion. He is an ex-president and member of the Press League of Bucks and Montgomery counties, member of the Montgomery Newspaper Association, member of the Pennsylvania State Editorial Association, Pennsylvania Weekly Newspaper Association, National Editorial Association; General Weaver Camp, No. 52, Spanish-American War Veterans; Colonel Owen Jones Camp, No. 45, Sons of Veterans; Norristown Lodge, No. 714, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Bryn Mawr Fire Company; member of the Ways and Means Committee of the Pennsylvania State Association of Inspectors of Weights and Measures; and a member of the Board of Directors of the Bryn Mawr Business Association. His publishing and printing business has continued to prosper, and under his personal direction "The Home News" has grown from a four-page paper to an eight-page and very frequent editions of twelve and sixteen pages.

On July 12, 1902, Mr. Hower married Emma Wright, daughter of the late William and Augusta Wright, of Philadelphia, and upon the death of his father, in October of the same year, he took over the publishing of "The Home News," which he has continued to date.

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**ELWOOD M. STOVER**—One of the foremost citizens of Kulpsville whose activities of a business nature are contributing to the general welfare and who is serving the people as postmaster, is Elwood M. Stover, a member of the firm of Kulp & Stover, and a director of the Citizen's National Bank of Lansdale. Mr. Stover is a son of Jacob C. Stover, who for many years was a prominent farmer of this section and lived to the advanced age of eighty-four years, passing away in 1920. The mother, Rebecca G. Stover, is still living and resides in the old Daniel Johnson place. Five children were born to these parents: Isaiah

M.; Elizabeth, wife of Daniel Johnson; Amanda; Elwood M., of further mention; and Peter M.

Elwood M. Stover was born in Towamencin township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, March 31, 1874. His education was begun in the public schools of his native place, and as a young man he had the advantage of a course at the West Chester State Normal School. For a number of years he was active in the agricultural interests of his native township, then in September, 1909, he came to Kulpsville. At that time Mr. Stover became associated with Warren B. Kulp in their present mercantile enterprise, the general store of Kulpsville, which is one of the most progressive and successful interests of this nature in the county. Mr. Stover has supported the principles and policies of the Republican party from his coming of age, and while never an office seeker, he accepted the appointment of postmaster of Kulpsville in the year 1909, and is still serving in that capacity. Fraternally he is well known, being a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Kulpsville, and past grand of his lodge; also a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, of Kulpsville; of the Loyal Order of Moose, of Lansdale; and a member of the Odd Fellows Club, of Kulpsville. For many years Mr. Stover has been identified with Christ Lutheran Church, of Towamencin, of which he is one of the deacons.

Mr. Stover married, on June 22, 1910, Mary E. Allebach, daughter of Jacob and Pauline Allebach, the father now deceased, and the mother a resident of Lansdale. Mr. and Mrs. Stover have one daughter, Alice, who was born December 23, 1911, and is now attending the schools of Kulpsville.

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**WILLIAM J. BINDER**—At the close of the Civil War in which he served enlistments in 1863, 1864 and 1865, until honorably discharged at its close in 1865, William J. Binder returned to the printer's trade which he had abandoned at intervals during the war. In 1866 he returned to Pottstown, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, and there entered the newspaper field. He is a son of John Binder, son of Jacob, son of John, son of Jacob, son of Moses, son of Casper, son of Rohland, of the Kingdom of Württemberg, Germany.

The founder of the family in Pennsylvania was Moses Binder, who came from Württemberg, Germany, with his young wife, Anna, in the ship "Frances and Elizabeth," landing in Philadelphia, September 21, 1742. He settled in Sassamansville, New Hanover township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, there died and was buried in the cemetery of the Lutheran church at Falckner Swamp, he having been an active official member of that church. Jacob Binder, great-grandson of Moses Binder, the founder, was a farmer. He married Susanna ———, and they were the parents of a large family of children, among them John, of whom further. Both Jacob and his wife lived to advanced years, she to very old age.

John Binder, son of Jacob and Susanna Binder, was born at Yellow Springs, Chester county, Pennsylvania. He learned the carpenter's



trade, also was a farmer for a few years, but the greater part of his life he was engaged in teaching. His youth was mostly spent in Montgomery county, but in 1835 he returned to Chester, the county of his birth, where he resided until 1856, when he moved to Pottstown, in Montgomery county, where he taught a private school, and there he died in 1866. He taught in both Chester and Montgomery county schools and also operated the farm he owned in East Nantmeal township, Chester county, during the summer months, while residing in that county. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and until the Civil War was a Democrat in his political faith. He then embraced the Republican doctrines, to which he adhered until death. John Binder married Anna Mary Steltz, born at Falckner's Swamp, New Hanover township, Montgomery county, and they were the parents of four children: Aaron M., a soldier of the Civil War, serving in Company A, 2nd Minnesota Veteran Infantry, 14th Corps, now deceased; Elizabeth, now deceased, married David Herst, of Easton, Pennsylvania; Tamsen, now deceased, married Jeremiah H. Binder, of Pottstown; William J., of further mention.

William J. Binder, son of John and Anna Mary (Steltz) Binder, was born in East Nantmeal, Chester county, Pennsylvania, September 30, 1843, and there spent the first thirteen years of his life. In 1856 Pottstown became the family home and that town has since been his home. He finished his public school study with graduation from Pottstown High School, and entered the wonderful Hill School of Pottstown, class of 1858, then conducted by its founder, Professor Matthew Meigs, LL. D. At the age of eighteen he began learning the printer's trade in the office of the Montgomery "Ledger," founded April 1, 1843, and there remained for four and a half years. In 1863 he enlisted in the 26th Emergency Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Colonel Jennings commanding, and also saw service with the 197th Pennsylvania Regiment in 1864. In 1865 he was a private in Company E, 105th Pennsylvania Regiment, Volunteer Infantry, Colonel Miller commanding. He was with the Army of the Potomac at Petersburg and in the campaign which ended with the surrender of Lee at Appomattox, his service under these commands being about eleven months. He was honorably discharged in June, 1865.

In that year he was employed as a printer in Indianapolis, Indiana, but in April, 1866, he returned to Pottstown and there bought a one-half interest in the Montgomery "Ledger," a newspaper owned by Lewis H. Davis and William L. Williamson, which they published jointly for thirteen years, when Mr. Binder became sole owner. On October 1, 1873, he established the "Daily Pottstown Ledger," in partnership with Lewis H. Davis. In 1879 he became sole owner of the "Daily Ledger," and continued the publication of the "Daily Ledger," until April 5, 1920, when he sold the newspaper and job printing department to Paul L. Diefenderfer, and retired from the newspaper business after a continuous period of fifty-four years. For thirty years his son Hilton S. Binder was associate-editor. Mr. Binder, the dean of the newspaper publishing business in Montgomery county has honored the pro-

fession and although now an octogenarian continues to take a lively interest in the affairs of the community and nation. He has prospered in "basket and in store" and is an honored citizen of the thriving borough whose charter dates from 1815. He published a "History of Methodism in Pottstown" in 1902, but newspaper making and publishing has been his business to the exclusion of all other affairs of a business nature. He is an official member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and of M. Edgar Richards Post, No. 595, Grand Army of the Republic. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Binder married December 26, 1867, Mary A. Hilton, daughter of James and Margaret (Walmsly) Hilton. Mr. and Mrs. Binder, the latter now deceased, were the parents of nine children: Hilton S., deceased; May E., married C. C. Hinchman; Ella M., at home; Bessie A., at home; Edith H., married G. W. Nagle; Laura D., now deceased; John K., a reporter; Florence M., married C. S. Nagle; Chester M., now deceased.

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**GEORGE CORDONNA, M. D.**—In the group of progressive young men who have become identified with the professional world of Norristown since the recent war, Dr. Cordonna is a well known figure. A native of this city, and a member of an old Norristown family, Dr. Cordonna is a son of Peter and Marie Louise (Elmo) Cordonna, well known residents here for many years.

Dr. Cordonna was born in Norristown, August 12, 1895. His early education in the public schools was followed by the usual high school course, from which he was graduated in 1914. He took his pre-medical work at the University of Pennsylvania, and also at Jefferson College, and in 1915 entered the medical department of Jefferson College, Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in the class of 1919. He spent an internship of six months at the Pittsburgh South Side Hospital, then for fourteen months was chief resident physician at the Chester County Hospital, at West Chester, Pennsylvania. Thereafter passing the State Board, Dr. Cordonna began the practice of medicine and surgery in Norristown. With offices in the Penn Trust building, he has since made an auspicious beginning in his chosen profession, and is looked upon as one of the coming men of the city in this line of activity.

The World War found Dr. Cordonna still in medical college, but he enlisted in the United States army in July, 1917, joining the Medical Corps. He was assigned to the Reserve Officers' Training Quarters, in medical training, but was not called to active service. In 1922 he was appointed police surgeon for the Norristown Police Department, and in the same year was made chief of the State of Pennsylvania Genito-Urinary Clinic, at Norristown.

Dr. Cordonna is a member of the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and the Montgomery County Medical Society. He is a member of the Phi Sigma Rho fraternity, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Politically a staunch sup-

porter of the Republican party, and a fearless advocate of its principles, he was brought forward into prominence in the Pinchot campaign as a member of the executive committee for Montgomery county.

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**HARRY EDMUND BRUNNER**—The men who make and edit our newspapers yield an influence beyond most others, and sway our minds and effect our lives more than is realized. Harry Edmund Brunner, of Hatfield, after long years of experience in the handling of news sheets and printing, was a purchaser of the "Hatfield Times," and in the short period that has followed has helped to inject new life and power into the paper, and conducts a printing establishment on most modern and successful lines.

Harry E. Brunner was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 26, 1887, the son of Harry C. and Catherine (Morgan) Brunner, the former of whom was a printer by trade and a linotype operator. Harry Edmund, following in the footsteps of his father, after completing his education became a printer. After a number of years spent in his trade, he became owner of the "Hatfield Times," on March 25, 1921. He is an Independent Republican in his political views and fraternally associates with the Knights of Malta, the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and the Knights of the Golden Eagle. His club is the Tuxedo Camp Fire, and his church the Baptist.

At Lansdale, June 28, 1911, he was married to Agnes Camilla, daughter of Amos O. and Camilla (Kratz) Allebach.

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**MAX GRUHLE**—A wide and greatly varied experience has been that of Max Gruhle, proprietor of an auto repair shop and agent for Goodyear tires in Green Lane, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, who gives good service to his patrons, and has made for himself a reputation for efficiency and prompt service.

Mr. Gruhle was born in Saxony, Germany, May 27, 1868, son of Julius and Augusta (Gearge) Gruhle, the former a superintendent of No. 2 Kliekoff Coal Mine, in Saxony, Germany. Both parents remained in Germany. Their children were: Minnie (Mrs. Charles Sommers); Selma (Mrs. Charles Ott); Hammond; Otto; Emil; Paul; and Max, of whom further.

Max Gruhle received his education in the local schools and in St. Louis University, and then learned the mechanic's trade, which he followed in Germany until 1887, when he came to South America. There he traveled extensively, being variously employed in Valparaiso, in Chili, Argentina, and Colombia, and for some time engaged in installing ice machines in those countries. He then came to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where for two years he was engaged as engineer in the employ of the Pabst Brewing Company. At the end of that time he returned to Germany, but in 1897 again came to America, where he traveled extensively. In 1900 he came to Pennsylvania, where for a time he settled in Green Lane. Nine years later, in 1909, he went to Hagerstown, Maryland, as engineer for the Hagerstown Brewery, and this connection he



maintained for a period of seven years. Having by the end of that time accumulated sufficient capital and a vast fund of experience, he went to Green Lane, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, and established an auto repair shop, which he has continued to successfully conduct to the present time (1923). He does vulcanizing and all kinds of repair work and holds the agency for Goodyear tires. Thoroughly trained as a mechanic and having had a very wide experience in the mechanical field, he is an expert in his line, and his patrons have learned that there are no automobile mechanical problems which he cannot readily solve. Promptness and efficiency are valuable assets in the business of automobile repairing, as elsewhere, and satisfied patrons are Mr. Gruhle's best advertisements.

Politically Mr. Gruhle gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Republican party in a general way, but reserves to himself the right to cast his vote on the merit of the case, when those merits are known to him. Fraternally he is a member of Lodge No. 39, Improved Order of Red Men, of Green Lane, and his religious affiliation is with the Lutheran church, of Sumneytown.

In Saxony, Germany, on February 10, 1899, Mr. Gruhle married Selma Reissig, daughter of George and Selma Reissig, and they are the parents of four children: Ella, born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Anthony, born in Red Hill; Gertrude, born in Red Hill; and Johanna, born in Hagerstown, Maryland.

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**JOHN M. MOYER**—The Moyer family have been conspicuous in the annals of Eastern Pennsylvania for many generations. Originally German, where the religious reformation of the sixteenth and seventeenth century freed men's souls from the oppression of one church, there came an impulse for a complete religious freedom that gave birth to many sects and much migration. This desire was back of the Moyers coming to Pennsylvania, where they became wise tillers of the earth and solid capable citizens of their adopted State. Agriculture and its allied industries have engaged many of the family, and John M. Moyer, of Souderton, conducts a grain business that has come to him through five generations.

His parents were Enos and Mary (Moyer) Moyer, the former of whom on his death in 1896 willed his establishment to his son, John M., who was born in Hatfield, Pennsylvania, June 17, 1882. He attended the local schools, but early became associated with his father in business. The fact that his father and forefathers laid the foundation has been an inspiration to John M. Moyer to build upon it a modern, well equipped business of which he may be justly proud. Grain, hay, feed and other kindred supplies are handled, and the recognized integrity and care for the interest of his customers has brought a large clientele. He is politically an Independent in his views, and his religious affiliation is with the Mennonite church.

At Souderton, Pennsylvania, September 20, 1905, Mr. Moyer was

married to Ella M. Heinz, daughter of David and Catherine (Landis) Heinz. Mr. and Mrs. Moyer are the parents of two children: Mildred, born December 12, 1906; and Stewart, born September 26, 1910.

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**AUGUST LISCHKE**—One of the older men who has retired from active business and has found Lansdale, Pennsylvania, a pleasant city in which to spend the sunset days of life is August Lischke. He has given more than half a century in labor and service, the most of this to one railroad, and is now taking his ease with his family and his friends. His father, Casper Lischke, was born in 1807, and his mother, Helena (Rother) Lischke, some eight years later; both remembered the coming of Napoleon to their native land.

August Lischke was born June 6, 1844, at Pilsch Kreis Glatz, Germany, and received the education of the public schools of his natal place. He went to work when quite young and traveled throughout the most of Germany from 1866 to 1870. During this period he served the required time in the German army. In 1870 he emigrated to America, and following his father's trade, became a farmer. Five years of this was enough, and in seeking another occupation took up railroading in 1875. He started with the Philadelphia & Reading railroad and continued with the same road until he retired. For thirty-two years he was a foreman. He came to Lansdale in 1914 and has been a quiet, home-loving resident for the last nine years (1923). He belongs to the Building and Loan Association, is a Democrat in political faith, and fraternizes with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is one of its oldest members. Mr. Lischke has always been a liberal supporter of the Lutheran church.

In 1879, at Doylestown, August Lischke was joined in marriage with Christianna Mosh, and they are the parents of a son, Charles, who married Ann F. Ledrock, and they are the parents of the following children: Raymond, May F., and Anna.

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**EUGENE MARTIN DAVIS**, a descendant of an old Pennsylvania family, was widely known as a mason and general contractor at Penllyn, Pennsylvania, where he lived for many years. He was born at Norristown, Pennsylvania, July 7, 1847, son of Isaiah W. and Harriett Porter (Farra) Davis. His grandfather was Samuel Davis, a farmer and the owner of extensive holdings at Plymouth, Pennsylvania. Mr. Davis' father was also a school teacher and the later part of his life was devoted to clerical work at the court house for Montgomery county.

Mr. Davis received his education in the public school of Norristown and after having completed his grammar school studies was graduated from the Norristown High School. After his graduation Mr. Davis associated himself with his half-brother, Charles Y. Fisher, assisting him in the work of managing the family property. He did not find agricultural work entirely to his taste, however, and decided to learn the bricklayer's trade and become an independent business man. Accordingly he moved to Norristown, where he remained for two years. From Norris-

town he went to Philadelphia and spent a year and a half in that city. At the end of this period he came to the conclusion that he would find in contracting and masonry work an ideal field for the exercise of his abilities. He believed that he would meet with success as an independent contractor at Penllyn, and accordingly, taking his capital and moving to Penllyn, established a general contracting business, specializing in brick laying. He met with immediate success and his business prospered to such an extent that he presently purchased a fine old dwelling in one of the most attractive parts of the town and remodeled it for his own use. The house which is still in the possession of the family is an old Colonial dwelling and is widely known as a landmark and as an unusually fine example of Colonial architecture. The alterations were completed in 1911 and during the same year Mr. Davis and his family moved into the house where he lived until his death in 1922, at the great age of seventy-five years. An influential and public-spirited citizen, his death was deeply regretted by all classes of the community for which he worked so long and faithfully, using all his energies for the business and civic advancement of the town. His business is now carried on by his son, Eugene, and as the founder of one of the leading enterprises at Penllyn and having helped build many of the finest buildings in town, he will always be held in grateful remembrance by his fellow-citizens. In politics Mr. Davis was an Independent, supporting the most progressive and enlightened policies of government. He served for twelve years as a member of the school board of Lower Gwynedd township, and was largely instrumental in securing more adequate equipment and better accommodation for the school children of that place. In religious faith he belonged to the Friends' Meeting.

On November 11, 1877, Mr. Davis married, at Norristown, Bertha Shaeff, daughter of George F. and Catherine (Stern) Shaeff. Mrs. Davis survives her husband and makes her home with her son, Eugene, in the old family residence. Mr. and Mrs. Davis were the parents of four children: 1. Walter, who died in infancy. 2. George S., born at Norristown; at present employed as a signal engineer on the Reading railroad; he married Carrie Buckman, of Plymouth, Pennsylvania, and they have five children: Catherine, Robert Crawford, Alice Buckman, Elizabeth Carrie, and Emilie Gray. 3. Russell Lowell, district manager for the Monotype Company, of Philadelphia; he married Hattie Gerow, of Norfolk, Virginia, and they have one son, Russell Gerow. 4. Eugene, who is named for his father, is unmarried, and is the present proprietor of his father's business.

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**F. EDWARD MALMBERG**, son of August B. and Maria L. (Carlson) Malmberg, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 10, 1895, his father formerly a merchant tailor, now living retired, in California. F. Edward Malmberg was educated in the public schools and Norristown High School, finishing with graduation from the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton Evening School, Philadelphia, class of 1916. On January 10, 1914, he entered the employ of the James Lees & Sons Company, at



Bridgeport, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, as junior clerk, and during the years which have since intervened he has made his way to the responsible position of office manager (1920). He is also purchasing agent for this prosperous corporation, and was elected assistant secretary in 1923. Mr. Malmberg is a Republican in politics, a member of the Masonic order, affiliated with Norristown lodge and chapter, and Philadelphia Consistory; a Noble of Lu Lu Temple, Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and in religious affiliation is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Mr. Malmberg married, in Norristown, Pennsylvania, March 17, 1923, Helen Marie Ganser, daughter of Hiram and Ella (Oberholtzer) Ganser. Mr. and Mrs. Malmberg reside at No. 1321 Markley street, Bridgeport, Pennsylvania.

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**ROBERT JAMES CRAWFORD**—Probably Robert James Crawford, the successful merchant of Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, is best known and will be remembered longest because of his efforts in establishing the community playground and athletic field that takes up the whole square in the city between Eleventh and Twelfth avenues and Harry and Hollowell streets. It was a thing much needed, but it did not come until the foresight and energy of men like Mr. Crawford brought it about. He is the son of Joseph and Margaret Crawford, the former of whom was in business for years in Conshohocken. Joseph and Margaret Crawford are the parents of the following children: Emma W., deceased; William G., Rebecca, Joseph, Agnes, Anna, Samuel, Margaret, Robert J., Mary, and John.

Robert J. Crawford was born in Conshohocken, June 17, 1876. His education was gained in the public and high schools of Conshohocken, from both of which he graduated. His first efforts at self support were in the Alan Wood Iron & Steel Works, in which he was busy for five years, leaving to set up a store as a merchant at No. 113 Fayette street. After a varied career he in 1910 again established himself on Fayette street, this time as a cigar and tobacco dealer. In 1914 he was a member of a new athletic association founded on the few members who remained of an old organization, who managed to secure an old brush field covering a city block, clearing it up for use in various sports. Mr. Crawford was the first president of this club, with J. Howard Borke, vice-president, John P. Herron, treasurer, Reynold W. Twaite, recording secretary, and Carl Meyers, financial secretary. The control of the affairs of the club was in the hands of a Board of Governors consisting of Silas A. Dair, Edmund K. Williams, Edward G. Hyde, and Mr. Crawford. During this régime the association improved their property remarkably and in 1918, at a cost of \$10,000, erected grandstands, placed equipment, and all necessary things to make an up-to-date community play field for the city. It is supported by popular subscription and is filling a greatly felt need of Conshohocken. Its present (1922) officers are John Kearns, Dr. Roth, William Ambler, and R. N. Campbell, and its Board of Governors consist of G. F. Guild, George Cohey, J. Russell Hamilton, and Charles

S. Hottenstein; the trustees are: Matthew Verkoe, F. R. Lobb and J. L. Holland. Mr. Crawford is an independent in politics, a director of the Fayette Building and Loan Association, and is a communicant of the Calvary Episcopal Church.

At Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, on June 16, 1911, he was married to Emma Wilt, daughter of William Wilt, who is the father of three children.

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**SAMUEL S. CONVER**—In architectural and engineering activities in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, Mr. Conver is handling an extensive and constantly growing practice, his long experience and marked success placing him among the leaders in his line. Mr. Conver is a native of Pennsylvania and a son of William B. and Amanda Conver, his father prominent as a builder for many years in this section.

Samuel S. Conver was born at Hatfield township, Pennsylvania, August 14, 1877. His education was acquired in the public schools of Lansdale, and Drexel Institute, from which he was graduated in 1896. During the last one and one-half years of his student days he was employed by M. B. Bean, of Lansdale, then after his graduation in 1896 became identified with the Dull & Peterson Company, of Philadelphia, as draftsman, where he was active for eighteen months. Early in 1898 Mr. Conver established his own office in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, where he continued for upwards of six years, then went to Camden, New Jersey, where he conducted a similar business for two years. Thereafter returning to Lansdale, Mr. Conver has since resided here, conducting offices both in Lansdale and in Philadelphia, his city office being at No. 11 South Sixteenth street. He has been identified with many of the more important architectural and engineering projects in and about Philadelphia during his experience, and is considered an authority in his field of activity. Mr. Conver has few interests outside his professional work. He is a Republican by political affiliation, and is a member of Shiloh Lodge, No. 558, Free and Accepted Masons. He is also a member of the Reformed church.

Mr. Conver married, at Camden, New Jersey, October 18, 1898, Laura Boyer, daughter of George E. and Sarah Boyer, and they have one son, S. Russel, born July 12, 1903.

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**JOSEPH A. McELHATTON**—The town of West Conshohocken is indebted to Joseph A. McElhatton for much that has made its life pleasurable and the place an attractive locality in which to live. He is not only successful in his vocation, but in recent years has branched out in business with his sister, Rose, and conducts one of the most modern cafeterias in the town. He is the son of Francis and Rose McElhatton, who were the parents of eight children: 1. Francis. 2. Catherine, who married L. Jackson. 3. John. 4. Patrick. 5. Peter. 6. Rose, now Mrs. Thomas McLernon. 7. Michael. 8. Joseph A., of whom further.

Joseph A. McElhatton was born at Gulph Mills, November 13, 1883, and came with his parents when one year of age to West Conshohocken,

Pennsylvania. He first attended the public schools, but completed his education in St. Gertrude's and St. Matthew's parochial institutions. He early began to contribute to his own support, and eventually became an engineer at the Ivy Rock Steel Plant, where he remained for sixteen years, and had been six years a fireman with the Reading railroad.

In 1920 he started with his sister, Rose, an up-to-date cafeteria and candy store, which was a successful venture from the start. It is housed in a modern cement building, and with its complete equipment and splendid service, is one of the most popular eating places in East Conshohocken.

Mr. McElhatton is a Republican and a county committeeman from 1919 to date, and has been president of the West Conshohocken Council for four years, and at present is burgess of his town. One of the most interesting of his outside activities is as president of the Industrial Baseball League. His fraternal associations are with the Knights of Columbus, of Conshohocken, the Foresters of the same city, the Washington Fire Company, of East Conshohocken, and George Clay Association, of West Conshohocken. He is a communicant of the St. Gertrude's Roman Catholic Church, of Conshohocken.

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**J. LE ROY SCHWEYER**—A keen minded and progressive man of affairs, Mr. Schweyer was born at King of Prussia, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, December 13, 1889. His parents were Henry A. and Maria S. (Bittenbender) Schweyer, both of whom were born and brought up in Montgomery county. Mr. Schweyer's father was connected with the King of Prussia marble quarries until 1916, when he retired from active participation in business affairs. He died on September 27, 1919, at the age of fifty-four, and was survived by Mr. Schweyer's mother, who still maintains her residence at Norristown.

Mr. Schweyer received his preliminary education in the public schools of Upper Merion township. After completing the grammar grades, he was entered as a pupil at Ursinus College, where he spent three years in college preparatory and college work. While he was a student at Ursinus, Mr. Schweyer took great interest in the athletic affairs of the school. He played on the football team and established himself as one of the best all-around athletes in his class. From Ursinus College, Mr. Schweyer proceeded to Pennsylvania State College, where he spent one year and a half and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in 1907.

Mr. Schweyer entered the field of business as an associate of his father at the King of Prussia quarries. He maintained this connection until 1912, when he entered the service of James Lees and Sons Company at Bridgeport. He began his work for this firm as a clerk in the shipping department and spent two years familiarizing himself with as much of the business as he could learn from the vantage ground of the delivery room. In 1914 he became a salesman for the firm in Philadelphia and the vicinity. In this capacity, he sold yarns for manufacturing purposes to factory buyers and others. His success in this field was very gratify-





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ing to the company and in 1915 they sent him to the Middle West as a salesman of yarns designed to meet the requirements of the manufacturing trade. A close student and an indefatigable investigator, Mr. Schweyer had by this time become something of a yarn expert and was able to conduct his sales as an acknowledged authority on the market. In July, 1916, he established a branch office of James Lees and Sons Company at Chicago. This branch has been rendered necessary by the ever-increasing western business of the company. It provided an outlet for the firm's yarns for manufacturing purposes and also met the needs of the western market for the beautiful Minerva yarns designed by the firm for hand knitting purposes. So successful was Mr. Schweyer in coördinating his company's business interests in the West, and in establishing the Chicago branch, that in September, 1917, the company sent him to New York City to open a branch office for the sale of Minerva yarns in the metropolitan district. In October of the same year, while still remaining in charge of the New York office, Mr. Schweyer became head of the hand knitting yarn department of the company's plant at Bridgeport and also head sales manager and general advertising manager of hand knitting yarn department for the firm. He has held this comprehensive position and has likewise continued in charge of the New York office at 220 Fifth avenue ever since. Widely known to the trade for the integrity and efficiency of his business methods and highly respected by everyone who has ever had the pleasure of doing business with him, Mr. Schweyer is a conspicuous example of the man who carves out his own career and removes the obstacles that lie in his path by sheer determination and force of will. His success and the character upon which he built it have brought him many friends in various parts of the country and he is extremely popular among all classes of the community in Montgomery county.

In politics, Mr. Schweyer is a member of the Republican party. He is a Presbyterian, and belongs to the Central Presbyterian Church of Norristown. He is a member of the Advertising Club of New York City; the Kiwanis Club of New York City; the City Club of Chicago; and the Plymouth Country Club. He takes an active part in all movements designed to increase the prosperity of Norristown and is a leader of progressive thought and action in the community.

In October, 1914, he married, at Norristown, Ettabelle F. Johnson, daughter of J. Crawford Johnson (q. v.), and Etta L. (Fulliam) Johnson. Mrs. Schweyer's mother died February 22, 1920. Mr. and Mrs. Schweyer have one daughter, Eloise Fulliam Schweyer, who was born June 6, 1922.

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**JOHN JOSEPH KAVASH**—Lansdale, Pennsylvania, numbers among its most interesting citizens John Joseph Kavash, who has been one of its leading merchant tailors for more than a quarter of a century. Coming to this country from Austria-Hungary, he has not only become one of the best in his line of trade, but among other things is a skilled musician. He has the acquaintance and friendship of a host of citizens throughout this country.



He was born in Austria-Hungary, February 3, 1874, the son of John and Susanna (Fabri) Kavash, the former of whom was a builder and contractor and served his required time in the Austrian army, and was also engaged in the Revolution of 1848.

John J. Kavash, after being educated in the public schools of his native land, became an apprentice to a tailor, spent four years learning his trade, and then followed that occupation in various places abroad until 1891, when he emigrated to America. On June 13, of that year he landed in New York City, and went to work making clothes there. After following his trade in New York, Philadelphia, and Connecticut, he settled in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, and set up in business as a merchant tailor. His skill as a designer, cutter and fitter has won for him a name known far outside the borders of his city, and his large clientele keeps him very busy and prosperous.

For years he has been a musician of note, playing the cornet and violin with bands and in concerts and as a member of the Confederation of Musicians. He affiliates with the Knights of the Golden Eagle; Loyal Order of Moose, of which he is a past dictator; Modern Woodmen of America; and the Knights of Malta; and his club is the Citizens. He is a communicant of the Evangelical Lutheran church, of Lansdale, Pennsylvania.

John Joseph Kavash married (first), on July 4, 1897, at Rocksbury, Pennsylvania, Irma Fiedler Bretz, of Austria-Hungary, daughter of Mathias and Susanna Bretz, and they were the parents of five children, all of whom are musical: 1. Irma M. 2. J. Leonard, a musician of note, who covered the Chautauqua Circuit in 1920. He plays the saxophone and clarinet, and does orchestral work. 3. Bernard M. (deceased). 4. Johanna May. 5. Josephine M. Mrs. Kavash died March 3, 1920. He married (second), in Danbury, Connecticut, June 29, 1922, Elizabeth K. Haitsch, daughter of John and Susanna Haitsch, of that city. The family home is at No. 149 South Broad street, Lansdale, Pennsylvania, while his business is located at Main and Walnut streets.

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**JOHN E. GANJAMIE**—Coming from Italy in his early boyhood, John E. Ganjamie has become one of Ambler's prominent citizens and business men. He sought and has found the opportunity for service and the prosperity he desired, and is active and progressive in all the things that pertain to civic and business life. He is a son of Joseph and Sarah Ganjamie, and has two sisters: Julia and Susann; and four brothers: Charles, Thomas, Joseph and Samuel.

John E. Ganjamie was born in Messina, Italy, October 11, 1891, and emigrated early in life to this country. His education was received in the public schools of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, supplemented by home reading and study. After working in several places at the tailor's trade, in 1911 he opened a store at No. 301 Main street, and in 1913 bought the property at No. 205 North Main street, removing his business to that location, where he has since continued. Among the financial interests outside of his regular business is his membership in the Ambler and







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HOWARD C. ROBERTS

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Community Building and Loan Association. Fraternally he is connected with Brunno Lodge, No. 308, Free and Accepted Masons; and Lodge No. 543, Sons of Italy.

Mr. Ganjamie married, on October 23, 1922, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Concentina Iannelli, daughter of Francis and Maria (Spoltore) Iannelli, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mr. Iannelli, prior to his death, which occurred in 1906, was for many years manager of the uniform department of the Horstman Uniform Company, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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**NICHOLAS B. TUFILLARO**—Among the energetic and progressive young men of Bridgeport and Norristown, Pennsylvania, Mr. Tufillaro is well known, and his activities in the field of real estate and insurance place him among the leading business men of the community. A native of Italy, he is a son of Dominico and Mary (Ottaviano) Tufillaro, the latter now deceased, his father being the founder and still the head of the firm of D. Tufillaro & Son.

Nicholas B. Tufillaro was born in Italy, May 9, 1898. The family coming to America in his childhood, he received his education in this country, attending the elementary schools of Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, and the grammar and high schools of Bridgeport, thereafter completing his studies at Temple University, Philadelphia. Meanwhile, the elder Mr. Tufillaro was gaining a leading position in the business world, handling real estate and insurance first in Phoenixville and later in Bridgeport, where their main office is now located. His education completed, Nicholas B. Tufillaro became associated with his father in business under the present firm name. Several years ago a department of foreign exchange was added to the business, and this is now fully as prosperous as the earlier lines of real estate and insurance. The firm has been identified with some very important transfers of real estate, and their activity in this field is of no slight significance to the growth of the town. In August, 1920, the firm opened an office at No. 200 De Kalb street, Norristown, which is already rivalling in importance the longer established business in Bridgeport, and promises to exceed it in the early future.

In the various interests of the community, Nicholas B. Tufillaro takes an active part. He is treasurer of the Columbus Savings and Loan Association; is a member of the Knights of Columbus; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and is venerable of the Order of the Sons of Italy. He is a member of St. Salvador Roman Catholic Church of Norristown. The family home is at No. 309 De Kalb street, Bridgeport.

In April, 1923, Nicholas B. Tufillaro married Lena Lauro, daughter of John and Accusria (Santangela) Lauro, of Norristown.

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**HOWARD CARTER ROBERTS**—Among the representative citizens of Montgomery county is Howard C. Roberts, who for over a quarter of a century has been actively engaged in business of various

kinds and who was associated with his father, Ellwood Roberts, in building and in acquiring and developing real estate in the vicinity of Norristown, Pennsylvania.

(I) Mr. Roberts comes of an old Welsh-Quaker family, tracing his ancestry to Edward Roberts, who was born in Merionethshire, Wales, in May, 1687. In 1699 Edward Roberts emigrated to Pennsylvania, settling at Byberry, near Philadelphia, from which place he removed in 1716 to The Great Swamp (Richland), now Quakertown, Bucks county, Pennsylvania. He married, in 1714, Mary Bolton, daughter of Everard and Elizabeth Bolton, and they were the parents of a large family of children who married into prominent families of Eastern Pennsylvania, establishing such extensive connections that Edward Roberts became the founder of a very numerous and influential line of descendants.

(II) David Roberts, son of Edward and Mary (Bolton) Roberts, was born in 1722, and died in 1804. In 1754 he married Phoebe Lancaster, daughter of Thomas and Phoebe (Wardell) Lancaster, the former named an eminent minister, and they were the parents of nine children: Amos, of whom further; Mary, Elizabeth, Nathan, Jane, Abigail, Nathan (2), David and Ivan.

(III) Amos Roberts (great-great-grandfather of Howard C. Roberts), son of David and Phoebe (Lancaster) Roberts, was born 4th mo. 19, 1758. He married, 11th mo. 30th, 1775, Margaret Thomas, and they were the parents of nine children: Mordecai; Mary; Alice Matilda; Hugh, of whom further; Andrew, George, Phoebe, Margaret, and Deborah, all born in Richland except Deborah, who was born in Philadelphia.

(IV) Hugh Roberts (great-grandfather of Howard C. Roberts), son of Amos and Margaret (Thomas) Roberts, was a miller and lived near Branchtown, Philadelphia county, Pennsylvania. He was born 2d mo. 16, 1782. He married, in 1806, Sarah Spencer, eldest daughter of Nathan and Rachel (Pim) Spencer, and they were the parents of eight children: Lydia, died in infancy; Caroline, born in 1809, married Charles S. Rorer, and died in 1872; Spencer Roberts, born in 1811, died in 1885; Margaret, born 1813, married Gideon Lloyd, died in 1891; Edmund, born in 1815; died in 1866; Alfred, born in 1817, died in infancy; Maria, born in 1819, died in infancy; Hugh, of whom further.

(V) Hugh (2) Roberts (grandfather of Howard C. Roberts), born August, 1821, died August 23, 1894. He married, 8th mo. 8, 1842, Alice Anna Gallagher, born in 1819, died April 10, 1902, in Norristown. They were the parents of seven children: Charles H., born June 18, 1843, married, March 25, 1865, Sarah Elizabeth Stradling; Ellwood, of whom further; Mary, born October 25, 1847, married November 7, 1877, Samuel Livezey; these children were all residents of Norristown. The four other children of Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, who all died in infancy, were as follows: Edmund; William; Spencer, and Alfred.

(VI) Ellwood Roberts, son of Hugh (2) and Alice A. (Gallagher) Roberts, teacher, author, journalist and builder, was born in Wilming-

ton, Delaware, January 22, 1846, and died at Swarthmore, Delaware county, Pennsylvania, January 31, 1921. He received his education in the public schools, and by home study, continued throughout his life, so enriched and enlarged what he had gained during the brief years of his school training that he might properly be styled a "self-made" man. For fourteen years he taught school, mostly in the public schools and in Friends' Central School in Philadelphia. He then removed to Norristown and accepted a position as associate editor of the Norristown "Herald," in 1883, which position he held during a period of twenty-one years. In the meantime, along with his duties as editor of the "Herald," he was active in other lines. In 1895 he published a volume of poems entitled "Lyrics of Quakerism;" in 1898 a volume of genealogy entitled "Old Richland Families," containing a history of his own and connected families in and about Quakertown, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, where his first ancestors, in several lines, settled early in the eighteenth century; and a third volume, also historical and biographical, entitled "Plymouth Meeting" in 1900. All of the publications were well received and are in demand up to the present time, as were others of later publication. He was an active worker in the Montgomery County Historical Society, of which he was a life member, and rendered valuable assistance in editing the two volumes of historical sketches which that organization has published. He purchased for the society the building which it occupies on Penn street, east of Swede street, at a time when many of the members feared that the undertaking was too great, and both he and his sister, Mary (Roberts) Livezey, labored unceasingly to reduce the debt thus incurred.

Born of nine generations of Quakers, he remained true to their principles, and for many years both as a writer and as a speaker he devoted much energy to the defence and interpretation of the Society of Friends. He was deeply interested in the growth and prosperity of Norristown and became one of the most extensive property owners in that vicinity, engaging in several enterprises of note, first in association with his father and later with his son, Howard C. Roberts. His properties were continually developed and improved and always kept in first-class repair, and he steadfastly demonstrated his belief that real estate, properly handled, is a better investment than stocks or bonds. Though nominally a Republican in politics, he cast his influence on the side of good government quite independent of partisanship, and in all matters relating to the welfare of the community was active and earnest, both in forwarding those projects which seemed to him to be well planned and for the advancement of the public welfare and in combatting those wrongs which sap the civic life of the community.

Mr. Roberts purchased in 1911 the Samuel G. Rosengarten estate of 6,515 acres at Winslow, New Jersey, and soon removed to the imposing mansion thereon, called Winslow Inn, in order to more effectively superintend the activities connected with that enterprise. These consisted of extensive farming and fruit growing tracts, dairying, saw mill and lum-



bering operations, the country store, and a large number of tenement dwellings.

Mr. Roberts continued to reside at Winslow principally during the remaining years of his life, though he spent several winters in Philadelphia. Few men of his age were so active and so capable of continued exertion in the affairs which enlist their interest as was Mr. Roberts, and few have rendered as great service to the community in which they resided. His death, which occurred on January 31, 1921, at the residence of his daughter, Mary C. (Roberts) Smith, at Swarthmore, Delaware county, Pennsylvania, was felt keenly by a host of friends who loved and respected the active, kindly Christian gentleman, who so attractively embodied the principles of the Society of Friends.

On September 12, 1878, Ellwood Roberts married Mary Long Carter, daughter of Job and Rachel (Owen) Carter, of Upper Greenwich, New Jersey (see Carter line). They were the parents of five children: Howard Carter, of whom further; Charles A., born May 30, 1881, died March 14, 1888; Alice R., born June 15, 1886, married William A. Robinson; William H., born February 12, 1888, married Rosalie Geyer, and died during the influenza epidemic in 1918; and Mary C., born January 31, 1892, married Claude C. Smith, of Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

(VII) Howard Carter Roberts, the subject of this sketch, son of Ellwood and Mary L. (Carter) Roberts, was born July 6, 1879, at Center Square, Whitpain township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania. He received his education principally in the public schools of Norristown, Pennsylvania, and supplemented the same by a business course in the Schissler College later. He began his business career in 1897 by opening a grocery store at George and Airy streets, and soon acquired another stand at Elm street and Haws avenue, Norristown. He conducted both for a number of years, combining with this occupation that of building in association with his father. As time passed he continued to engage extensively in the building of houses, and about 1908 he sold his grocery stores and then engaged in the hardware and builders' supply business at No. 320 West Main street, Norristown, which he still conducts at that location.

During a temporary period of business and industrial stagnation in 1920 Mr. Roberts became interested in furnishing means to a number of persons to tide over periods of idleness and in assisting many to retain houses which they had purchased through his influence on partial payment plans. Their enforced idleness during this period of readjustment and the fact that they were compelled in many cases to accept greatly reduced wages caused distress to many, and through assisting these Mr. Roberts became convinced that the means at hand for needy persons to secure temporary help was inadequate, and he accordingly applied for license under the Small Loan Act of 1915 and established the Emergency Loan Company in addition to his other interests. The response was surprising, and the growth of the business far beyond expectations, and indications are that Mr. Roberts will soon be com-

pelled to withdraw from all his other activities and give undivided attention to his banking and money-lending business.

He early became an expert in real estate values and became the owner of considerable property in and about Norristown. He has also retained his interest in the Montgomery County Historical Society, of which he is a life member, and is a member of the Odd Fellows, Loyal Order of Moose, and American Woodmen. He has always had a fondness for literature, art and music, and is an enthusiastic collector of antique furniture, glassware and china, of all of which he has acquired a very valuable and interesting collection.

He is well endowed with the family characteristics of energy, industry and strict attention to business, and is usually successful in accomplishing whatever he undertakes. He is a Republican in political affairs, and takes a deep interest in local, State and National affairs, and is much given to sifting the surface facts of a subject or question, comparing, analyzing and searching for the underlying causes.

During the summer of 1907 Mr. Roberts was engaged in erecting a cottage for his father at Buck Hill Falls, Monroe county, Pennsylvania, and there met a young Canadian lady, Ethel May Brown, who was spending the summer at that place. The friendship which soon formed between them improved as years passed, and they were married at the residence of her parents, John L. and Azelma Brown, at Corinth, Ontario, September 9, 1909. After their wedding Mr. and Mrs. Roberts made an extended tour, covering the Canadian Rocky Mountains and the Canadian Southwest and down the Pacific Coast to Los Angeles, then visited the Grand Canyon and other points of interest in California, New Mexico and Arizona, and finally returned home through the Middle West States, having covered a distance in excess of eleven thousand miles.

They purchased a home at No. 513 West Main street, which they occupied for about eleven years, and then removed in May, 1920, to their present residence on the Germantown pike at Swede street, East Norriton township. They have six children, as follows: Dorothy May, born July 9, 1910; Lydia Olivia, born August 5, 1912; Miriam Alice, born December 15, 1913; Mary Ruth, born June 23, 1917; William Howard, born December 4, 1918; Ellwood Lewis, born October 25, 1921.

(The Carter Line).

Job Carter (maternal grandfather) was born February 20, 1813, in Gloucester county, New Jersey, and died February 27, 1893, being one week more than eighty years of age. He was a Friend. He was twice married, (first) to Mary Turner; (second) to Rachel Owen, daughter of Joseph and Mercy (Kirby) Owen. The children of the first marriage were: 1. Joseph T., born in 1844; married (first) Anna Frances Clark, daughter of Edward and Jane Clark, of Clarksboro, New Jersey. She died in 1885, leaving two children: Mason, born in 1878, and Etta. Joseph T. Carter married (second) Emma Tonkin. 2. Abigail, born in 1847, married Burkett W. Warrington, and had one child, William, who

married Hannah Haines. Mary (Turner) Carter died in 1850, and Job Carter married (second) in 1852, Rachel Owen. The Owen family is of Welsh descent, their ancestor having come to this country in the time of William Penn, and in the course of two centuries which have passed have, by marriage, become allied with many of the older New Jersey and Pennsylvania families. The children of Job and Rachel (Owen) Carter were: 3. William M., born in July, 1856; became a surveyor and settled at Woodbury, New Jersey, married, in 1882, Elizabeth Pym Horner, and they have two children: Owen, born February 4, 1890, and Ella, born February 4, 1895. 4. Mary Long, born April 19, 1858; married, September 12, 1878, Ellwood Roberts of Norristown, Pennsylvania. 5. Sallie, born March 20, 1861; married, February 24, 1885, Richard S. Brown, and have three children: Rachel, J. Clinton and William C. 6. Lydia, born November 17, 1867, died June 24, 1890.

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**DR. JOHN MEIGS**—There are many appropriate settings for the life record of Dr. John Meigs, but of them all there are two peculiarly fitting. One is in the group of American educators whose work has been of regnant influence in institutions of which they were, living, the life and soul, and, dead, the inspiration. The other is in the history of the region of his birth, which was also the scene of his life-work, and the following paragraphs are devoted to that end. The biography of Dr. John Meigs has been written in beautiful and intimate manner by Walter Russell Bowie under the title, "The Master of the Hill," who, in remarkable degree, transferred to the typed page the spirit of faith, strength, and consecration that was Dr. John Meigs'. To this volume, indebtedness is gladly acknowledged for the major part of the present account. "His life was such that the story of it ought to go out with its kindling message to all those everywhere who rejoice in idealism, gallantry and strength."

John Meigs was born in the old stone mansion on The Hill August 31, 1852, the sixth child and the fourth son among eleven children. In school he came under his father's discipline, and Dr. Matthew Meigs' rigorous ideas of scholarship were not at all abated, but rather made more urgent, in their application to his own son. By the time he was six, he was in the Latin class. By the time he was eight, he was being taught Greek with his older brothers. His entrance into college came in singular fashion. Lafayette College, founded at Easton, Pennsylvania, in 1832, under Presbyterian control, had been appealing to all Presbyterian ministers to send their sons there. Dr. Matthew Meigs accordingly sent his two eldest boys, and in the fall of 1866 he took the third, Edward Kirk, to Easton to enter him. On the trip he carried John along, and, with his austere ideas of scholarship, he was very much disgusted by the examinations, which were all oral, and to his thought absurdly easy. "Why, this boy here could pass them" he said, and forthwith he had the boy try. John did pass, and his father promptly entered him in the college, and departed for home. The elder brother died in December, and the lad of fourteen, left alone in the college to





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which he had been introduced in such summary fashion, was naturally unhappy. So his father took him away after Christmas, and carried him with him to Europe for a trip which lasted until the autumn. In the fall of 1867 he reëntered Lafayette College and began that part of his college course which was to be continued now until his graduation in 1871. At this time he went back to teach under his father at The Hill for a year. This was, however, not the beginning of his permanent connection with the school, for in the fall of 1872 he was back at Lafayette as an instructor of modern languages. In 1875 he was made adjunct professor in this subject, and was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the commencement of 1876. It was in 1876 that John Meigs finally left Lafayette to go back to The Hill—this time to remain. His return came about through an appeal from his mother. In the years since The Hill School had been opened, it had been not chiefly Dr. Matthew Meigs himself, but his wife, Dr. John Meigs' mother, who had been the main-spring of its life. With rare sweetness and efficiency she gave herself in tireless unselfishness to her manifold duties as mother of her own family, and mother to all the boys of the school. She had eleven children of her own, and her room was nursery and playroom and schoolroom, too, for the smaller ones whom she taught herself. Dr. Matthew Meigs went seven times to Europe, and was for a time the United States Consul at Athens; but she never left America, and seldom in term-time left The Hill. She was housekeeper for the school, and carried all its affairs upon her mind and heart; she watched over the boys' welfare, and even up to the time when the number of pupils had grown to fifty, she mended all their clothes.

Between Dr. John Meigs and his mother there was a very close and loving bond. In the years while he was teaching at Lafayette, he sent her each month \$25.00 out of his salary to help her at the school. But now, in 1876, she needed the help of his personal presence.

Some time before, his father had put the school into the charge of his eldest son, George. But George Meigs had suffered a nervous breakdown, and the school was drifting without a leader. There was nothing left, therefore, but for John to come to the rescue. To undertake the responsibility of the school had not been his choice. He had meant to be a journalist. But he accepted his duty with good grace, and since the work had fallen to him to do, he set out to do it with all the strength he had.

An outline history of The Hill School from 1876 to 1911 gives the high points of more than a quarter century: 1876, reorganization of the school by Dr. John Meigs (thirty boys, three masters); 1882, coming of Mrs. Meigs to The Hill; 1883, accession of George Q. Sheppard to the faculty (sixty-two boys, six masters); 1886, purchase of "the cottage" and adjoining property; 1890, accession of Alfred G. Rolfe to the faculty (one hundred and one boys, fifteen masters); 1895, completion of the "west wing" (one hundred and fifty boys, nineteen masters); 1900, completion of the "east wing" (two hundred and twenty-eight boys, twenty-six masters); 1904, dedication of the Alumni Chapel (two hun-



dred and sixty-eight boys, thirty masters); 1910, completion of the "Upper School" (three hundred and forty-seven boys, thirty-eight masters); 1911, death of Dr. John Meigs. Progress, however, was not unchecked, and several severe shocks of misfortune were sustained whose burden would have borne a less resolute soul to the ground. In 1884 and 1890 fire swept the school property to an extent that amounted to total destruction, and again in 1901 considerable loss resulted from the same cause. Pneumonia took toll from The Hill in 1902, and upon its heels followed a typhoid epidemic, leaving its mark graven as deep in the heart of John Meigs as in the five families to whom it brought death. During all of this time The Hill was increasing in reputation as a preparatory school unsurpassed as a laboratory of manhood and equal to the best in standards of scholarship.

There can be but a suggestion here of the manner in which the spirit of Dr. John Meigs pervaded the entire Hill, and overflowing these limits, made itself felt as a determining force in the lives of hundreds of boys who sat under his teaching and knew the privilege of his confidence and companionship. John Meigs had before him an exact conception of the ideal head master of a great school embodied in Thomas Arnold, of Rugby, and Edward Thring, of Uppingham. Their noble example was ever before him, and at The Hill he was responsible for an institution whose works, by all fair standards of comparison, approach closely the ideal institution that was their common goal. He realized well that for the effective transmission of high purposes to the great body of the boys it was imperative that he should be surrounded by a group of masters who were both ready and able to share his convictions as to what the school ought to be and to interpret those convictions in daily work. Older boys in the school were trained for leadership by bearing a certain burden of responsibility, and Dr. John Meigs' loyalty to boys who seemed to fail was in itself the strongest urge to renewed effort and ultimate success. To him education meant the awakening of moral forces as well as the training of mental powers, and this principle was wrought into the school. He entered into every department of the life of the boys, worked with them, romped with them, sang with them, and shared with them happiness and trouble, adding keener enjoyment to the one and unfailingly lightening the burden of the other. He believed in physical training as an aid to moral soundness, and from the earliest days at The Hill strict attention was given to the bodily well-being of his boys. His hatred of insincerity and sham was second only to his passion for purity, both of which left a life-long impression upon his associates in the school, pupils and masters. Religious loyalty was the goal of his ideals for the boys, and from many letters, speaking in heartfelt appreciation of the gentle yet compelling trust laid upon his boys, is taken this story from a Hill boy who came back to a commencement two years after he had graduated and then for the first time fully learned what the master of The Hill could mean to the spirit of those who came close to him:

One does not easily speak of the greatest moments of one's life, but surely one may be forgiven for laying a sincere if belated tribute at the feet of a holy man of God. The years have come and gone, a whole generation of men has passed, but I have that great moment to look back at when I stood with his arm around my shoulder, on the little platform which used to be on the peak of the roof of the old building, watching the sun set over the far away hills; and by some miracle I was able to forget myself and speak the things that are true and eternal if one sees them but once in a lifetime. And Oh! the tenderness and the kindness of the dear Professor! Many, many years have come and gone since that great soul for a moment raised the small, timid soul of the boy into a sense of companionship. It would be grossly out of place to attempt to set down here the consequences. But surely it may be accepted as the tribute of the boy's reverence and not set down to the egoism of the boy, grown to man, if I say that through all the wanderings of the years the light then kindled before my boyish eyes, though it has flickered, has never died; though it has been obscured, has never misled nor played me false; though it has lighted for me a different path from his, yet it may shine at last upon the same goal.

In the fall of 1880 Professor Meigs (as he was always called from his first connection with the school, when the term served to distinguish him from his father, also Dr. Meigs), had gone to Durham, Pennsylvania, to visit beloved and life-long friends, the Raymonds, and there he met Miss Marion Butler, of New York. They became engaged in 1881. In 1881 and 1882 Miss Butler was studying abroad and was in Berlin in the winter of 1882. A little before the close of school in that year, Dr. John Meigs left The Hill to go across the seas for his bride. An old and intimate friend called his marriage "the great supreme blessing of his life," and in this wrote no mere phrase, but summed up a beautiful truth.

By the fall of 1905 there had begun to make itself felt the serious heart trouble which, with intervals of seeming improvement, grew worse until Dr. Meigs' death in 1911. He made every effort, by taking treatment in American sanitoriums and at German baths, to prolong his life by even a few years, so that he might more effectively place his life-work in such condition that others might carry it on. Temporary improvement was felt at times, but soon the ominous attacks of his heart returned, with increasing frequency and painfulness. On Monday, November 6, 1911, the Master of The Hill made the journey to the eternal home he had always seen with the eyes of faith. At the request of one of the school his grave was made in the chapel cloister floor, on the right of the entrance, with an exposure to the East and an outlook upon all the larger buildings.

So in the quiet cloister of the chapel his body lies; but over The Hill it is as though his spirit brooded still. And where, on many paths, they walk who have felt his touch, in truth, in manliness, in self-forgetting service, and in the power of that high consecration which lifts its eyes to God—there his spirit goes on far and living way beyond the school.

In 1914 Dwight R. Meigs, son of Dr. John and Marion (Butler) Meigs, became head master of The Hill School (see sketch following).

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**DWIGHT R. MEIGS**—Such relationships between succeeding generations of a family and an institution as have existed between three generations of the Meigs family and The Hill School are far more com-

mon in the American world of affairs than in educational life. Founded by Dr. Matthew Meigs, brought to a splendid development and influence by his son, Dr. John Meigs, and directed in its modern improvement and advancement by the grandson of the founder, Dwight R. Meigs, The Hill has become literally a family tradition, and although the head mastership has passed therefrom after seven decades of almost continuous service by the men named above, the intimate association and complete identification with its welfare has been in no manner weakened. Other chapters of this work tell the story of The Hill and the work of earlier generations in its upbuilding. There is here briefly reviewed the valuable contribution of Dwight R. Meigs to the shaping of the school as it now stands, recognized as one of the foremost preparatory institutions of the country.

Dwight R. Meigs, son of Dr. John and Marion (Butler) Meigs, was born at The Hill, Pottstown, Pennsylvania, August 12, 1884. He grew up with the school, for here his boyhood and early youth were spent, and he prepared for Yale University at The Hill, whence he was graduated in 1902, and at Hotchkiss. At The Hill he was quarter-back on the school football team. Being too young for college at the completion of his preparatory studies he went to Chicago and worked for a time in connection with the Ryerson iron and steel interests, matriculating at Yale in 1903, and being graduated in the class of 1907. Among his college interests were the business managership of the "Yale Courant," and he was also a member of the freshman football team, member of the 'varsity swimming team, which he captained in his junior year, and a member of the Zeta Psi fraternity, consistently maintaining a high standard of scholarship in addition to these numerous social and athletic activities.

Before going abroad for further study in England, Mr. Meigs spent a year in social settlement work with Graham Taylor at the "Chicago Commons," and in 1908 he entered Merton College, Oxford, specializing in English literature during 1908-1910 and the spring term of 1911. His devotion to athletics continued at Oxford and he played on the Merton College football team and the 'varsity tennis, hockey and swimming teams, while for two years he was captain of the Merton College tennis team. This last named department of athletics he fostered and notably improved at The Hill, for he coached the school tennis team for seven years, beginning in 1912, and in that time the school team won five interscholastic championships, losing only one to another school team during the period of his coaching. Amid the countless duties of head master of a large school he found time to play on the Merion Cricket Club tennis team in Philadelphia inter-club matches for three years, helping to win the championship each year, and gaining No. 9 ranking in the Philadelphia and suburban district.

In November, 1911, while at sea returning to America, Mr. Meigs received a wireless message announcing his father's death. He at once entered upon the management of his father's estate, and his special work in connection with The Hill began when he took up intensively the study



of the business and financial aspects of its direction in association with Allen D. Hoffer and the office staff. Meantime he became president of the Pottstown Young Men's Christian Association, and in 1913 led the campaign for a building fund of \$125,000, resulting in the erection of the present home of the association, with a membership of 1400—the most conspicuous landmark in the social and civic life of the town. Thus with many varied activities he filled the years previous to his assumption of the position of head master in 1914 with hard work, and finished the long period of preparation for duties of leadership of the school. In January, 1913, announcement had been made of the election of Mr. Meigs as assistant head master under Mr. Rolfe, who was at that time formally made head master. Together the two men ably administered the affairs of the school until June, 1914, when Dwight R. Meigs became the third head master of his family.

The period from 1914, when Dwight R. Meigs entered upon the responsible duties of the head mastership, until his resignation in 1922, marked an administration of remarkable progress that will always stand out as a preëminently great period in the long life of The Hill. The physical manifestations of this progress were the building of the dining hall, the music house, the Dell theatre, the out-door swimming pool, the remodeling of the school office, the moving and remodeling of the infirmary, the renovating of the head master's study, and finally, the erection of Memorial Hall, whose cornerstone was laid by former Secretary of War Baker on November 1, 1919. The last named building is a center of daily school life, completing the great campus quadrangle begun by the old Middle School and continued by Alumni Chapel and the Upper School. It not only serves the constant uses of school exercises, but also stands, a gem of architecture, as an enduring memorial to the school's war heroes. In all this extensive building campaign the practical needs of the school, present and future, were the prime consideration, but it is worthy of remark that every structure erected under Dwight R. Meigs' supervision made a distinct improvement in the general architectural beauty of The Hill. In addition to this building new property was acquired to provide for future expansion, and land was also purchased for a golf course and for the school farm.

Turning from these more conspicuous milestones in the forward march of the school under Mr. Meig's leadership to another department of his work of prime importance, it is interesting to note the prominent and famous men of national and international reputation who were brought to The Hill as speakers. These included General Wood, Irvin S. Cobb, Henry Reuterdaahl, Captain Ian Hay Beith, and John Masefield. Not less notable was the standard of sermons the school was privileged to hear during these years. The late Canon Henson, of Westminster Cathedral; Bishop Charles D. Williams, of Michigan; and the head masters of Andover, Exeter, St. Paul's School and St. Mark's School; Bishop Hughes, of Massachusetts; President Butler, of Columbia; and President Hibben, of Princeton, were among the notable ministers and

divines who preached from Alumni Chapel pulpit from time to time, not to mention the great names already on the roll of The Hill preachers.

The period preceding the entry of the United States into the World War and at the time of actual conflict brought new problems and responsibilities to the head master's desk, which were met with the wisdom and ability that Mr. Meig's co-workers had learned to expect at all times. By the lectures brought to the school, by the introduction of talks on current events by members of the faculty, and by encouraging general reading among the students, he kept constantly before the boys of The Hill the highest ideals of intelligent patriotism, thus preparing them for America's entrance into the conflict and for the duties of good citizens at all times. Immediate and especial war activities were inaugurated in April, 1917, with a course of military training conducted by William H. Weiss, George D. Robins, and T. R. Hyde, who regularly drilled the cadets during the spring term. Then, in a memorable speech at the alumni banquet in May, Mr. Meigs outlined his fully prepared plans for a summer military camp on The Hill grounds, a camp which became a vivid reality in June, July and August.

Before commencement Mr. Turner, of the faculty's and the sixth form, had built a mess-shack and general headquarters for the military work in Sampson's Woods, near the golf course, work on the military farm had begun, and old army tents had been secured for the cantonment. More than a hundred boys, mostly from The Hill, took advantage of the opportunity thus afforded to gain preliminary training for the United States army. By the expenditure of much toil and much money Mr. Meigs had thus initiated a voluntary system of drill for our boys which was of the greatest use and which brought to the school no little fame of the highest sort.

Through the summer months of 1917 this camp flourished under the commandant, Major Macy, of the United States Marines; H. H. Saylor, 1898; Russell Drowne, 1916, and others who gave their time and effort to the cause. A West Point cadet drilled the infantry, hikes were organized, war games were played, and sham battles were fought night and day. In the long vacation of 1918 an even better organized and better managed military camp occupied the same ground under the command of Major Griffith, of the United States army, and barracks replaced the old tents as shelter. More West Point cadets were engaged as drill instructors, and two officers of the Canadian army taught the elementary principles of modern trench warfare. Both these camps were models of modern, sanitary, highly disciplined centers of war training. Then through the years from 1917 to 1919 the entire school was under compulsory military training. The boys took active part in the drives instituted for the benefit of the Red Cross, the Liberty loans and the sale of War Saving Stamps. The spirit of war-time economy and thrift was encouraged to the highest point among the students. In conjunction with all the distractions of the crisis, an excellent standard of scholarship was somehow maintained.

Opportunity is lacking in an article of this nature to dwell at proper length upon the many ramifications of Mr. Meigs' influence in connection with The Hill. There can only be suggested the part he played in establishing friendly and mutually helpful relations with other schools, his considerate coöperation with his colleagues, the extent of his personal service to under-graduates, and his valuable activity among the alumni. These topics are the making of a volume. There is but one further subject, and that one of unsurpassed significance, to be here considered as the outstanding event of Mr. Meigs' administration, the transfer of the school to the alumni and the establishment of the Foundation Fund. The energy and enthusiasm of Mr. Meigs was chiefly instrumental in clearing away the obstacles in the path of this procedure, in consequence of which, and the generosity of the Meigs family, The Hill opened its seventieth year in September, 1920, as an endowed institution, governed by a board of trustees under the leadership of Clarence A. Warden, 1896. The terms of this transfer, as published by the trustees in November, 1920, are as follows:

In September, 1920, the School property was officially appraised for purposes of insurance at over \$1,520,000. The real estate (more than 145 acres) was conservatively valued at \$180,000. The total assets of the School were thus in excess of \$1,700,000, exclusive of name and good will. Stock, common and preferred, in the old corporation was outstanding to the amount of \$550,000. The bonded and other indebtedness was about \$650,000. There was thus an equity in the property of over \$500,000.

All of the above stock was owned by members of the Meigs family, with the exception of approximately \$150,000 of the common stock, \$75,000 of which was held by ten of the older masters associated in the work of the School, and a like amount by those who had purchased it at the time of the original incorporation. Annual dividends on this stock have regularly been paid at the rate of 6 per cent. on the preferred and 5 per cent. on the common.

Under the transfer plan, as finally agreed upon, the Board of Trustees of the new Alumni Corporation acquired all of the property of the old corporation and assumed all the latter's debts and obligations. No cash consideration was involved. The former owners of the School turned over to the Trustees as a gift to the new corporation their entire equity in the property, amounting to more than \$500,000 and accepted in lieu of their stock Sinking Fund Bonds of the new corporation, as follows: For preferred stock, \$150,000, 6% bonds; for common stock, \$400,000, 5% bonds.

The above issue of bonds is redeemable in whole or in part on any interest date at their face value and accrued interest, and they are likewise subject to redemption for purposes of the sinking fund on any such date. As a result of the change, Federal taxes, amounting to approximately \$10,000 a year, will be saved. A portion of this saving, namely \$6,000, is to be applied by way of a sinking fund to the retirement of the above bonds, the 6 per cent. bonds to be retired first; bonds to be kept alive in the sinking fund for sinking fund purposes only. Through the operation of the sinking fund, all the 6 per cent. bonds will be retired within 16 years, and all of the bonds will be retired within 34 years from the date of their issue.

In the mortgage securing these bonds adequate provision is made enabling the issuance of prior obligation to care for the future development of the School.

From the above it will be seen that the new Alumni Corporation has been able to secure the ownership of The Hill without the necessity of making any cash payment, and that the savings in Federal taxes due to the operation of the new corporation on a non-profit basis will pay for the School in 34 years.



Under date of January 23, 1922, Mr. Meigs addressed the governing body of the school, a portion of which is hereby given:

CLARENCE A. WARDEN, Esq.,  
President of the Board of Trustees,  
The Hill School, Pottstown, Pa.

MY DEAR MR. WARDEN:

When the Board of Trustees last Autumn granted me a six months' leave of absence from official duties at School it was my hope that during this period certain adjustments in family business interests might be consummated, freeing me for the future from responsibilities of long standing which have increasingly interfered with the orderly progress of my work at The Hill. It seemed reasonable to expect that with the curing of these troubles, I should soon reach the eagerly awaited day when I could discharge the duties of Head Master in a manner and to a degree which circumstances beyond my control had previously rendered impossible.

You can therefore imagine my intense disappointment in learning as the result of recent inspection trips in the South, followed by conference with my legal advisers, that I am only called upon to assume further obligations in the executorship of my father's estate, but that I must also quietly face the prospect of increasing my personal supervision of an industrial enterprise in Tennessee, a large contingent interest in which comprises the estate's chief asset.

With these facts in mind I feel compelled to inform you officially of my dilemma and to assume the initiative in proposing a solution. If I remain at my administrative post I may imperil the welfare of an estate whose beneficiaries include four generations of my family, but what is vastly more important, I shall be forced to divide between the executorship of my father's estate and the routine duties of the School the thought and time which a Head Master should unremittingly give to his official tasks. Surely we are not justified in thus endangering our School, for however smoothly The Hill is now running under the wise direction of Mr. Rolfe and the Faculty it must be our conviction that the School's best interests demand a more permanent basis of administration than is offered by a plan which presupposes my return to active duty at an uncertain date with a marked division in my duties. For my part, knowingly to prolong a situation which works a hardship in the evolution of School policies would belie the deep-rooted affection I feel of everything pertaining to the welfare of The Hill.

On the other hand, if I lay aside all thought of personal preference and the pardonable hope of carrying further into the third generation the work which was established by my grandfather and so greatly enriched my father, my simple duty to the Trustees, alumni, masters and boys of The Hill becomes painfully clear. I must leave my work and my home in order to protect and strengthen the School; I must surrender the position I now hold at whatever individual cost and sacrifice, in order that there may come into office some one who can give single-minded attention to the Head Mastership, who shall bend every energy to the achievement of our high purposes and the realization of our fond hopes for the School. In this respect I shall at least have placed no stumbling block in its way nor consciously checked its increasing progress and power by retaining until a decisive hour such authority as conflicting demands will prohibit my using to the certain advantage of The Hill.

And so I am forced to the conclusion that the only loyal and honorable course for me to pursue is to ignore the overwhelming sadness which the prospect of abandoning my life work evokes and to tender herewith my resignation as Head Master of The Hill School, effective whenever the Board of Trustees empowers you to accept it. I am confident that a successor can be found who will from the outset strengthen the administration of the School by virtue of his full-powered and continuous devotion to its daily problems. He can serve The Hill better than I have had the opportunity and perhaps capacity to serve; he cannot love it more.

Let me thank the Trustees, through you, for their generous provision of my leave of absence. Please tell them how eagerly I shall continue to help the School in such ways as they may suggest from time to time, upon the invitation of the new

Head Master and subject to the requirements of family business. At present I do not know how much time will be spent in Tennessee, how much in Pottstown; but I shall hope to keep in touch with the current of School life when I am here, always endeavoring to avoid the slightest hint of interference with the work of my successor.

The indefinable sorrow which sweeps over me at the prospect of laying down my incompleted work at The Hill is mitigated only by the comforting belief that the new Head Master will attain higher and better ends for the School than ever I could have accomplished.

With infinite regret that it seems necessary for me to request your official action in this matter, I am,

Faithfully yours,

DWIGHT R. MEIGS.

This resignation became effective May 1, 1922, and the board of trustees unanimously elected as his successor Dr. F. Boyd Edwards (q. v.). His service to The Hill continues as a member of the board of trustees, and in those indissoluble ties of sentiment and fraternity that circumstances cannot alter. The following editorial held the first page of "The Hill School Bulletin" of April, 1922.

When Mr. Meigs became Head Master eight years ago, it was the genuine hope of his associates here that he would continue at this post for life, that as the third representative of his family he would carry on the Meigs' name and the Meigs' tradition to the remote future, when all of us together might give over the work of the School to the next generation of servants of The Hill. We who worked shoulder to shoulder with him saw his utter devotion to our common task, admired with intimate knowledge his superb ability, rejoiced enthusiastically in his success, and counted confidently on his strong leadership to a degree which none outside our immediate community can realize. Our sorrow and disappointment at the recent announcement of his resignation were proportionately deep and heartfelt.

Our sense of personal loss in the imminent sundering of the ties which have long held us in close companionship in the common cause of the School cannot be escaped. But it is tempered by the profound and universal satisfaction which we feel in the work Mr. Meigs has done, and by our abiding faith in the foundations he has laid. We know that he has brought The Hill to a point of development where its perpetuity is beyond the shadow of a doubt. For that supreme achievement we owe him a debt of gratitude which we cannot pay, except by devoting ourselves more fully than ever before to carrying on the work he is leaving, just as he would have us carry it on.

The progress of The Hill under Mr. Meigs' direction through the past years is reviewed in part elsewhere in this number of the "Bulletin." But we cannot refrain from the attempt to express more intimately our loyalty to him as a man, our appreciation of his service to the School and to us all, and our recognition of the overwhelming personal sacrifice he is making to The Hill. Even those closest to him cannot know the full cost of that sacrifice to himself, but we know in part, and we honor him for what he has done, for what he has been, and for what he has given.

Some of Mr. Meigs' war-time activities have been indicated in previous paragraphs. In addition to the adoption of military methods at The Hill, he took leading part in the labor imposed by war-time conditions as a member of the local Exemption Board operating under the Selective Service Act, chairman of the first Red Cross drive, and chairman of the War Chest drive, in which were included all Red Cross appropriations with the exception of the funds resulting from the first Red Cross drive. Mr. Meigs was also chairman of the Federal Labor Board for Montgomery county. His fraternal connections are with the Masonic order, in which he holds the Knights Templar degree, and his

social memberships are in the Brookside, Berkshire and Plymouth country clubs, the Merion Cricket Club, the Pine Valley Golf Club, Seaview Golf Club, the "Tin Whistle" Club of Pinehurst, the Racquet Club of Philadelphia, the University clubs of New York and Chicago, the Yale clubs of Philadelphia and New York, and the Rotary Club of Pottstown. He is as ardent a devotee of golf as of tennis and is handicapped at 4 in the Philadelphia Golf Association, serving as chairman of the green committee of the Brookside Country Club, and being active in the Philadelphia green section of the United States Golf Association.

Dwight R. Meigs married, in London, England, August 31, 1909, Ruth Averell, of Rochester, New York, a descendant of English ancestry, daughter of William H. Averell, and niece of Mrs. E. H. Harriman. William H. Averell was a Yale graduate and a prominent banker. Mr. and Mrs. Meigs are the parents of one child, Marcia, born December 5, 1910. Feminine interest and influence at The Hill has always been strong and uplifting and the part played by Mrs. Meigs during her husband's administration was in line with the high ideals of former days, and Isaac Thomas, '05, editor of "The Hill School Bulletin," paid tribute to her in the following words:

Mrs. Meigs has not only presided graciously and charmingly as hostess at The Hill since her coming, but she has worked ceaselessly in the phases of school life where her help was most needed. She took thought constantly for the boys who were in the Infirmary, for the homesick and discouraged, who were always cordially urged to drop in of a winter afternoon at the tea-room for a cheering cup and a cinnamon-bun. She exercised a most beneficial supervision over pantry and dining hall, and saw to it personally that the employees had proper place and opportunity in their quarters for reading and recreation. She carried on Mrs. John's former task of attending to pictures and mural decorations throughout the school buildings. She has worked artistically to beautify the school grounds by planting shrubs and trees and flowers. Her success is evident in every nook and corner of the campus and fields and grounds of The Hill property.

Mrs. Meigs ably seconded the efforts of her husband during the war period, and gave unreservedly of her time, strength and means to all agencies of victory.

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**HOWARD SEVERN (H. SEVERN) REGAR**—Son of a Montgomery county manufacturer, H. Severn Regar elected the same career, and is now a partner of the firm of H. K. Regar & Sons, manufacturers of hosiery, the company's plant at Bridgeport, his home at Norristown, Pennsylvania. He is a man of culture, an ardent naturalist, and the creator of the Regar Museum of Natural History at Norristown, an institution founded to house the wonderful collection of William H. Werner, a Pennsylvania naturalist, who gave forty-six years of his life to making this collection of the birds of the United States native to twenty-four States and territories. That collection was in years gone by an attractive feature on the boardwalk at Atlantic City, and was purchased by Mr. Regar from Mr. Werner's son in June, 1915. The Regar Museum of Natural History is housed in a two-story fireproof building at De Kalb and Fornance streets, Norristown, which is also







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the home of the Audubon Club of Norristown. The museum was officially opened by the burgess and members of Norristown Town Council with appropriate ceremonies on December 5, 1915.

Howard Severn (H. Severn) Regar, son of Howard Kafroth and Anna Eugenia Regar (now of Norristown, Pennsylvania), was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 28, 1889. Later, Norristown became the family home, and there he was graduated from high school, class of 1907. He then pursued courses of technical study at Philadelphia Textile School, whence he was graduated in 1909. The following year he entered the employ of the Wildman Manufacturing Company of Norristown, Pennsylvania, then in 1911 became an employee of Rambo & Regar, Inc., of the same city, a connection that continued nine years, 1911-1920. In the latter year he aided in organizing H. K. Regar & Sons of Bridgeport, Pennsylvania, manufacturers of hosiery, and is now (1923) a member of that firm.

Mr. Regar is a Republican in politics and is now, for the third term, representing the Eighth Ward in the Norristown Town Council, having served continuously since 1912, his third term of four years to expire in 1924. He is a member of the Masonic order, affiliated with Charity Lodge, No. 190, Free and Accepted Masons (master in 1920); Norristown Chapter, No. 190, Royal Arch Masons; Hutchinson Commandery, No. 32, Knights Templar (commander, 1923-1924); Cryptic Council, No. 51, Royal and Select Masters; Philadelphia Consistory, thirty-second degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Lulu Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Other organizations of which he is a member are the Norristown Rotary Club; Montgomery County Fish, Game and Forestry Association; Cedar Hollow Country Club; Montgomery County Historical Society; Norristown Audubon Club; National Association of Audubon Societies; and the American Ornithologists Union. In his church relations he is connected with St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church of Norristown.

Mr. Regar is a composer of music and has published "Fireside Love Dreams," a song of which he is the author of both words and music. He is also the author and composer of "The Blue and White," the Norristown High School song.

In Brockton, Massachusetts, on June 20, 1911, Mr. Regar married Grace I. Hall, daughter of Charles E. and Charlotte Hall of Brockton. Mr. and Mrs. Regar are the parents of two children: Jean, born July 18, 1912; and Charlotte, born September 7, 1913. The family home is at No. 1400 De Kalb street, Norristown. Mr. Regar is a pleasing public speaker, and among his printed addresses is one delivered before the Historical Society of Montgomery county, April 13, 1918, on "Museum Building and Its Value to a Community."

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**FRANCIS XAVIER RENNINGER**—One of the noteworthy figures of the day in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, is that of Francis Xavier Renninger, whose position as district attorney of this county has



brought him much into the public eye. A native of this State, reared in its traditions and educated in its institutions, he has taken a place in the foremost ranks of the legal profession, has attained marked prominence in social and fraternal circles, and in recent years has been entrusted with responsibilities to the people, in the discharge of which he has definitely aligned himself with the principles of right and justice for which the people of the county and State have always stood.

The son of George and Sarah Renninger, Mr. Renninger struck out for himself in his chosen field without the aid of professional experience in his family, his father having spent his entire career in mercantile activities, for many years being a confectioner in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and still following this line of business. The father, however, encouraged the boyhood ambition of the younger man, which has now placed him in a position of dignity and of wide influence.

Francis X. Renninger was born in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 22, 1882, and his early education was acquired at the Edge Hill Grammar School and the Wyoming Boys' Grammar School, then continued at the Northeast High School of that city. Entering the law department of the University of Pennsylvania, the young man received his professional training at this, one of the leading institutions of learning which this country has produced. He was graduated in 1904, and shortly thereafter being admitted to the bar, began practice in Norristown, the county seat of Montgomery county, and in Philadelphia. Mr. Renninger from the first has commanded the attention of the profession, and his rise has been steady. As a general practitioner he has attained marked success, and with the growth of his practice the people have come to feel great confidence in his ability to serve the progress of good government in a public capacity. Mr. Renninger is a Republican by political affiliation, but he is first a citizen and always an exponent of progress, and wherein any aggregation of public sentiment falls short of this attitude, he counts it wanting. Appointed assistant district attorney by his party in January, 1916, he served for four years in that capacity, then was elected district attorney of Montgomery county for a period of four years, assuming the duties of this office in January of 1920. His record thus far has been such as to justify the vote which placed the responsibilities of office in his hands, and his uncompromising devotion to duty is a recognized phase of public matters in this county to-day. In connection with his other affairs Mr. Renninger is also prominent in the financial world of Norristown, and also of the county. He was one of the organizers and is solicitor of the Glenside National Bank, at Glenside, Pennsylvania, and is a director of the Montgomery Trust Company at Norristown.

The more personal interests which claim a share of Mr. Renninger's attention include wide fraternal connections. He is past master of Friendship Lodge, No. 400, Free and Accepted Masons of Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, and is district deputy grand master of the Eighth Masonic District, comprising partly the counties of Montgomery and Bucks. He is a member of Abington Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; of Philadelphia

Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon; of Philadelphia Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and of Lu Lu Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Philadelphia. He is a member of Washington Camp, No. 331, Patriotic Order Sons of America; a member of Saw Waw Tribe, No. 223, Improved Order of Red Men; and his college fraternities are the Alpha Tau Omega and the Phi Delta Phi, both of the University of Pennsylvania. He is also past president of the James Wilson Law Club of the University of Pennsylvania. He holds membership in the Carmel Presbyterian Church of Edge Hill, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Renninger married, on April 24, 1909, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Mary Hannah Robinson, daughter of Albert Henry and Ada Robinson, and they are the parents of five children: Marjorie, born October 20, 1911; Francis Kent, born February 26, 1913; Constance, born September 28, 1917; Mary, born April 18, 1919; and Elisabeth, born November 4, 1920.

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**RICHARD G. WOOD, JR.**—The immigrant ancestor of the Wood family to which Richard G. Wood, Jr., belongs was James Wood, who was born of English parents in Dublin, Ireland, in 1706. He came to America about 1726, and settled between Kloat and Blue Bell, in Whitpain township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania. From this ancestor sprang the Wood families of Montgomery county who have been the builders of the extensive Wood industries at Conshohocken and Ivy Rock, further particulars of which will be found on preceding pages in this edition.

Richard G. Wood, Jr., is a son of Richard G. Wood, and grandson of Walter Dewees and Rosalind (Gilpin) Wood (q. v.). The father, Richard G. Wood, was born at Wooddale, Delaware, in 1849, and entered the W. Dewees Wood Company at McKeesport in 1868. He ably assisted his father in building up that business, and was president of the company when it sold out to the American Sheet Steel Company in 1900. He joined in forming the Alan Wood Iron and Steel Company in 1901, and as vice-president and manager of the steel works, was in a large degree responsible for its success. After Howard Wood's death in 1911, he was made president of the company and so continued until January, 1920, when he resigned to become chairman of the board of directors. The company owes him much for his progressive policy.

Richard G. Wood, Jr., is a member of the board of directors and general manager of the steel works department of the Alan Wood Iron and Steel Company.

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**DAVID RICHARDSON BEAVER, M. D.**—For more than fifty years Dr. David R. Beaver has been devoting his life to relieving the suffering of the people of Conshohocken, for, though advanced in years, he still has a large circle of patients who demand his professional care.

David R. Beaver was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, about two miles above Valley Forge, April 18, 1842, son of Samuel, Jr., and

Elizabeth E. (Brown) Beaver. Samuel Beaver, Jr., owned and operated a flour and feed mill in Chester county for many years, but sold his property and moved to Norristown, Pennsylvania. Later he bought a flour mill, saw mill and lumber yard at Bridgeport, which he operated for some years, then sold. He died in 1868, leaving four children: David R., of this review; Mary Ella, who married William Craig, both now deceased, leaving a son and daughter; John, deceased; Anna, widow of Aaron Baker, and the mother of three children. After attending the public schools of Norristown and the private school of Professor Aarons, David R. Beaver entered the medical college of the University of Pennsylvania, whence he was graduated, M. D., class of 1864. His studies in medicine were interrupted by the Civil War, the young student giving up his work to offer his services to the government. In the latter part of 1863 he returned to the medical school, resuming his interrupted course of training, and a year later (1864) completed his studies.

When Dr. Beaver volunteered he was commissioned by Governor Curtin a first lieutenant in the 12th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He saw much hard fighting, taking part in the battles of the Wilderness; Laurel Hill, where the engagement lasted one week of constant fighting; also Spottsylvania, Bethesda, Cold Harbor, and Weldon railroad. After he had returned to his home he was requested by Governor Curtin to proceed to the veteran organization, the 91st Pennsylvania Volunteers, where he spent the entire summer at Petersburg, Virginia. Dr. Beaver finished his service as assistant medical purveyor of the above-mentioned organization, Army of the Potomac, his experiences having been strenuous ones for a young man who had scarcely reached his majority.

After winning his M. D. degree Dr. Beaver practiced in Reading, Pennsylvania, for two years, then after a much needed rest, he accepted, in 1868, a position on the staff of Norristown Hospital, which he held for two years. He came to Conshohocken in 1870 and has continuously resided and practiced here, ministering to the ailments of a large proportion of the population, ushering between three and four thousand of them into the world and soothing the departure of many. His office and home have been located for many years at the corner of Fayette street and Fourth avenue.

Dr. Beaver is a member of several professional associations, among them the Montgomery County Medical Society, of which he was president for one term; the Pennsylvania State Medical Society; the National Medical Society; and is a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. In politics he is a Republican, his first vote having been cast for Abraham Lincoln and for all succeeding Republican presidential candidates. In religion he is an Episcopalian. He has always taken a deep interest in the Pennsylvania National Guard and served on Governor Reader's staff with the rank of major.

In Norristown, Pennsylvania, on November 17, 1869, Dr. Beaver married Mary Eliza Patterson, who died on November 13, 1921, daughter of George and Lydia (Adams) Patterson. Dr. and Mrs. Beaver were the parents of seven children: 1. John Douglas, born in 1870; died



October 1, 1884. 2. Reid, born in 1872; died August 3, 1873. 3. Eugene, born in February, 1873; died in July, 1910. He was a soldier of the United States, serving in the regular army as cavalryman in the Philippines and four years in the Marines. 4. Burd Patterson, born in 1876; died June 2, 1911. 5. Mary, born in 1879; married Henry Lundly Crowther, and resides in Philadelphia. 6. Margaret Shippen, born in 1884; married July 29, 1903, Stuart Benton Moloney, a mechanical and electrical engineer, and resides at Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts. 7. David Richardson, born in 1886, died August 20, 1886.

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**WILLIAM FRANKLIN DANNEHOWER**—A legal career that dates to 1880 has been the chief instrument of William Franklin Dannehower's service to his community, while in many relations aside from professional connections he has long had influential touch with affairs of his district. Progressive and public spirited, he has long found time in the midst of busy general practice for matters of public import, has been a factor in many works of improvement, and is conspicuously identified with the best in his profession and in good citizenship.

Mr. Dannehower was born in Zieglersville, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, December 17, 1854, son of John G. and Susanna C. Dannehower, his father a farmer of Zieglersville and later a hotel proprietor at Tylersport, Pennsylvania. From the public schools he proceeded to the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, Berks county, Pennsylvania, subsequently studying at the Excelsior Normal Institute at Carversville, Pennsylvania, there completing preparations for college. Matriculating at Lafayette College, he was graduated with honor in June, 1876, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. At Lafayette College he was president of his class and is now its secretary, honored by election "forever."

Mr. Dannehower began legal study in the office of G. R. Fox, Esq., at Norristown, in the fall of 1878, and while a law student he served as editor of the Norristown "Register," deputy clerk in the prothonotary's office, and local correspondent of several Philadelphia dailies and the New York "Herald." He was admitted to the Montgomery county bar on June 7, 1880; to the State Supreme Court on April 21, 1885; and since the former year he has devoted himself to a general practice that has developed large and lucrative proportions. His legal work has taken him into all the State and Federal courts as solicitor for numerous corporations, municipalities, county and township officers, and as attorney for private individuals, and in a large proportion of these cases victory has been his reward. His professional activity has included works of authorship in the enlargement and revision (1923) of "Sturgeon's Pennsylvania Law and Procedure in Divorce," and he is now revising and bringing up-to-date "Dill's Constable's Guide," second edition, for publication in the fall (1923). He has been secretary of the Montgomery County Bar Association since its organization in 1885;

secretary of the Montgomery Law Library Committee since 1905; and is a member of the Pennsylvania State Bar Association, which he has served on numerous important committees. Mr. Dannehower has been a director of the Penn Trust Company of Norristown for thirty years, and its solicitor for twenty-two years; has been a director of the Perkiomen railroad for twenty-five years; and is solicitor for three national banks.

A Democrat in political faith, Mr. Dannehower has long been a leader in party affairs, serving two terms as chairman of the Local County Standing Committee, 1886-88, and in 1887 as secretary of the Democratic State Central Committee. On several occasions he has been the Democratic candidate for public office in the Republican stronghold of Montgomery, including the burgess of Norristown, district attorney and judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery county, and although his vote has always shown support from all parties, he has never overcome the great normal Republican majority. Mr. Dannehower has been president and secretary of the Jefferson Democratic Club, was a member of the late Harmony Club, and is a member of the Norristown Club. While at college he was elected to the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, of which he has been an officer; and he affiliates with Norristown Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he has filled the exalted ruler's chair; and Lodge No. 620, Free and Accepted Masons. Mr. Dannehower is a member and has been a vestryman of Christ's (Swedes) Church, Upper Merion, Montgomery county, and was formerly secretary of the Trinity Lutheran Church Council, Norristown. The scope of his activities and interests has been broad and brought him into a place of prominence and esteem in the district which has been the scene of his notably useful labors. A review of Mr. Dannehower's career, described in a local journal at the time of his candidacy for the county judgeship, concludes with the statement: "He has always enjoyed the entire confidence of the bench and bar of Montgomery county." This conservative statement has always met with hearty concurrence by his colleagues and contemporaries, regardless of political consideration.

Mr. Dannehower married, at Norristown, Pennsylvania, November 30, 1886, Bessie Bierly McCarter, daughter of Colonel Samuel and Martha McCarter. Their children are: 1. Frances Bessie, born November 23, 1887, married Wallace B. Stroud of Norristown. 2. William Franklin, Jr., born July 28, 1890; he was graduated from Lafayette College in the class of 1912 and Yale Law School in 1915. He practiced his profession in his father's law office until May, 1917, when he went to France as an orderly of Pennsylvania Base Hospital No. 10. He was promoted to the rank of first-class sergeant and, after the signing of the armistice, served in the transportation department of the Red Cross at Paris until 1921, then returned to the United States and resumed his professional work. 3. Gilbert Lane, born January 18, 1892, a graduate of Lafayette College, class of 1914, now president of the Hutchinson Manufacturing Company, Inc., of Norristown.







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**JOHN M. DETTRA**—Well known in legal circles of Montgomery county, Mr. Dettra is a member of the law firm of Evans, High, Dettra and Swartz, corporation lawyers. He is a man who has demonstrated his knowledge, understanding and ability in various public positions along professional lines and has made an enviable record in the office of his work, being distinguished by his intelligent work. During the long period which has elapsed since his coming to Norristown he has never been found remiss in his duties of citizenship, and he can still be depended upon to further any movement brought forward for the advancement of the general welfare.

John M. Dettra was born at Jeffersonville, Pennsylvania, November 21, 1861, the son of Augustus W. and Susan (Murphy) Dettra, the former for many years a merchant at North Wales, where he was very active in political affairs, and in later life identified with the Philadelphia and Reading railroad. He died in 1915, at the age of seventy-six years. Mrs. Dettra is a native of Willow Grove, and now resides in Norristown, aged eighty-six years. John M. Dettra received the preliminary portion of his education in the public schools of North Wales, after which he attended Professor Brunner's Academy preparatory to his entering Muhlenberg College, from which latter institution he was graduated in 1884, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. That year he came to Norristown and entered the office of Judge Swartz, where he remained for three years, or until 1887, when he was admitted to the bar and formed a partnership with Judge James B. Holland, the firm being known as Holland and Dettra, with offices in Borough Hall, Penn street. Later Montgomery Evans became associated with the firm and the organization continued as Evans, Holland and Dettra, until Mr. Holland was appointed to serve on the United States bench, when the firm continued under the name of Evans and Dettra for many years. Later Samuel H. High and Aaron S. Swartz became associated, the firm being now Evans, High, Dettra and Swartz. Mr. Dettra is secretary and director of The Lee Tire and Rubber Company, of Pennsylvania, and of The Lee Rubber and Tire Corporation, of New York; director and vice-president of the Peerless Manufacturing Company; secretary, treasurer, and director of the Merion Lime and Stone Company; and a director of the Recreation Service Corporation. Professionally he is affiliated with the Montgomery County Bar Association, and at one time held the office of assistant district attorney. He is a Republican in politics. Socially Mr. Dettra holds membership in the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity of Muhlenberg College; the Ersine Tennis Club, Plymouth Country Club, and Norristown Club.

In September, 1889, John M. Dettra was united in marriage with C. Mabel Huntzinger, and they were the parents of one child, Aaron Levan, who was born February 21, 1891, and died in 1910. After graduating from Norristown High School, Aaron Levan Dettra entered the William Penn Charter School, of Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1908 with honors, having made one of the finest records ever made in the history of the school. The Yale Alumni Association, of Philadelphia,

having opened to Philadelphia and vicinity an opportunity to contest for a scholarship, many availed themselves of the opportunity and among the number was Aaron Levan Dettra, who was the winner. In 1910 when scarlet fever raged through the college he became afflicted with the disease and passed away just in the flower of his youth. It is needless to say that he was greatly missed by his college chums as well as his own family, for he was a great favorite with his instructors and friends, being an earnest student and a staunch companion. He was a great athlete, and was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity of Yale University.

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**LLOYD NAPIERRE COOPER**—Among the men who constitute the professional circle in Glenside, Pennsylvania, one of the most talented and progressive is Dr. Lloyd Napierre Cooper, Doctor of Dental Science, whose offices are at No. 121 East Mt. Carmel street. Dr. Cooper is a native of Point Pleasant, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, where he was born October 3, 1891, his parents being William R., a well known practicing physician of that place, and Mary (Shaddinger) Cooper. Dr. Cooper is the older of their two children, the younger one being his sister Dorothy. The family are among the old settlers of Bucks county, and both father and son are active members of the Bucks County Historical Society.

The educational advantages enjoyed by Dr. Cooper were of a superior character. After finishing the elementary studies in the public schools, he later attended Riegelsville Academy, then took a course at the West Chester Normal School, from which he graduated in 1912, and following this entered the University of Pennsylvania, from which institution he received his degree in 1915. Immediately after graduation, Dr. Cooper came to Glenside and began to practice, opening dental offices at the corner of Mt. Carmel street and Roberts avenue. His practice had begun to assume large proportions when his professional career in civil life was interrupted by his enlistment in June, 1917, for United States army service as a member of the Dental Corps. He was stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia, for seven months, then on May 22, 1918, sailed for France with the 1st Battalion of the 308th Infantry, going directly to the battlefields. He served through several of the important engagements in which the American troops figured prominently, including the battle of Argonne. Twice he suffered from wounds, but was obliged to remain on duty, others of his company having been killed or more severely hurt. He left France with his regiment on August 8, 1919, and was sent to Camp Dix, New Jersey, for mustering out, receiving his discharge on August 10, 1919. After recuperating from his war service, Dr. Cooper again took up his dental practice at Glenside, and now has offices at No. 121 East Mt. Carmel street, as previously mentioned, where he is serving a steadily increasing clientele.

Dr. Cooper is a member of a number of the leading professional and social organizations, including the Academy of Stomatology; the State and National Dental Associations; the Glenside Lawn Tennis Club; the



Artisans of Glenside; Patriotic Order Sons of America; Improved Order of Red Men; Doylestown Lodge, No. 245, Free and Accepted Masons; and the Philadelphia Consistory. His religious affiliation is with the Point Pleasant Baptist Church.

On August 18, 1922, Dr. Cooper was united in marriage with Helen Hailey Custer, the wedding taking place in the Valley Forge Memorial Chapel, and the ceremony performed by its well known rector, Rev. W. Herbert Burk. Mrs. Cooper is a daughter of Urias D. and Deborah (Hallman) Custer, who reside at No. 553 Haws avenue, Norristown, and who have three other children: Marion, the wife of Ray Sterling; Grace, who is single; and Margaret, connected with the Public Health Service in Baltimore, Maryland.

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**CHARLES AUGUSTUS GEHRET**—As president and treasurer of Gehret Brothers, Inc., Charles A. Gehret is head of a business—fabricating structural steel and ornamental iron work—which he began under his own name nearly a quarter of a century ago. The commodious plant of Gehret Brothers is located at Bridgeport, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, the company maintaining a New York office as well. Charles A. Gehret is a grandson of Levi Gehret, who resided at Bridgeport, Pennsylvania, many years of his life; a son of Augustus R. Gehret, a life-long resident of Bridgeport, engaged in manufacturing since 1904.

Charles A. Gehret, son of Augustus R. and Anna (Dysher) Gehret, was born in Bridgeport, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, July 16, 1876. He attended school until reaching the age of twelve, then spent two years learning watchmaking, but was compelled to leave, and at the age of fourteen, in 1890, he formed a connection with the business in which he has since been engaged, the manufacture of ornamental iron work. Twenty-four years ago Mr. Gehret started in business in Bridgeport as the Bridgeport Wire and Iron Works, associated with Alexander K. Coates. After three years, however, this partnership was dissolved and the firm name changed to the Gehret Brothers. Although he started with a very small capital and in a modest way, the business prospered, and in 1913 was incorporated, the officers of the company being: Charles A. Gehret, president and treasurer; A. R. Gehret, vice-president; John K. Gehret, secretary.

Charles A. Gehret is a director of the Bridgeport National Bank, a Republican in politics, and a member of the Lutheran church. He served the borough as councilman for three years, and holds all degrees of the Masonic order, up to and including the thirty-second, being affiliated with Norristown Lodge, No. 620, Free and Accepted Masons; with Norristown Chapter, No. 190, Royal Arch Masons; Hutchinson Commandery, No. 32, Knights Templar; and all bodies of the Philadelphia Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is also a Noble of Lu Lu Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; a member of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon; Pennsylvania Fish and Game Association; Camp and Trail Club; a life-member of the Manufacturers' Club

of Philadelphia; member of the Old Colony Club; the Plymouth Country Club; Young Men's Christian Association; Rotary Club; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Norristown, Pennsylvania, and many other similar organizations.

Mr. Gehret married, in Covington, Kentucky, April 25, 1895, Elizabeth O. Miller, daughter of Lawrence and Catherine Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Gehret are the parents of a daughter, Sarah Catherine, who was born February 16, 1899.

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**GEORGE M. LONGAKER**—A native of Pottstown, in which place he has passed practically all of his life to the present time, George M. Longaker, assistant secretary and trust officer of the Security Company of Pottstown, has given much attention to banking, keeping in touch with banking operations throughout the State, and is also treasurer and a director of the Pottstown Cold Storage and Warehouse Company.

Mr. Longaker is descended from early Colonial stock, Ulrich and Daniel Longenecker, brothers, being the ancestors of the Longenecker and Longaker families in America, members of which are numerous in Montgomery, Lancaster, and Chester counties, Pennsylvania. Ulrich and Daniel Longenecker were German Quakers, affiliated with the English Quakers, and were highly educated. Daniel Longenecker, as a Mennonite preacher, came to America to escape persecution, and Ulrich Longenecker, immigrating in 1733, at the age of sixty-nine years, brought with him his wife and two sons, Ulrich, Jr., aged twenty-two years, and Jacob, aged nineteen years. He located upon a tract of land containing 229 acres and lying upon the west side of the Schuylkill river, now Coventry township, Chester county. About 1746 Ulrich Longenecker sold his lands along the Schuylkill river and went to Lancaster county with his son Ulrich, Jr. He acquired no other lands. Daniel Longenecker may have first settled in New York State, but some few years earlier than 1727 he was officiating as preacher at Manatawny, Berks county, Pennsylvania. He and Jacob were delegates to the Convention of Quakers held at Germantown in September, 1727. On May 1, 1733, John Penn, Thomas Penn, and others conveyed to Daniel Longenecker 230 acres of land on the southeast side of the Schuylkill river, then Philadelphia county, at Mingo creek, and extending along the river to the land now known as the Almshouse Farm at Black Rock. The descendants of those two pioneers have formed an association which now numbers between four and five hundred members, and of which Reuben L. Longaker, of Bayside, Long Island, is president.

George M. Longaker was born April 4, 1886, son of Charles W. and Mary (Malsberger) Longaker, the former named a grocer of Pottstown, and a member of the local township board. George M. Longaker received his early education in the public schools of Pottstown, attending the high school of that place until he had reached the second years. He then entered The Hill School, from which he was graduated in 1904, and from which, the following fall, he entered Lehigh University, leaving at the

end of his freshman year in 1905. He at once began his business career by entering the employ of the Security Company of Pottstown in the capacity of clerk, and with this concern he has remained to the present time. Able, faithful, and energetic, he has advanced through various promotions to the responsible position he now holds, that of assistant secretary and trust officer. From the beginning he has been interested in and given close attention to banking throughout the county and State. He attends all the meetings of the State Banking Association, and is recognized as one of the well informed and skillful men in that field.

The bank of the Security Company of Pottstown was established June 24, 1887, the organizers and the first board of directors being as follows: President, Jacob Legley; secretary and treasurer, H. J. Meixell; and other members of the board, Isaac Legley, Henry Kulp, William H. Morris, and John H. Short, all of whom are deceased except the two last named. Much of the initial success of the institution was due to the wisdom and skill of Jacob Legley. His policy was to make the bank a bank of the people and of the utmost value to the community. His interest was in the city of Pottstown, and perhaps more than any other of his generation he is credited with having been an important factor in the progress of the town. He worked to build up the sum of deposits and succeeded in raising the amount from \$200,000 to \$2,000,000, remaining active in this work until the time of his death. Since his death the bank has continued his policy of building up the town. It has assisted new enterprises, has been the intermediary between industries and the people, and has a very large list of depositors. It has become in the truest sense of the word a "bank of the people." It has backed the new man going into business, has assisted others through financial crises, and in many instances has advanced money when the security was the character of the individual rather than his financial assets. For a time the bank was in the same building with the Security Company's Bank and Mr. Legley was president of both, but in 1889 the new building was erected, then the finest in the city, and the Security Bank moved in. The company is a trust company as well as a banking company, and acts as trustee for many estates. Many who have passed on to the next world have served as members of the board of directors and in that capacity have contributed to the present prosperity and usefulness of the institution. Dr. John Davis, Jared W. Evans, Dr. M. Goodsell, Abraham Weitgenkorn, Calvin Legley, and William E. Wright, all have rendered valuable service in making the institution the safe, useful, and prosperous institution it has become. After President Legley's death Mr. George M. Malsberger became president, and remained in that office until January, 1922, when he was succeeded by Dr. J. Elmer Porter. The active, managing director for many years was Samuel Franheiser, who was devoted to the interests of the bank, and to the time of his death, February 25, 1913, he was a power in building up deposits. At the present time the institution is in a most prosperous condition, its statement issued June 30, 1922, showing deposits to the amount of \$2,608,926.72, exclusive of trust funds amounting to \$841,-



085.18. The present officers are: Dr. J. Elmer Porter, president; A. J. Bernhart, vice-president; W. M. Bunting, secretary and treasurer; and George M. Longaker, assistant secretary and trust officer.

In addition to his responsibilities in connection with the Security Company, Mr. Longaker is treasurer and a member of the board of directors of the Pottstown Cold Storage and Warehouse Company. Politically, he gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Democratic party, and takes an active interest in the public affairs of his community. In 1915-1916 he was a member of the City Council, representing the Sixth Ward, and he has served as an official in the local campaign organizations. He attended the Convention of 1912, supporting Woodrow Wilson as nominee for President, and takes a deep interest in all the activities of his party. He is a member of the board of directors of the Mount Zion Cemetery Association, and is also secretary and a director of the Young Men's Christian Association. In fraternal circles he is well known, being a member of the lodge, chapter, council, and commandery of the Free and Accepted Masons, and a member of Rajah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Brookside Country Club. His religious affiliation is with the First Presbyterian Church of Pottstown.

Mr. Longaker married (first) at Pottstown, Pennsylvania, November 30, 1911, Olivia Hoffman, daughter of Benjamin F. Hoffman, a tobacco packer of Bainbridge, Massachusetts, and of Grace (Stauffer) Hoffman. Mrs. Longaker died September 26, 1918. Mr. Longaker married (second) at Pottstown, July 9, 1921, Anna Slinghoff, daughter of Charles H. and Sarah L. (Tyson) Slinghoff, of Tower City, Pennsylvania. To the first marriage two children were born: George M., Jr., born September 13, 1913; and Benjamin L., born September 13, 1916.

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**CHARLES ARTHUR WALTER, M. D.**, since 1911 has been numbered among the representatives of the medical profession of Glenside, Pennsylvania, and is daily adding to an already extensive practice. Dr. Walter combines with his professional activities those of a public-spirited citizen, giving keen interest to all things pertaining to the welfare and advancement of the community in which he resides.

John Walter, father of Dr. Walter, was born in Point Pleasant, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and for many years, or until his death in 1896, was engaged in business as a general merchant there. He always took an active part in politics and business affairs, being affiliated with the Republican party, and director of the National Bank at Doylestown. He married Susanna Shaddinger, a native of Gardenville, Bucks county, and they were the parents of three children: J. Willis, a physician at Point Pleasant; Ella, wife of Jordan Shibler, a hotel man of Hackensack, New Jersey; and Charles Arthur, of further mention.

Charles Arthur Walter was born at Point Pleasant, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, November 17, 1882. After attending the public schools

at Point Pleasant he entered Stewart's Business College at Trenton, subsequently matriculating at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated in 1904, and then entered the employ of Mr. Deitrich, a druggist, located at Sixtieth street and Girard avenue, Philadelphia. Having, however, determined to follow a medical career, he entered Jefferson Medical College and received from this institution the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1910. His next year was spent as interne in St. Francis' Hospital at Trenton, after which he moved to Glenside and established himself in his chosen profession, since which time he has continued in this particular line with marked success.

Dr. Walter has been medical inspector of the public schools of Abington township since 1919; member of the local Board of Health since 1920; medical examiner for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company; the Artisans' Assembly No. 2, of Glenside; the Loyal Order of Moose, of Jenkintown; and for the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, Glenside Chapter. He holds membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Philadelphia Lodge No. 2; the Artisans' No. 72; Patriotic Order of the Sons of America; Improved Order of Red Men; Loyal Order of Moose; Independent Order of Odd Fellows; American Medical Association; Pennsylvania State Medical Association; Bucks County Medical Society; Phi Rho Sigma fraternity of Jefferson College, and Zeta Delta Chi fraternity of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. He also holds membership in the Cedar Brook Country Club, of which he is one of four hundred active members. In religion Dr. Walter is a Baptist and attends the First Church of that denomination at Point Pleasant.

On March 1, 1911, at Philadelphia, Dr. Charles Arthur Walter married (first) Cecelia T. Wardoska, of Pottsville, who died. Dr. Walter married (second) on March 3, 1917, Lillian Barker, of Philadelphia. From the first union there was one child, Charles Arthur, Jr., born July 2, 1912. The family home is at No. 21 North Easton road. Dr. Walter is devoted to golf and fishing, and what little time he can take from his professional duties he devotes in large part to these particular sports when in season.

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**MORRIS DANIEL FINK**—An American billiardist who holds the championship of his native State of Pennsylvania and who has won the Tri-State championship of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, as well as the Eastern Pool Championship of the United States, and many other events arranged for billiard players, Mr. Fink is known from coast to coast as a player of the most brilliant skill and strategy. One of the foremost referees in the world for pool and billiards and an absolute authority on all matters connected with the game, he has a large following in the Eastern States, and his pool and billiard rooms at Norristown are the headquarters of all Pennsylvanians who love the ancient pastime.

Mr. Fink was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, July 8, 1879, son of Tobias Lilliman and Emma (Stump) Fink. His father was the owner

and proprietor of a one-hundred-acre farm in Berks county and devoted his entire lifetime to the care of his fields, the raising of farm animals, and the management of a small dairy. A great lover of flowers, Mr. Fink's mother had a garden that was a show place for miles around, and very few homesteads in a countryside, famous for their beautiful farms and gardens, have ever been brought to a higher state of cultivation and orderly arrangement than the Fink farm near Albany. Mr. Fink's father, who was never entirely robust, died at a comparatively early age. He was survived by his widow, who is now living at Philadelphia with her only daughter. Mr. Fink is one of a family of four children, as follows: Samuel, who was born in 1869 and who is no longer living; Albert, who was born in 1874 and who occupies the family homestead; Morris Daniel, our subject; Elizabeth, who married George Fink and who is now a widow and a resident of Philadelphia, where she lives with her mother, Mrs. Emma (Stump) Fink.

Mr. Fink was educated in the public schools of Reading, Pennsylvania. He left school at the age of fourteen years to study the watchmaker's trade under a German jeweler named Ebezell, who had learned his trade in the old country and who had built up a small but extremely high-class business at Reading. Mr. Fink spent one year at watchmaking, and his fine hand and good eyesight might have enabled him to achieve success as a jeweler if his love of billiards had not prompted him to give up the jeweler's business in order to follow the more congenial occupation of working in the billiard parlor of the Mansion Hotel at Reading. His skill as a marker and his ability to handle a cue in such a manner as to make him a formidable opponent for any traveling man who cared to try a game with him, gave the Mansion Hotel the reputation of being the best place in the neighborhood for spectators who wished to see a good game of billiards. For five years Mr. Fink enlivened the scene with his presence, and then, to the great regret of all concerned, he departed to Philadelphia, resolved to settle down either as a salaried worker or as a business man. At Philadelphia the young man—he was only nineteen years of age—obtained remunerative employment with the firm of H. A. Eams and Company, manufacturers of ladies' straw and felt hats. He continued in this position for several years, but his billiard ability and the enthusiasm he felt for the game of kings could not be downed and, although he devoted himself very strictly to business during business hours, he spent practically every hour of his leisure time among cues and ivory balls. This constant practice improved his game, and his reputation as an amateur player and billiard enthusiast grew. His opinion was frequently sought and he was urged by many of the local players to open an establishment where they might have the benefit of his companionship and advice. In 1906 he took this step, giving up his connection with the firm of H. A. Eams and Company and establishing a billiard parlor at No. 802 Vine street. This place immediately became the mecca of all the Philadelphia players. Mr. Fink maintained it for five years and then moved his paraphernalia to



larger premises at No. 154 South Broad street. Six months later he opened an additional billiard parlor at the Hotel Normandie in Philadelphia. In 1913 he gave up his Broad street place, owing to the fact that the cares of management left him too little time to carry on his professional engagements, for by this time he had risen to the first rank among players, and his services were in great demand as a referee and as a coach. In addition he had many private matches to play. He concentrated his attention upon his parlor at the Normandie Hotel after 1913, and held the ownership of it until 1920, when he sold out, and in partnership with Thomas Marsh acquired his present place at Norristown. The parlor that Mr. Fink now owns in partnership with Mr. Marsh was formerly the property of the Louis Korn Company and has long been known to commercial travelers and other business men who visit Norristown regularly. It is located at No. 59 Main street, in the heart of the city, and is equipped with nine of the finest tables in the State. At an expense of over \$6,000, Mr. Fink and Mr. Marsh have installed a soda fountain and light lunch service on the premises and the place now has the air of a private club where a man may read his newspaper, enjoy a luncheon in congenial society, and play as many games of pool or billiards as his time will permit. During the past two years this new and improved kind of billiard parlor has met with great success at Norristown, where the need of recreation of the kind it affords is not less than that of other communities filled with hard working men and boys, who find their chief enjoyment in games that require a good eye and a steady hand. This success has encouraged Mr. Fink and Mr. Marsh to repeat their experiment at Allentown, Pennsylvania, and they have lately opened a billiard parlor equipped with nineteen tables and six bowling alleys in that city.

Mr. Fink's ability as a player has kept pace with his business success. Although he has never had a life of absolute ease and freedom in which to develop his game, he has given a good account of himself in every tournament in which he has taken part. He played in the international tournament held at Chicago, Illinois, in 1915 to decide the world's championship, and ranked twelfth among the winners, thus establishing himself as one of the first dozen of the world's great players. He played again in the world's championship tournament held at Philadelphia in 1917 and ranked as seventh in the list, thus moving up several places towards the top. In 1914 he won the championship of Pennsylvania, an honor he still holds. In 1916 he entered the lists in the Tri-State games and won the championship of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. In 1918 he won the Eastern Pool Championship, defeating at that time the present world's champion, Ralph Greenleaf. To the quickness and delicacy of his hand and eye are added an instantaneous power of decision, and to a novice at billiards it is something of a revelation to see Mr. Fink chalk his own cue and begin to play. Highly respected as one of the ablest exponents of the game in America, one who, by practice and example, has always endeavored to keep the game in the higher realms of sportsmanship and above all to encourage the playing of it in

places which would otherwise be almost entirely devoid of indoor recreational facilities, Mr. Fink is greatly in demand as a referee. At Philadelphia, in October, 1922, he acted as official referee in the championship game between Ralph Greenleaf and Benjamin Allen, one of the highest honors that can come to a man in the world of billiards.

In politics Mr. Fink is a Republican. He is a shareholder in the Norris Building and Loan Association; the St. Edmund's Building and Loan Association of Philadelphia; and the South 60th Street Building and Loan Association of Philadelphia. He belongs to only one fraternal organization, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he is a member of the Norristown lodge. In religious faith he is a member of the Lutheran church and is an active worker in the congregation of the church of that faith at Reading.

On December 25, 1900, Mr. Fink married, at Philadelphia, Isabella Morton Poinsett, daughter of William and Mary (McKenzie) Poinsett. Mrs. Fink's father, who was born at Wilmington, Delaware, in the year 1848, was engaged in business as a printer at Philadelphia until his retirement a year or so ago. Her mother was born in 1858 and comes from a Scotch family which settled at Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Poinsett were the parents of eight children: Clara, who is now the wife of Ephraim Carter and lives at Pitman, New Jersey; Thomas, who is a resident of Westmont, New Jersey; Hallie, who married Thomas Aberger and lives at Westmont, New Jersey; Isabella M., who is Mrs. Fink; William, Jr., who is engaged in business at Philadelphia; Rae, who married Edward Raymond and lives in Brooklyn, New York; Louella, who is the wife of Mr. Kleingentzer; and George, who was the first American soldier to fall at Vera Cruz, and was buried at Philadelphia with full military honors as an American who gave his life for his country and his flag. Mr. and Mrs. Fink have three children: 1. Esther, who was born October 10, 1901; she married, in 1919, Frederick Carr, a veteran of the World War, who served overseas with the 28th Division. Mr. and Mrs. Carr have one son, Frederick, Jr., who was born August 15, 1921. 2. Ethel, who was born December 26, 1903. 3. Morris, Jr., who was born December 14, 1912.

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**HAMILTON H. GILKYSON, JR.**—In business, civic, financial and social affairs in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, and vicinity Hamilton H. Gilkyson, Jr., occupies an important position. He has been identified with the fire insurance business throughout practically his entire career. In addition to his responsibilities as chairman of the executive committee of the board of directors of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Chester county, the largest Mutual Fire Insurance Company in the State of Pennsylvania, he is also on the board of directors of the Farmers' and Mechanics' National Bank of Phoenixville, and one of the directors of the Phoenixville Publishing Company, publishers of the Phoenixville daily papers. He is also closely identified with two other fire insurance companies, being secretary and treasurer of one and a member of the board of directors of another.

Mr. Gilkyson has always been interested in outdoor sports; he is one of the founders of the Phoenixville Country Club, and has served as secretary of the club since its inception. He is also a member of the Pickering Hunt Club.

Mr. Gilkyson's home is in Mont Clare. The old Colonial house in which he resides was the home of his wife, Phoebe Hunter, daughter of Charles Field and Grace (Thompson) Hunter, to whom he was married in 1912. The house was built in 1843 by Mrs. Gilkyson's great-grandfather, Joseph Whitaker, at the time of his retirement from the firm of Reeves & Whitaker, now the Phoenix Iron Company, of Phoenixville. The house was named "Mont Clare" at the suggestion of Bayard Taylor, and the village derives its name from this source. Six generations of this family have lived here successively. Samuel Whitaker Pennypacker, one-time governor of Pennsylvania, spent his boyhood life here, and Mrs. Gilkyson's uncle, Hon. J. Whitaker Thompson, now a judge of the United States Court in Philadelphia, was born here and here lived until Mr. and Mrs. Gilkyson took the property upon his removal to Philadelphia in 1916.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilkyson are the parents of three children: Grace Whitaker, who was born November 23, 1913; Hamilton Henry, 3rd, who was born June 17, 1916; and a daughter, Neal, who was born February 17, 1920. Mrs. Gilkyson has achieved recognition in the literary field, her poems and stories having appeared in Scribner's, McClure's and other American magazines.

Hamilton H. Gilkyson, Jr., is a descendant of Colonial stock on both the paternal and maternal sides. His father, Colonel H. H. Gilkyson, has been a leading member of the Chester county bar since 1870. He was a national delegate to the famous Chicago convention when Roosevelt was nominated for the presidency. As a trial lawyer, orator and editorial writer he has a brilliant reputation.

The Gilkyson family settled in Bucks county, where the original James Gilkyson, of Scotch-Irish descent, served as first lieutenant during the Revolutionary War. His oldest son, Elias Gilkyson, great-grandfather of Hamilton H. Gilkyson, Jr., was prothonotary of Bucks county and filled a number of positions of trust. Elias Gilkyson married Elizabeth (Betsy) Wynkoop, of a distinguished Dutch family founded in America in 1639. Elizabeth Wynkoop's grandfather, Gerardus Wynkoop, was a member of the Pennsylvania Assembly from 1774 to 1794, and served several years as Speaker of the House.

James Gilkyson was the oldest son of Elias and Elizabeth (Betsy) (Wynkoop) Gilkyson, and grandfather of Hamilton H. Gilkyson, Jr. He was district attorney for Bucks county, and in 1862 was commissioned colonel of the 17th Pennsylvania Regiment. He married Anna E. Henry, a daughter of William Hamilton Henry, and his wife, Elizabeth (Neal) Henry, a celebrated beauty, as evidenced by her portrait painted by Sully. Her home before her marriage was the old Colonial residence of "Loudoun," in Germantown, which was built by her uncle, Thomas



Armat, in 1801. William Hamilton Henry was a son of Hugh Henry, of Philadelphia, and was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1799 with the degree of Master of Arts.

Colonel H. H. Gilkyson, father of Hamilton Henry Gilkyson, Jr., married in 1880, Nellie Trego, daughter of Thomas W. Trego, of Doylestown, Pennsylvania. The Trego family are descendants of Peter Trego, a native of France, who settled in Pennsylvania about the year 1685. On the maternal side, Nellie (Trego) Gilkyson is descended from Captain Richard Betts, who came to America in 1684 and located at Newtown, Long Island, where he was one of the most prominent of the English colony, a member of the New York Assembly in 1665, high sheriff from 1668 to 1681, and a judge of the High Court of Assizes. Through her maternal grandmother, Margaret (Head) Baker, Mrs. Gilkyson is a descendant of Henry Baker, the first English settler at the point where Washington crossed the Delaware to attack the Hessians at Trenton, New Jersey, Christmas night, 1776, long known as Baker's Ferry. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Assembly, and a justice of the Bucks county courts for many years. Through this connection she is a descendant of John Head; William Hudson, mayor of Philadelphia in 1725; Samuel Richardson, member of the Colonial Assembly from 1691 to 1709, and others prominently identified with the early Colonial history of Philadelphia.

Hamilton H. Gilkyson, Jr., was born in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, November 4, 1882. He is a graduate of George School—a preparatory school at Newtown, Bucks county, Pennsylvania—and attended Swarthmore College for two years. He has one brother, T. Walter Gilkyson, an attorney of Philadelphia, who is also well known as a contributor to the "Atlantic Monthly" and other magazines. Mr. Gilkyson's only sister, Anna, married Ralph J. Baker, a member of the firm of Hause, Evans & Baker, prominent attorneys of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

During the World War Mr. Gilkyson was publicity manager for all of the Liberty Loan drives for the Phoenixville district, and chairman of the Victory Loan Committee. He was also chairman for the sale of war saving stamps, one of the three members of the Military Intelligence Bureau for the Phoenixville district, and a member of the Advisory Draft Board for Chester and Montgomery counties, and a member of the board of directors of the Phoenixville Chapter of the American Red Cross. He was also one of the organizers and a member of the Home Guard in Phoenixville.

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**GENERAL ARTHUR ST. CLAIR**—When General Arthur St. Clair was turned out of house and home because he was unable to meet the debts contracted while governor of the Territory of the West, on behalf of the government, which were never paid, he and his family moved to a tract of land which his son, Daniel, owned on Chestnut Ridge, six miles west of Ligonier, in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. Though the house was little more than a log cabin, it was on the State road leading



*A. J. Blair*





to the West, and here he entertained travelers that he might thus support his family. Broken by the storms of more than three score years and ten, saddened by the memories of the past, denied by ingratitude that which was justly due him from his State and Nation, he quietly awaited and there answered the last roll call.

Arthur St. Clair, son of William and Margaret (Balfour) St. Clair, was born at Thurso Castle, in Scotland, March 23, 1734, and died at his home on Chestnut Ridge, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, August 31, 1818. His family was of Norman origin, and became one of the most famous in English history. He was highly educated, intending to practice medicine, but about that time war broke out between England and France, and he came to America with Admiral Boscawen's fleet, with an ensign's commission dated May 13, 1757. He was in the army commanded by General Jeffrey Amherst, in the division commanded by General James Wolfe. He was commissioned lieutenant April 17, 1759, and was with the army when, under cover of darkness, it silently floated down the St. Lawrence and landed under the shadowy heights of Abraham, since known as Wolfe's Cove. He was with them, too, when they clambered up the hitherto impossible heights, and was near the brave young English general when he received his death wound, in the moment of victory.

After the capture of Quebec St. Clair remained in the garrison for a few months, then with a part of his regiment, the Sixtieth Royal American, he was sent to Boston, Massachusetts. While stationed there he married, in Trinity Church, May 15, 1760, Phoebe Bayard, born in 1733, daughter of Balthazar and Mary (Bowdoin) Bayard, her mother a half-sister of Governor James Bowdoin of Massachusetts. His wife brought her soldier-husband both fortune and social standing and henceforth shared in his triumphs and his reverses.

In 1767 St. Clair was placed in command of Fort Ligonier, in Western Pennsylvania, and from that time until his death he was a citizen of Westmoreland county, first in a military capacity and later as agent of the Penns. In 1771-1772 and 1773 he worked for and succeeded in the formation of Westmoreland county, which then included Pittsburg, and was the first prothonotary and clerk of courts of the new county. He acquired large tracts of land near old Fort Ligonier, upon which he located with his family. As the leading military man of that section he was in charge of all the forces employed in the Indian Wars. He rendered valuable service and gained high standing with the tribes and with the government.

He entered the Colonial army with a colonel's commission and fought in Canada; commanded at Three Rivers, and for his service was commissioned brigadier-general. He was with Washington in the retreat across New Jersey; was with him at Trenton, and played a very important part in winning that battle. He served with honor all through the Revolution, and that Washington trusted him is shown by the fact that he placed him in command at West Point, after Arnold turned traitor.

He was a member of the jury that tried and convicted Major André, and was one of the bravest soldiers and wisest statesmen of the Revolutionary period.

After independence was gained General St. Clair was made a member of the executive council of the State of Pennsylvania and elected to Congress. In 1787 he was elected president of Congress, then he highest office in the government, an office abolished by the Constitution, which substituted that of president of the United States.

Under the celebrated "ordinance of 1787" he was appointed governor of the Northwestern Territory, a territory now populated by over twenty millions of people and comprising the States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and Western Pennsylvania. He erected and named counties, appointed officers and judges, built forts, founded and named towns, and to the town around the fort on the Ohio he gave the name of Cincinnati. It was said of him at Ohio's Centennial of Statehood: "Our grandest glory arises from the fact that we have faithfully kept, during these one hundred years, all the precepts of the best law ever formed for the government of mankind—the great ordinance of 1787; in the making of which General St. Clair took an active part."

In 1791 he was asked to do the impossible, in conquering, with 1,400 men, an infuriated horde of savage red men. He was ill at the time with a fever and was carried on a litter, but preserved his coolness in the midst of the peril and disaster, and when obliged to retreat he was among the last to leave the field. This battle caused great controversy at the time, but no intelligent student of history can censure General St. Clair for the defeat, for he was not beaten through any lack of generalship or personal bravery. When he returned from Ohio he settled again in Ligonier Valley and near his residence built Hermitage Furnace, where, for a time, he made pig iron. He rebuilt a flouring mill but he had contracted debts in negotiating treaties with the Indians and in waging war, that he could not collect from the government, and he gave up everything to his creditors. He owed less than \$11,000, and although the general's property was valued at \$50,000, it only brought enough to pay his debts.

He then returned to his son Daniel's home on Chestnut Ridge, and there on the mountains he lived and died, the personal friend and companion of Washington, Greene, Steuben, Lafayette, Hamilton, Franklin, Wayne, Gates and Schuyler, and in no small degree did he share their glory. He was buried in a plot given by the citizens of Greensburg in their local cemetery where, nineteen days later his accomplished wife, Phoebe (Bayard) St. Clair, was laid by his side. In 1832 a plain monument of sandstone was erected over his grave by the Masonic fraternity, bearing this inscription: "The earthly remains of Major-General Arthur St. Clair are deposited beneath this humble monument, which is erected to supply the place of a nobler one, due from his country." The old monument, disintegrating under the influence of the weather, an exact duplicate was made of granite, and the St. Clair lot was surrounded by







*Julia (Edoy) Sinclair*

a granite coping, the expense all borne by the Masonic fraternity. On the evening of August 15, 1913, the new monument was dedicated, but neither the government of the State of Pennsylvania, nor of the United States, have had any share in honoring this soldier, statesman and citizen, although the State did appropriate a sum of money to build a monument, but the measure was vetoed by Governor Pennypacker on the ground of economy.

Daniel St. Clair, son of General Arthur and Phoebe (Bayard) St. Clair, was a farmer and owned the homestead on Chestnut Ridge, in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where his father and mother died. He married Rachel Sherman, and they were the parents of James St. Clair, or Sinclair, as he spelled the name, of whom further.

James (St. Clair) Sinclair was born at the homestead at Hartranft Station, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He was a farmer of the homestead all his life and a man of influence in his community. He was a Republican in politics after the formation of that party, and served as a member of the school board and of Town Council. In religious faith he was a member of the Reformed church.

James (St. Clair) Sinclair married, at Hartranft Station, Pennsylvania, Julia Edey, born in the West Indies, daughter of Richard L. A. and Julia (Stewart) Edey, her father a plantation owner in the Barbadoes, West Indies. Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair were the parents of two daughters: 1. Rachel S., who married James S. Miller, and resides at Sumneytown, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania. 2. Julia.

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**DR. CHARLES Q. HILLEGASS**, founder, owner and publisher of "Town and Country," a weekly newspaper published in Pennsburg, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, is one of the prominent business men of the county who, after twelve years of successful professional experience as a dentist, is making a success in more than one field of business activity.

Born in Upper Hanover township, Pennsylvania, June 29, 1870, son of Dr. John G. and Catherine (Ziegler) Hillegass, the former a physician and noted surgeon, Dr. Hillegass was the eighth child in a family of ten: Eugene Z., Ida Z., Katie O., Ella M., John P., Mary L., Jesse Z., Charles Q., the subject of this sketch; Howard C., who was formerly city editor of the New York "Herald;" and Calvin M.

Charles Q. Hillegass received his academic education in the Perkiomen School at Pennsburg, and then entered the Philadelphia Dental College, from which he was graduated in 1889 with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. Upon the completion of his college course he engaged in the practice of dentistry at Pennsburg, Pennsylvania, and for twelve years continued to successfully follow that profession, building up a large and important clientele. At the end of that time he entered the publishing business, having already, in 1898, established the weekly newspaper known as "Town and Country." That editorial and publishing venture has been a notable success, and at the present time (1923)

is housed in one of the most modern buildings in the county and has a circulation of about 3,500. In addition to his responsibilities as editor, owner, and publisher of the "Town and Country," Dr. Hillegass also operates a paper mill in Pennsburg. This was established in 1904, and in 1918 was moved into the new factory erected to meet its special requirements. It is most efficiently and successfully managed, and is one of the important manufactories of Pennsburg. He was a member of the organization board of directors of the Collegeville National Bank, and is interested in financial operations. Dr. Hillegass has always taken a deep interest in the welfare of the community in which he has lived and worked, and no project well planned for the advancement of the interests of Pennsburg or of the county has found him indifferent or unwilling to give substantial support.

Politically he votes independently, considering the personal character of the candidate for public office as well as his fitness for the discharge of the duties of that office as more important than his partisan affiliation. Fraternally he is a member of Pennsburg Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; of Perkiomen Lodge, No. 595, Free and Accepted Masons, of East Greenville, Pennsylvania; and of Lodge No. 130, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Allentown, Pennsylvania. Both Dr. Hillegass and his family are members of the new Gossenhoppen church at East Greenville.

On September 8, 1891, at Pennsburg, Pennsylvania, Charles Q. Hillegass married Ella Siegfried, daughter of William D. and Ellen (Hoch) Siegfried, and they are the parents of one son, Foster Calvin (q. v.).

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**FOSTER CALVIN HILLEGASS**, editor of the weekly newspaper, "Town and Country," founded by his father, Dr. Charles Q. Hillegass, has been identified with that publication since the completion of his education, and since 1914 has filled his present position, that of editor, most satisfactorily.

Mr. Hillegass was born in Pennsburg, Pennsylvania, September 10, 1892, and after receiving his preparatory education in the public schools of his native district and Perkiomen School, entered Franklin and Marshall College, where his formal training was completed. Immediately upon the completion of his education he became associated with the weekly publication which his father owned and managed, and that connection he has maintained to the present time, rising through various promotions to the position of editor, which he has held for the past eight years. That he is equal to the responsibilities of that position is evidenced by the fact that the circulation of the paper has continued to increase and its popularity has grown steadily. The fact that the owner of this weekly sheet is also owner of a paper mill which he operates himself was a distinct advantage during the war-time shortage, and this part of the business activities of father and son is also a distinctly successful and prosperous one. Mr. Hillegass is the owner of a half interest







*Samuel Roberts*

in the Aurora Theater and is a member of the board of directors of the Pennsburg Water Company. Politically he gives his support to the Democratic party, and he has efficiently "done his bit" as a local official, serving as councilman at the present time, his term to expire in 1924. During the World War he took an active part in all the "drives" and rendered valuable service in the management of the publicity department. Fraternally he is well known, being a member of Perkiomen Lodge, No. 595, Free and Accepted Masons, of East Greenville, Pennsylvania; of Pennsburg Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Pennsburg; and of Lodge No. 130, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is an active member of the new Gossenhoppen church, which he served as a teacher and as superintendent in the Sunday school.

On November 10, 1914, at East Greenville, Foster C. Hillegass married Florence G. Moll, daughter of F. M. and Cora (Gerhard) Moll.

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**SAMUEL ROBERTS**—A man of strong convictions, but controlled by sound judgment, Samuel Roberts was able to serve Norristown wisely and well during his long years of residence there. During the years of Norristown's greatest development he was in Council, and later as burgess he enforced the provisions of the ordinances he helped to pass. He was a successful business man, clear of mind and vision, a broad-minded, progressive, public-spirited citizen, always ready to lead or support every movement for the public good. His worth and ability were fully recognized by his contemporaries, and during the World War period he was called upon by the government to act as head of the fuel distribution agency. Perhaps no man in Norristown was so closely identified with relief organizations and with the agencies devoted to philanthropy and the upbuilding of the community.

Samuel Roberts was born at the home farm in Lower Merion, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, November 21, 1860, and died at Highland Park, Florida, February 23, 1923. In 1867 he was brought by his parents to Norristown, where he attended the public schools, finishing with a course in architectural drawing at the Spring Garden Institute, Philadelphia. Until the age of nineteen, he was his father's farm assistant, then entered the employ of Guest & Longaker, lumber dealers and planing mill operators. He learned the business thoroughly with that firm, later spending three years in a planing mill plant in Philadelphia. During the first half of the decade, 1880-90, he returned to Norristown and was engaged for some time with Bolton's Sons, also lumber and mill work dealers. Later he purchased an interest in the firm of Guest & Grater, lumber dealers, Main and Arch streets, Norristown, and became owner of the entire Guest interest. In 1892 that firm merged with Bodey, Jamison & Wainwright, forming the Grater-Bodey Company, of which Samuel Roberts became president, a responsible position he was holding at the time of his death at the age of sixty-three years. He was also a director of the Norristown Brick Company, a director of the Montgomery National Bank, and prominently identified with State and National



lumber dealers' associations; was president of the Eastern Woodworkers' Council Information Bureau, with headquarters in New York City, and president of the Manufacturers' Association of Montgomery county. While his business compelled his close identification with Norristown's housing activities, he did a great deal of building on his own account and erected some of the best dwellings in town. He was prominent in the development of the Hamilton Terrace tract, extending from Main to Marshall streets and from Buttonwood to Selma, his home at No. 531 Hamilton street.

Mr. Roberts occupied the attractive old mansion at the south corner of Main street and Forest avenue when he erected the show place at Port Indian, which he sold to Abraham Bergstresser. The Main street house was razed and modern dwellings erected on its site and on the extensive lawn running down to the Montgomery Cemetery entrance lane.

At the time Mr. Roberts resided at the east corner of Chain and Airy streets, he was a member of Town Council from the First Ward. He served in Council when there were such permanent developments as sewers constructed and streets paved. He was also identified with the erection of the City Hall. His service in Council was from 1891 until 1896, and in 1905 he was elected burgess, an office he held for three years. He was president of the Board of Inspectors of Montgomery County Prison, his political faith, Republican. At all times in his public service he was a true, loyal representative of the people and very watchful for the public good.

He was a member and a past master of Charity Lodge, No. 190, Free and Accepted Masons; a companion and past high priest of Norristown Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; a Sir Knight and past eminent commander of Hutchinson Commandery, No. 32, Knights Templar; member of Norristown Lodge, No. 620, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; a founder and a director of the Norristown Club; member of the Norristown Rotary Club, the Manufacturers' Club of Philadelphia, and president of the Associated Charities of Norristown until the year prior to his death, when he refused reelection.

Samuel Roberts married Emma Rylands, born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, August 8, 1861, who survives him, daughter of William and Sarah Rylands. To Mr. and Mrs. Roberts seven children were born, namely: 1. Helen, married Robert L. Evans, of Jeffersonville, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania. 2. Joseph Donald, a resident of Atlantic City, New Jersey. 3. Samuel Wallace, of West Norristown, Pennsylvania. 4. Sarah H., married A. F. McKendry, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 5. John Willard, of West Norristown, Pennsylvania. 6. Jean, of Norristown, Pennsylvania. 7. Emma R., of Norristown, Pennsylvania.

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**HORACE L. SAYLOR**—"Usually the greatest boasters are the smallest workers. The deep rivers pay a larger tribute to the sea than shallow brooks, and yet empty themselves with less noise."—Secker.



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The capable, successful, and even the most prominent men are not always those who start with an ambition to accomplish great achievements, but often they are men who at the outset of life place a just valuation upon honor, integrity, industry, and determination, thus earning their deserved success in a quiet, deep, and practical way. With only these qualities as a capital, Horace L. Saylor entered upon a business career, and in the course of years has won for himself an enviable place in his community both as a business man and as a promoter of things worth while.

John Saylor, father of Horace L. Saylor, was born in Pottsgrove township. Early in life he removed to Schwenkville, where he successfully conducted a blacksmith shop until his death in 1896. He married (first) Mary Willauer, to whom were born three children: Sophia, deceased; Fietta, who married Henry F. Groff, now deceased; John, who died in infancy. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Saylor married (second) Elizabeth Linsenbigler. They were the parents of ten children: Edwin, Benjamin, Godfried, Franklin, Emeline, Mary Ann, Warren, all deceased; Horace L., of further mention; Elizabeth, wife of M. S. Oberholtzer, of Germantown; Adaline, wife of Milton Gable, of Philadelphia.

Horace L. Saylor, son of John and Elizabeth (Linsenbigler) Saylor, was born at Schwenkville, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, December 20, 1866. He attended school until he was fourteen years of age. After leaving school he devoted the next ten years, first as an apprentice and later as a master of his chosen business. On May 1, 1880, he began his apprenticeship under the wise instruction of George E. Bear, mastering the marble and granite business, and with whom he remained four years. He spent the remainder of the ten year period in Telford with William Butterick; in Topeka, Kansas; returning to George E. Bear for one year; and then in Philadelphia, where he was associated with John Lachmer, the sculptor; and lastly in Honeybrook, Chester county, Pennsylvania, where he was employed by William L. White. In 1890 following these years of preparation, he removed to Collegetown, where he established himself in the monumental business on Main street.

To begin this business he bought his first plot of ground, paying but thirty dollars in cash and giving a mortgage for the balance of seven hundred and fifty dollars. From such small acorns oaks do grow. On this lot he erected a house for himself and wife, and a shop where he began chipping stone. The house is of brick and granite and is now occupied by Dr. Samuel D. Cornish. Before two years had passed he had purchased an additional lot, moved the shop on part of it, and erected a small dwelling for his helper in his business enterprise. This same house, after many additions and improvements, is now occupied by Mr. Saylor and his family, while the shop has been moved on the opposite side of Main street on a lot which he had purchased. This shop he later replaced by a two-story building occupied on the first floor by the American Stores Company, the second floor being an apartment. Thus we see that step by step he has utilized every available opportunity to for-

ward himself, his family, and his community. From the inception of this venture he was successful, and for twenty-eight years continued in this patricular line of endeavor.

In 1918, having disposed of his monumental business, we find him turning his energies toward one of his two hobbies, which from the foregoing the reader can judge to be real estate improvement. In 1910 he had already purchased and improved a forty-eight acre farm located on Park avenue. He also purchased another lot on which he erected a cottage. On his own property he has a well and tower tank, by means of which sixteen of his neighbors are able to secure their water supply for drinking and household purposes. On April 1, 1920, Mr. Saylor built a large garage on a site comprising six acres and on which formerly stood an old shed. The building is 75x175x50 feet, built of stone, with a salesroom, machine shop and a storage capacity for fifty cars, with an additional building, 50x60 feet for storage. This enterprise is known as the Perkiomen Bridge Motor Company, and handles the Lincoln cars, Ford cars and tractors; employs a number of men in the repair department, two in the store-room, a manager and a bookkeeper. It is on the finest location and is one of the best equipped suburban garages in the State. It is interesting to note here that when Mr. Saylor started this undertaking there were many who treated it in a pessimistic manner, but adverse criticism to the new project did not deter him from forging ahead but rather added encouragement, and thus the splendid results which have been the outcome of his further efforts prove conclusively that his foresight is unerring and that as an executive and a forceful business man he has triumphed against great odds.

About this time there arose considerable controversy concerning the location of a new post office building. The decision was made by the postal authorities when they accepted Mr. Saylor's plans to furnish and lease to the Government suitable quarters for the transaction of the business of the Collegetown post office. In May, 1922, he completed an imposing post office building of which the Government leases the first floor for its post office business, and the second floor of which is an attractive eight-room apartment. The Government official who had charge of the inspection pronounced it the best equipped post office in the State for the size of the town.

Mr. Saylor's next undertaking was the purchase of a lot on Main street at Third avenue in order to make it possible for the fire company to secure this site for their permanent home, and to secure the finest and most desirable location in the borough for a memorial to the veterans in the World War. The remainder of the lot will be utilized for building purposes. Within the last five years he has continued his real estate investments outside of his home town, and has purchased a number of properties in Philadelphia, where he has followed the same procedure in improvements. To say that Mr. Saylor is a leading spirit in Collegetown is but the truth, for through these large real estate holdings he has contributed much toward the building of the borough, and he is always

ready to give financial support to whatever in his judgment will aid in the welfare of his home community.

His fraternal organizations, to which he has devoted much time and energy during his life, and which he holds in highest esteem, are his second hobby. He is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of Warren Lodge, No. 310, Free and Accepted Masons, of Collegeville. Among those who were actively interested in bringing the Temple from Trappe to Collegeville, we again find him one of the leaders. He and his colleagues devised a plan whereby funds were raised by bond subscription. When the Temple was completed he was the first master installed in the new building. He is also a member of Norristown Chapter, No. 190, Royal Arch Masons; Hutchinson Commandery, No. 32, Knights Templar; Lu Lu Temple, Mystic Shrine; and has attained to the thirty-second degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is also a charter member of the Norristown Forest, No. 31, Tall Cedars of Lebanon. There were occasions when his loyalty to Masonry was challenged, and at such times he maintained the policy that Free Masonry neither protected nor encouraged crime. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Norristown Lodge, No. 714; Economy Lodge, No. 397, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a past grand. During the construction of the present Odd Fellows' Hall he was an active member of the building committee.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Saylor has always been active in the affairs of his chosen party. He served as chairman on the street and bond committee when the trolley company extended its tracks to Trappe and saved the borough considerable at that time by his keen foresight. He is a member of the Town Council, and since January, 1914, has served as its secretary. He has been a party delegate to several of the county conventions. During the World War he was commissioned by William G. McAdoo to direct the sale of War Savings stamps in his community. In 1914 he began the office of justice of the peace, having first been appointed to complete an unexpired term, and at the following election in 1917 was the nominee of both parties.

Concerning his next political appointment, we quote the following from the "Collegeville Independent."

President Harding has appointed "Squire Horace L. Saylor Postmaster for Collegeville." The appointment will be duly confirmed by the Senate. The new Postmaster, who is receiving the congratulations of his friends, will be likely to take up his official duties in January, 1922. The position of Justice of the Peace being incompatible with that of postmaster the "Squire" will resign as magistrate of the local court. Referring to his appointment as Postmaster the "Norristown Herald" correctly observes:

Mr. Saylor is a stalwart Republican and long has been active in movements for the upbuilding of the community, being one of the leading public-spirited citizens. It was due to his efforts that the ornate garage near the Perkiomen Bridge hotel was erected. It is easily assumed that the "Squire" will efficiently discharge the duties of Postmaster which, after all, are not measured by "stalwart" partisan politics—even though that kind of politics had to do with his appointment. Our American political system cannot be entirely divested of the influence which finds expression in the Jacksonian motto: "To the victors belong the spoils."



Mr. Saylor, being a modest man, rejected offers which might have taken him to wider fields in politics, but preferred to serve as best he could in his own community. He enjoys the game of politics, including its opposition, its abuse, its applause, always standing for right and honor, never lessening his loyalty to his party nor downing his spirit of honor and truth. "He loves to pit his brain against other men, rejoices to discover obstacles in his path, never despairs when things go against him and infinitely prefers the battle to the success itself."

The activities of the church have also received his time and attention, and in Trinity Reformed Church, where he holds membership, he is the president of the board of trustees and a deacon. Due to his vast experience, he has been chosen to serve on the building committee for the new Sunday school building which is under construction at this writing. In the Forward Movement he was its local director in raising Trinity's quota.

In March, 1890, Horace L. Saylor was united in marriage with Clara Saylor, daughter of Benjamin and Lydia (Hunsicker) Saylor, the former a tinsmith by trade. Mr. and Mrs. Saylor are the parents of two children: Grace S., born April 28, 1892, and John DeWitt, born June 3, 1896, who died in infancy. The daughter graduated from the Collegeville High School in 1908, and from Ursinus College in 1912, where she received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. She has chosen teaching as her profession and has devoted a great amount of her time to music, being a vocalist of no small ability. She has conducted an orchestra in the State Institution at Vineland, and has been a soloist in Wilmington and Philadelphia churches. Commercial teaching claimed her attention in 1917, since which time she has been teaching in Wilmington High School, Temple University, Philadelphia, and in the Germantown High School at the present time.

Both Mr. Saylor's wife and daughter are interested in fraternal affairs. Mrs. Saylor is a member of Radiant Chapter, No. 96, Order of the Eastern Star, in Norristown. Miss Saylor is a member of Unity Chapter, No. 246, Order of the Eastern Star, Philadelphia, and of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Pennsylvania Commandery, No. 70, Knights Templar, of which organization she is secretary.

Looking back one notes that it has been a long, far journey from the humble country boy leaving school to learn the trade of stone cutter to the man enjoying the respect and admiration of his community. This could only be earned by such sterling qualities, straight forwardness and humane motives as he possesses. Although his boyhood was spent without the encouragement which means so much to a young man starting out in life, he never faltered, never once referred to the hardships he encountered. From the very beginning his eyes were not only on the immediate task at hand, but were also lifted beyond the present. This foresight characterizes all of his achievements. He was always ready, when once his mind was made up, to back his judgment to the limit, and with a mind accustomed to think toward the ideal and the beautiful,





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having once formulated the idea of right and justice, he flung that idea into the ring and fought for right against wrong to a victorious conclusion. His life has always been governed by a moral principle, and in this virtue he has been consistent. As goodness has an effect on men's kindness which cannot be exaggerated, so his consistency stands out in the judgment of all honest people. In politics and in business, throughout the many remaining years (for Mr. Saylor expects to live to a good old age) these same qualities will continue to earn for him the oft quoted triad: "Health, wealth, and happiness."

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**NORMAN B. NUSS**—A member of a family long prominent in North Wales, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, Mr. Nuss was born in this community, educated in the local schools, and is carrying forward his business career in his native place. He is a son of Henry and Andora Nuss, his father a painter by trade, and long active in this field of endeavor in North Wales.

Norman B. Nuss was born in North Wales, June 11, 1892. Upon the completion of his public school course he entered the employ of the North Wales "Record," in which connection he learned the trade of printer, and worked for a time thereafter as a journeyman printer, being identified with this paper for a period of five years. Then for a few years Mr. Nuss worked in Philadelphia in different printing establishments, after which he returned to North Wales in 1913. At this time he opened a job printing plant, and in 1915 founded the "North Penn Review," a weekly newspaper. Three years later he sold this sheet to the Lansdale "Republican," and thus the two papers were consolidated. Mr. Nuss has continued in the printing business, doing general job work and specializing in commercial and social printing. He has achieved a noteworthy position in the comparatively few years of his activity along this line, and is doing a prosperous and steadily increasing business. Politically Mr. Nuss holds independent convictions, supporting the party or candidate he believes best fitted to serve the people. Fraternally he holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Encampment, the Loyal Order of Moose, and the Sons of Veterans. He is a member of St. Luke's Reformed Church.

Mr. Nuss married, in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, November 10, 1917, Helen Refsnider, daughter of Elmer E. and Wilhelmina Refsnider. Mr. and Mrs. Nuss have one son, Elmer Norman, born September 18, 1918.

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**SAMUEL H. HIGH**—Since 1899 Samuel H. High has been engaged in the practice of law in Norristown, Pennsylvania, and the years which have intervened have brought to him the respect, esteem and confidence of all with whom he has been in any way associated. He has always taken an active interest in community affairs, here and in his home community, Jenkintown, and has won a wide circle of friends who hold him in the highest estimation for the many sterling traits of character

which he has evidenced in many ways throughout his long career as a citizen of Montgomery county.

Samuel High, grandfather of Samuel H. High, was a lifelong resident of Montgomery county, and for many years conducted a dry goods business on Main street, Norristown. He had a son, Harry S., of whom further mention is made.

Harry S. High, son of Samuel High, was a native of Norristown, and until his death was a carpenter and builder here, carrying on a successful trade. He was a Democrat in politics, but in no sense of the word an office-seeker. He married Flora B. Lightcap, daughter of Samuel and Mary Lightcap. Samuel Lightcap was a native of Pottstown, and it was here that he spent the early portion of his life. After his wife's death he removed to Milwaukee, where he resided with one of his sons until his death. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. High were the parents of five children: Mamie, wife of Henry S. Stiles, of Moorestown, New Jersey; Harrison L., deceased; Walter L., of Norristown, secretary of the Reading Screw Company; Samuel H., of further mention; and Raymond, a manufacturing chemist of Philadelphia.

Samuel H. High, son of Harry S. and Flora B. (Lightcap) High, was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, July 16, 1875. He received the elementary portion of his education in the public schools of his native place, and after graduating from the local high school in 1891 was tutored for one year preparatory to entering Franklin and Marshall College, from which latter institution he was graduated in 1896 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He studied law under the tutelage of William F. Dannehower, and was admitted to practice, July 1, 1899. He quickly acquired a practice and demonstrated ability as a skillful trial lawyer. In 1905 he associated with John Faber Miller, the firm being Miller & High, continuing until Mr. Miller was elevated to the bench in 1914, when the well known firm of Evans, High, Dettra & Swartz was formed. He is a director and vice-president of the Jenkintown Bank and Trust Company; solicitor for the boroughs of Hatboro and Jenkintown, townships of Cheltenham, Lower Moreland and Whitpain. He attends St. John's Lutheran Church of Melrose.

On March 22, 1905, at Norristown, Samuel H. High married Ada E. Pennypacker, and to them have been born three children: Samuel H., Jr., who graduated from Germantown Academy in 1923, and is now at Princeton, class of 1927; Gilbert, born February 3, 1911; and Sarah Elizabeth, born June 26, 1916. The family home is on the Old York road at Jenkintown, but in the summer time they reside at Brookside farm, near Willow Grove, Upper Moreland township, farming being his particular hobby.

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**HOWARD S. AMEY**—Many of the fine residences and business buildings of Ambler, Pennsylvania, are the work of Howard S. Amey, contractor and builder. Always deeply interested in making his town







*W. W. Miller*

the best sort of a place in which to live, he has done well his part in bringing this about, not only by way of his trade, but by readiness to give his thought and services in the movements that make for the improvement of civic affairs. He is the son of William and Amanda Amey, and has two brothers, Herbert and William F., and two sisters, Harriet and Maud.

Howard S. Amey was born at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 24, 1885, and was educated in the public schools of that city. He early began to earn a living in the employ of the Keasbey & Mattison Company with whom he remained five years. He left this company to become a carpenter, and learned and worked at this trade for the following five years of his career. Naturally gifted with the ability that characterizes a leader, he started taking contracts for the construction of houses, and has since been kept busy as a contractor and builder. His well known skill, integrity and close attention to his clients' interests have won for him a notable name and success. Aside from business his principal recreation is found in baseball, and he is president of the Ambler Athletic Association. His religious affiliation is with the Baptist church of his city, and he is an Independent Republican in politics.

At Wilmington, Delaware, August 23, 1906, Mr. Amey married (first) Emma May Urban, daughter of Henry and Anna Urban. She died March 13, 1912, and was the mother of one son, Howard S., Jr., born November 10, 1908. On October 19, 1913, at Wilmington, Mr. Amey married (second) Laura May Fluck, daughter of Jerry and Margaret Fluck. They are the parents of four children: Edith Lorea, born November 9, 1914; Richard, born May 16, 1916; John, born June 13, 1919; and Margaret, born March 27, 1921.

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**WILMER W. MILLER**—The life of Wilmer W. Miller has been spent in North Wales, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, where he is now (1923) at the age of thirty-eight, a prosperous business man and a justice of the peace. He has devoted himself closely to the business of each day, and outside of politics has no affiliations or interests other than his business. He is deeply interested in public affairs, and has always labored in a public-spirited way for the good of his community.

Wilmer W. Miller, son of Wilmer and Arabella (Lutz) Miller, was born in North Wales, Pennsylvania, and there was educated in the public schools, finishing with high school, class of 1902. During the following eight years he was employed as a mill worker, then in 1910 established a real estate and insurance agency which he has successfully conducted, now having offices both in North Wales and Norristown. He is an ardent Republican in politics, and in November, 1917, was elected a justice of the peace. Squire Miller is unmarried.

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**REV. CHARLES F. WILLIAMS**—The late Charles F. Williams, former president of the James Lees & Sons Company, of Bridgeport, Pennsylvania, who died October 29, 1922, was born in Philadelphia,

Pennsylvania, April 30, 1856, second son of Henry and Elizabeth A. (Carver) Williams, the former of whom was of Welsh ancestry, and the latter a descendant of the Carver family who settled in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, in the early period of the history of the country.

Soon after the birth of Charles F. Williams, the family removed to Delaware county, Pennsylvania, from which place another move was made to Lionville, Chester county, Pennsylvania, after a short time. There the boy received his education and there his boyhood was passed. When about sixteen years of age he entered a printing office in West Chester, the county seat of Chester county, Pennsylvania. Step by step he advanced until a few years later we find him a newspaper writer, located at Media, Pennsylvania. In the meantime he had become a member of the Baptist church and found himself increasingly interested in Christian activities, so much so, in fact, that through the advice and persuasion of friends and officials of the church he finally decided to enter the Christian ministry. In order that he might be better prepared for his work, in 1878 he entered Crozier Theological Seminary, at Upland, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1880. In June of that year he was ordained and assumed charge of the Baptist Church at Bridgeport, Pennsylvania. In the same month his marriage with Flora J. Christie, of Chester, Pennsylvania, took place, but within a year his wife died and he was left with a son, J. Ambler Williams, who is now (1923) judge of the Court of Common Pleas, of the Thirty-eighth District of Pennsylvania. Mr. Williams remained with the Bridgeport church until 1884, when at about the time of his second marriage he accepted a call to the leading Baptist church of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. In 1885 his vocal cords became strained and he was compelled because of this to resign and return to Norristown, where he assumed a position as editorial writer for the Norristown "Times," then owned by the late Captain William F. Rennyson. In the fall of the same year, his throat having been much benefited by the rest, he accepted a call to the Spring Garden Street Baptist Church, of Philadelphia, where he remained until January 1, 1892, a period of six years, during which time the church was removed from Spring Garden street to the corner of Nineteenth and Master streets. Not long after this removal Mr. Williams received a call to the First Baptist Church, of Waltham, Massachusetts, and the duties of this pastorate he discharged faithfully and efficiently until February 1, 1895. It was here that a certain physical weakness which with increasing intensiveness always annoyed him, again compelled him to resign his work in the ministry. He returned to Norristown and became associated with the James Lees & Sons Company, as secretary, the firm style just mentioned having been taken by the concern after the death of the senior partner, Joseph Lees. Mr. Williams continued to act as secretary until 1897, when, the newly organized concern being in operation, he again responded to the call of the ministry and became pastor of the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church, of Brooklyn, New York. During this pastorate his son of the second marriage, Joseph Lees





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Williams, died, and the grief of the parents was so severe that desiring to remove his family from the saddened environment, he accepted an invitation to become pastor of the North Avenue Baptist Church, of Cambridge, Massachusetts. After locating in Cambridge, although his work was most successful, he soon found that notwithstanding every precaution, the old weakness began to manifest itself, and in 1903, upon the advice of a noted specialist in Boston, he resigned and returned to Norristown, where he was elected president of the James Lees & Sons Company, which official position he continued to hold until January 1, 1921, when he resigned from active participation in the affairs of the company, accepting the position of chairman of the board of directors, which he continued to hold to the time of his death, October 29, 1922. It was during the period from 1903 to 1921 that he gave his full time to the development of James Lees & Sons Company. During all those years the work of wise and strong officials caused the concern known as James Lees & Sons Company, manufacturers of woolen goods, to grow and prosper. Additions were built to the plant, which is located at Bridgeport, Pennsylvania, innovations and improvements in processes and methods of manufacture were introduced, and the amount of output as well as the scope of the market for the products, greatly increased. In 1908 Mr. Williams was elected president of the Manufacturers' Association of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, and that official position he continuously held until 1918. It was during the time he held this office that a controversy arose between the Department of Commerce, at Washington, and the association, which attracted wide attention, the question at issue being the cause of the industrial depression of the period from 1903 to 1907. The newspaper files of that period probably contain the best record of the heated discussions of that controversy.

In addition to his professional and business interests and in public affairs, Mr. Williams was deeply interested in several forms of art. His effort at collecting was the assembling of a group of Oriental rugs and carpets of the early periods, part of which collection is now with the Metropolitan Museum of Art, in New York City. The collection and Mr. Williams' skill continued to grow until for work done and researches made in this direction Mr. Williams was made an honorary fellow for life by the Metropolitan Museum just mentioned. In 1910 the board of directors of the exhibition held at Munich, Bavaria, the chairman of which was Prince Rupprecht, elected him a member of the Art Committee of the Exhibition of Masterpieces of Islamic Art. In the same year he served actively on that committee and furnished for the exhibition some valuable specimens from his own collection. He was internationally recognized as an authority on rugs and his advice was solicited upon many occasions by connoisseurs in this country and abroad. After frequent trips to the Old World his collection of rugs and carpets, the finest in the country, was completed, and he then turned his attention to the collection of antique furniture and other curios. He was a member of



the board of directors of the Metropolitan Museum of Fine Arts, of New York City, in which capacity his expert knowledge and his enthusiastic interest were equally valuable.

Rev. Williams was twice married. He married (first), in June, 1880, Flora J. Christie, of Chester, Pennsylvania. She died May 12, 1881, at the birth of a son, J. Ambler, whose sketch follows. Mr. Williams married (second), at Bridgeport, Pennsylvania, March 27, 1884, Mary Lees, daughter of Joseph and Maria (Hinkle) Lees. To the second marriage one son was born, Joseph Lees, who died in Brooklyn, New York, January 12, 1900.

Versatile and gifted, interested in all that pertains to the finer things of life, and a faithful worker in spite of the handicap of impaired health, the life of Reverend Charles F. Williams is an inspiring example of courage, persistence, and successful achievement.

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**JUDGE J. AMBLER WILLIAMS**—For a decade and a half Judge Williams practiced his profession at the Montgomery county bar with the success that always follows honorable, well directed effort, and attained high position among his contemporaries. On April 17, 1923, his name was presented by Governor Pinchot to the Pennsylvania Senate as his appointment for judge of the Thirty-eighth Judicial District of Pennsylvania (Montgomery county), to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Judge A. S. Swartz. Four minutes after the nomination was received by the Senate, Judge Williams was confirmed and will serve under that appointment until January 1, 1924.

J. Ambler Williams, son of Rev. Charles F. and Flora J. (Christie) Williams, was born in Bridgeport, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, May 7, 1881. He completed public school study with graduation from Norristown High School, finishing in 1897. He then entered Colgate University, and there spent four years, winning not only his degree, but high rank in athletics, as a debater, and an orator. His college life was exceptionally full, as the following summary will show: A member of both the basket ball and the foot ball teams; led two university debating teams against the universities of Virginia and Cornell in his sophomore year, was editor of his class manual, "Colgate Salmagundi;" associate editor of "Madisonensis," now the "Colgate Maroon;" winner of the Kingsford prize for public speaking; was vice-president of Colgate Chapter, Delta Upsilon, in his junior year and president in his senior year; president of the University Athletic Association; manager of the 'varsity basket ball team; editor-in-chief of "Madisonensis;" winner of the senior debate prize given by the class of 1884 in his senior year, and was one of six students chosen from the graduating class as commencement day speakers.

He was graduated Bachelor of Philosophy, class of 1901, and having chosen the law as his life work, he entered the law department of the University of Pennsylvania and thence was graduated Bachelor of Laws, class of 1904. During the years at law school he was a registered law



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student in the offices of the eminent William Draper Lewis, of Philadelphia, and Nicholas H. Longelere, of Norristown, and added to the list of college activities and honors he had acquired at Colgate. He was captain of the University of Pennsylvania foot ball team, 1904; editor of "Penn," a college daily newspaper; member of the Hare Club, and winner of the Frazier debating prize.

Mr. Williams was admitted to the Philadelphia bar, June 30, 1904, and on September 1 following to the Montgomery county bar. In 1907 he began the practice of law in Norristown, first at No. 320 De Kalb street, then in the Miller building until March, 1907; then to No. 332 De Kalb street until October 1, 1921, later removing to No. 501 Swede street, where he remained until November 1, 1922, when he again removed to his recent location, No. 402 De Kalb street, Norristown. From the inception of his professional career he met with success and the years have been marked with continuous advancement. He specialized in municipal corporation work; was two terms solicitor for the recorder of deeds; is counsel for the Department of Health of Montgomery County; solicitor for the East End Improvement Association of Norristown; secretary of James Lees & Sons Company of Bridgeport, Pennsylvania; ex-president, vice-president and a director of the local Young Men's Christian Association; served on the board of managers of the Alumni Association of the University of Pennsylvania; member of the advisory board of the Salvation Army; and a member of the Montgomery County Bar Association.

His political allegiance is given to the Republican party, and he has always been staunch in his support of its principles and policies, upholding them both as a private citizen and a public official. He has been solicitor for the school districts of Norristown since December, 1911; solicitor for the school districts of Bridgeport since 1916; solicitor for the borough of Bridgeport; solicitor for the comptroller of Montgomery county; chairman of the Norristown Republican committee; chairman of the second division of the Republican Committee of Montgomery County; chairman of the Republican Committee on Meetings and Speakers; in 1904 was appointed speaker by the Pennsylvania Republican State Committee to stump the State for Theodore Roosevelt, and has been on the list of State speakers ever since; member of the Montgomery County Republican Executive Committee; and county chairman of the Eighth Ward of Norristown in 1908, 1914 and from 1920 to the present time. These offices were resigned upon his taking his seat upon the county bench in April, 1923.

During the World War Mr. Williams was one of the "four-minute" men; was a member of the legal advisory board of the Norristown Draft Board, but resigned later to accept the appointment as government appeal agent; and was legal adviser to the Pennsylvania State Council of National Defense for Montgomery county.

Since leaving college he has kept up an active interest and participation in athletics; he was coach for the Norristown High School foot

ball team in 1908-09; won the tennis championship at the Ersine Tennis Club of Norristown, 1910, 1911 and 1912; won the tennis championship at the Plymouth Country Club, 1912, 1913 and 1914; and represented both clubs at the Tri-State Tennis League. He is a member of the University of Pennsylvania debate council, and as its representative was instrumental in forming the first triangular debate league (Cornell, Columbia and University of Pennsylvania) in this county, and it is now practically universal; was two years president of the Alumni Corporation, Colgate chapter; first vice-president of the Colgate Alumni Corporation of the Philadelphia district for many years; and at the time of the million dollar drive for the endowment fund for Colgate served as chairman of the Philadelphia district. He is now a golf enthusiast, and a member of the Plymouth Country Club and of the club golf team.

Judge Williams married, June 10, 1911, Mabel Drake, daughter of Dr. H. H. Drake, and they are the parents of two children: Louise, born January 29, 1913; Howard Drake, born February 11, 1919. The family home is at No. 1003 De Kalb street, Norristown.

Judge Williams has always taken an active interest in community affairs, and has been in hearty sympathy with all movements to advance the permanent interests of Norristown. During the years of his residence there he has gained a wide circle of friends by whom he is held in highest esteem. He is a man of sterling character, and his recent elevation to the bench was heartily approved by both the bar and the laity.

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**EUGENE W. SCHOLL**, who stands among the leading citizens of Montgomery county, and is active in the real estate business, has had an interesting career, having served as notary public for thirty-five years, and having been a prominent figure in his present field for thirty years. He comes of an old Montgomery county family, residents of Upper Hanover township for generations. He is a grandson of Frederick and Catherine Scholl, and a son of John and Lucy (Whitman) Scholl, the Whitman family also prominent in this State and county. He is the eldest of three children, the others being Katie and Henry Clayton, both now deceased.

Eugene W. Scholl was born in Upper Hanover township, October 19, 1858. Highly educated, he began his studies in the local public schools, later attending Washington Hall, and preparing for college at Perkiomen Seminary. Eventually he entered Ursinus College, which he attended for two years. Beginning life as a school teacher, Mr. Scholl followed this line of endeavor for a period of nine years, teaching in various parts of his native county. In 1887 he was appointed notary public at the Farmers' National Bank at Pennsburg. He has filled this office continuously since, and still serves in this capacity. Meanwhile, however, five years after accepting this appointment, Mr. Scholl began his present business in real estate and insurance brokerage, and has carried forward this interest very successfully along with his duties as notary.







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For the last twenty-five years Mr. Scholl has given much of his time in the secretary's office of the Goschenhoppen Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Company, of which he is now a director, and served as an assistant to the secretary during the whole of this period. He has done much constructive work in the progress of the community, and is counted among the forward-looking men of the day. He has few interests outside of the activities outlined above, but fraternally is prominent as a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, also of the Encampment, both of Pennsburg. He is active in church work, long a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Red Hill, which he has served for years as treasurer.

Mr. Scholl married, in Pennsburg, January 20, 1881, Emma L. Dechant, daughter of Rev. Augustus and Amanda (Stauffer) Dechant. The Rev. Mr. Dechant is a noteworthy figure in the history of the Reformed church in Montgomery county. He introduced the Sunday school in this church, and was evicted from the church because of the institution. Upon leaving the body to which he had devoted the best years of his life, he built a hall, known as the Klidflith Hall, and continued his Sunday school services under the shelter of its roof. Eugene W. and Emma L. (Dechant) Scholl are the parents of two children: Lucy, born July 18, 1884, now the wife of Walter Mechler, and the mother of two children, Eugene Anton, and Rupert Dickson; and John Augustus, born April 14, 1888, who married Bertha Reninger, and has one son, John Eugene. These children and their families are also residents of Montgomery county.

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**JOHN HENRY HALFORD**—Vice-president and general manager of James Lees & Sons Company of Bridgeport, Pennsylvania, John Henry Halford is widely known as an expert manufacturer of woolen and worsted yarns. He was born September 29, 1885, at Great Horton, Bradford, England, in the heart of the English woolen and worsted manufacturing district. He is the only son of Robert and Sarah (Helliwell) Halford, and a descendant of Sir Charles Halford, who raised an army to aid the King in the war with Cromwell and was captured by the Cromwellian forces, finally securing his release by the payment of £30,000.

Mr. Halford's grandfather was also a soldier and served as a British regular in various parts of the world. The Sikh War in India was the most notable campaign in which he took part. In the course of his military service of nearly thirty years he was stationed in many outlying posts of the British Empire, and thus acquired a rich fund of experience, a knowledge of foreign ways and much geographical and ethnological lore. After his retirement from the English army, his picturesque personality made him a great favorite in any society in which circumstances happened to place him, and his children and grandchildren were never tired of listening to his tales of the open country and his many experiences with the denizens of the jungle, from hooded snakes to man-eating tigers. His stories of Eastern forests and of tree trunks covered with



the rarest and most exquisite orchids awakened in them a profound love of the natural world, and when he died his best legacies to them were memories of happy hours filled with the wonder-compelling charm of an old soldier's reminiscences.

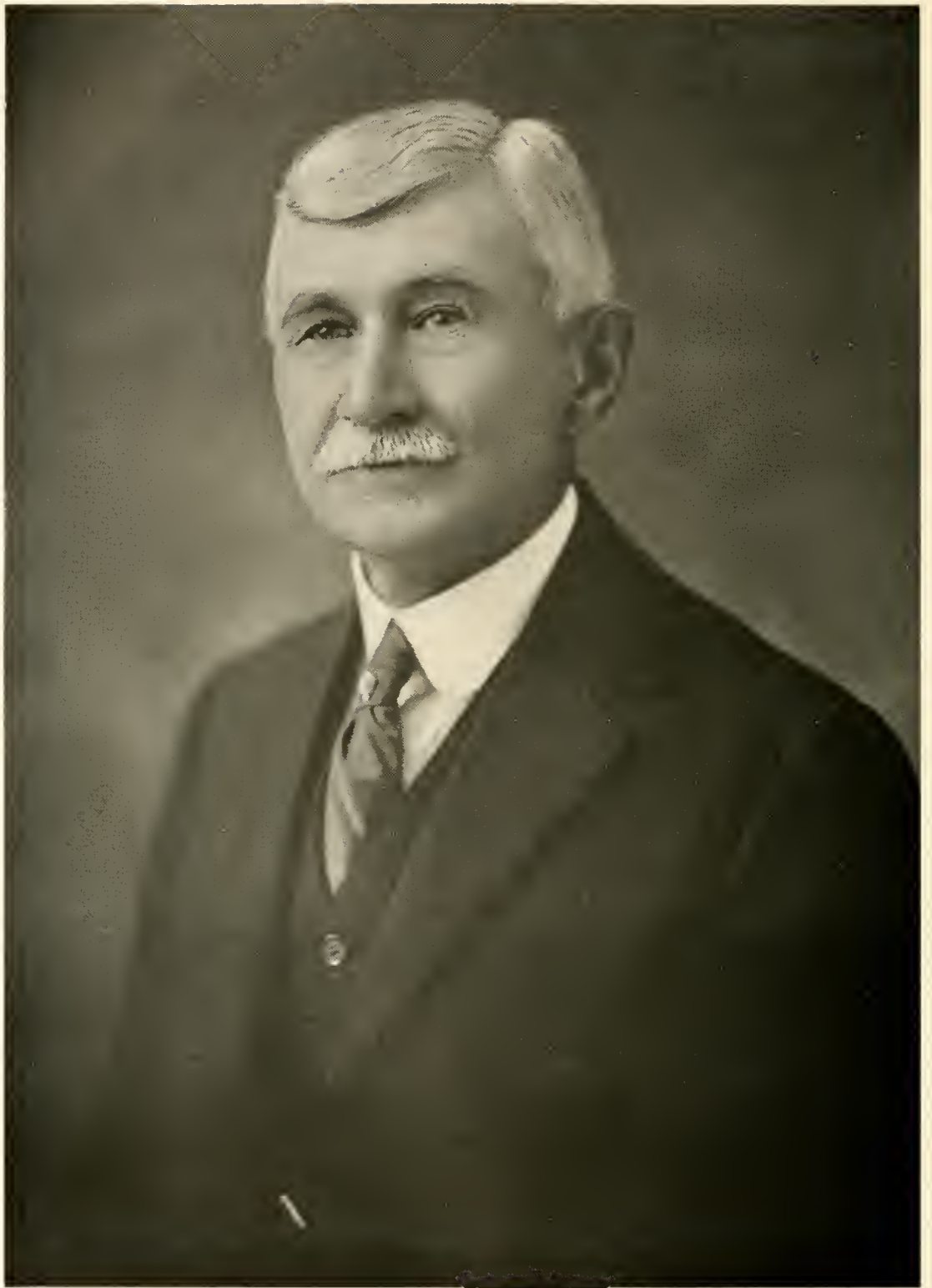
His son, Robert Halford, was born at Oxford, England, October 25, 1862, in the very shadow of the great English universities. His marriage to Sarah Helliwell occurred at Buttershaw, near Bradford, England, in 1880. Mrs. Halford was a member of a family well known in the manufacturing district of England, where for the last century the Helliwells had been closely identified with the woolen and worsted industry. Robert Halford came to the United States in 1887, at the age of twenty-five years, and after living in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, finally settled in Maine. He was related to Elijah Halford, well known in Washington as secretary to Grover Cleveland during his first administration. Robert Halford, after arriving in this country, became identified with the woolen and worsted manufacturing industry, and for many years held important positions in this line of activity. At the present time (1923) he is the New England representative for James Lees & Sons Company, of Bridgeport, Pennsylvania. John H. Halford, the only son of Robert Halford, has one sister, Minnie, who married B. W. Sanderson, and now resides at Cotuit, Massachusetts.

John Henry Halford was two years of age when brought by his parents to the United States. He received his early education in the schools of Sanford, Maine, and prepared for college at Hebron Academy, Hebron, Maine, whence he was graduated with the class of 1903. He then entered Bowdoin College, in the fall of 1903, where he remained for two years, at the end of that time, however, being compelled to discontinue his course in order to acquire more money to enable him at a later date to finish his studies in that institution. That hope though was never realized. Responsibilities were gradually assumed that could not well be abandoned as he was led into the manufacturing field. Having an inherited tendency for manufacturing, he had, during vacation periods since the age of twelve, worked in the mills of the Goodall Worsted Company of Sanford, Maine. After leaving Bowdoin he entered the employ of the Limerick Mills at Limerick, Maine, and spent six years filling positions which varied from machinery cleaner to superintendent.

In 1911 Mr. Halford accepted an offer from the S. B. and B. W. Fleisher Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and spent two years at their main plant, Twenty-fifth and Hamilton streets, Philadelphia. In 1913 Mr. Halford had an opportunity to become associated with James Lees & Sons Company of Bridgeport, Pennsylvania, and relinquished his position with the Fleishers in order to take advantage of it. He is now vice-president of James Lees & Sons Company, and general manager of their business at Bridgeport and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. John H. Halford is a director of the Norris Building Association, and of the Lees Building Association. In 1922 he bought the Hartranft property on the outskirts of Norristown. This estate contains approxi-







*William Weaver*

mately fifty acres and has been laid out as a beautiful and carefully restricted residential section, Mr. Halford's own home being erected there.

A public-spirited and energetic citizen, Mr. Halford takes the greatest interest in every movement tending to the public good or adding to the general welfare of the community. He is a Republican in politics and a consistent supporter of constructive legislative policies. He is a member and a director of the Young Men's Christian Association. In religious faith a Presbyterian, he is a member of the Presbyterian church at Jeffersonville, Pennsylvania, which he serves as trustee and as superintendent of the Sunday school. A Mason of long standing, Mr. Halford is also a Shriner and belongs to Kora Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Lewiston, Maine. His college fraternity is Zeta Psi, and he is a member of the Norristown Club and the Plymouth Country Club. A warm friend of the Boy Scout movement, he is at present scoutmaster of the troop at Jeffersonville, Pennsylvania, and his activity in arranging hikes, contests of various descriptions, and camping expeditions for his boys is greatly appreciated not only by the scouts themselves but by their parents and the officers of the organization.

On November 24, 1914, Mr. Halford married Hannah More Kellett, daughter of John and Jane (Tetley-Davis) Kellett, her father a real estate dealer of Philadelphia. Mrs. Halford is one of a family of five children, all of whom are living. Mr. and Mrs. Halford are the parents of two children: John H., born April 6, 1916; and Jane Tetley, born February 2, 1918. The Halford home at Norristown contains a fine collection of early American furniture, many of these pieces having been exhibited in museums in all parts of the country. Mr. and Mrs. Halford are both connoisseurs in antiques of this class, and their collection is both rare and valuable.

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**WILLIAM CLEAVER**—For more than half a century William Cleaver, mill foreman of the Schuylkill Iron Works, has been associated with the business of manufacturing iron. He was only fourteen years of age when he entered the rolling mill of J. Wood & Brothers, and with the exception of two years has been identified with the Wood interests to the present time (1923). Mr. Cleaver is a member of one of the old Pennsylvania families which traces descent from Jonathan Cleaver.

William Cleaver, grandfather of William Cleaver, of this review, was engaged in agricultural activities in Chester county, Pennsylvania, throughout his life. He married Jane Thomas, and their children were: Jonathan, of further mention; William; Mary; Rebecca.

Jonathan Cleaver, son of William and Jane (Thomas) Cleaver, was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, in 1825, and died March 3, 1862. Like his father before him, he was engaged in farming in Chester county, Pennsylvania, throughout his active career. He married Anna Jane Wood, who was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1826, and died December 16, 1900. They were the parents of six children: Anna W.,



who married James Eberhardt, deceased; William, of further mention; Jonathan, deceased; Mary, deceased, married John De Haven; Harry, died at the age of six years; and Jennie, married Elwood Lee, deceased.

William Cleaver, the son of Jonathan and Anna Jane (Wood) Cleaver, was born in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, July 1, 1852. After receiving a good practical education in the public schools of Conshohocken and Norristown, Pennsylvania, he began his active career as a clerk in a grocery store, where he remained for one year. At the end of that time, when he was fourteen years of age, he began his lifelong association with the iron manufacturing industry by entering the employ of J. Wood & Brothers, in whose rolling mill he remained from 1867 to 1876. In the latter year he for a time made a change in his occupation, associating himself with the North Pennsylvania railroad (now a branch of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad) and he maintained that connection until 1878, serving as brakeman for one year, and as baggage master for one year. In 1878 he entered the employ of the Schuylkill Iron Works, a branch of the Allan Wood Plant, in the capacity of shipping clerk. One year later, in 1879, he was made foreman of the mill, and that responsible executive position he has continued to efficiently fill to the present time (1923). He knows his department of the industry thoroughly, and his two years' experience in railroad work proved to be of value to him in his present position. He is one of those men who are most successful in "getting things done," and he has won the confidence and esteem both of his employers and of those whose work he directs. Few men in Pennsylvania understand better the conditions under which iron men work and the difficulties under which iron producers get the work done than does Mr. Cleaver. Politically he gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Republican party. Though he has never desired public office, still he is not one of those who refuse to bear a share of the burden of public affairs. For the past thirty-eight years he has served as a member of the Board of School Directors, which body he has served for the past five years as president. He also served as a member of the Board of Health for six years. Fraternally Mr. Cleaver is well known in Masonic circles. He is a member of Fritz Lodge, No. 420, Free and Accepted Masons, of Conshohocken; of Norristown Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; of Hutchinson Commandery, Knights Templar; and of Philadelphia Consistory, in which he holds the thirty-second degree. He is also a member of the Veterans of Masons, of Philadelphia. His club is the Pennsylvania of Conshohocken; and his religious affiliation is with the Episcopal church of Conshohocken, which for the past thirty years he has served as vestryman.

William Cleaver married (first), January 16, 1889, Emma L. De Haven, who was born in Gulf Mills, and died January 27, 1897, daughter of John and Mary De Haven. He married (second), June 14, 1899, Lillie Lee, who was born January 20, 1863, and died March 2, 1923, daughter of Bradford and Sarah (Rayson) Lee. Children of the first marriage are: Fannie E., married Barry Barkydt; and Mary L.

**HARRY JOSHUA BAHR**, president of Jacob S. Bahr & Son, Inc., the son of Jacob Shaner Bahr and Anna Barbara (Hartman) Bahr, was born in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, July 19, 1888, and there was educated in the public schools and business college. He began his business life in the employ of the Glasgow Iron Company, in the purchasing department, and after three years, assumed similar duties with the McClintic-Marshall Construction Company. In both of these connections he received considerable practical mill training. In April, 1911, he became associated with his father, and the firm of Jacob S. Bahr & Son was formed.

The business of Jacob S. Bahr & Son, Inc., is the outgrowth of an insurance and real estate agency started by Aaron K. Shaner in 1859, in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, on the site of its present main office. In 1903 Aaron K. Shaner relinquished control of the business, and it passed into the hands of his cousin, Jacob Shaner Bahr, under whose supervision and through whose untiring activity and careful attention the business reached such a state of efficiency that it became recognized and looked upon more as a professional organization than an institution of mere barter and trade. In April, 1911, Harry Joshua Bahr, son of Jacob Shaner Bahr, was admitted to the firm, and in May, 1911, the sudden death of Jacob Shaner Bahr threw the entire responsibility of the business upon the son, who builded upon the solid foundation established by his father. In 1915 Hubbard Hartman Bahr, the younger son of Jacob Shaner Bahr, who graduated from Pottstown High School in 1912, and Pottstown Business College in 1913, was admitted to the firm. In 1918 the business organization again suffered through the death, in the service of his country during the World War, of Hubbard Hartman Bahr. In 1919 Samuel Francis Bahr entered the employ of the firm, and the following year in March, 1920, when the business was incorporated, was elected as vice-president and secretary. The business conducted is that of general insurance and the selling of mercantile and manufacturing real estate. The organization prides itself on being a real service agency, and in addition to the selling of insurance and real estate, the offices of the company have become places for the adjustment of the business difficulties of merchants and manufacturers and aid and assistance is constantly being rendered in the perfecting of plans of operation and reorganization of various business institutions. This business has existed for more than sixty years in Pottstown, and has added much to the upbuilding and business development of the community, while the personal service rendered by the firm's associates in various business organizations and the community life as a whole, has proved of great value. The business stands for "service and security," not as a mere advertising catch phrase but in actuality, and it is this spirit of sincerity that has built up and stands back of this successful and prosperous business. The operations of the organization have extended throughout the Schuylkill Valley, while in addition, offices are maintained in Philadelphia and New York, in which cities they bear an enviable business reputation.

Harry Joshua Bahr is a director and one of the leading spirits in the

Schulz Baking Company and is recognized as one of Pottstown's public-spirited and progressive citizens, being active in everything that concerns the welfare of the community as a whole. In politics, Mr. Bahr is a Republican, but maintains his independence in political actions. He is affiliated with Lodge No. 254, Free and Accepted Masons; Pottstown Chapter, No. 271, Royal Arch Masons; Philadelphia District, The Joshua Association; Joppa Council, No. 46, Royal and Select Masters; Nativity Commandery, No. 71, Knights Templar; Philadelphia Consistory, thirty-second degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry; Rajah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Pottstown Lodge, No. 814, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Pottstown Lodge, No. 369, Loyal Order of Moose; Manatawny Lodge, No. 214, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Young Men's Christian Association; Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Transfiguration; Pottstown Rotary Club; and Brookside Country Club. He is active in the various business organizations devoted to his business interests, including: The Philadelphia Association of Life Underwriters, the Insurance Federation of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Association of Insurance Agents, the National Association of Insurance Agents, the Pennsylvania Real Estate Association, the Pottstown Real Estate Board, of which he is vice-president, and the Pottstown Business Men's Association.

Harry Joshua Bahr married Lena Emily Johnson, on June 26, 1918. Their home is situated at No. 68 North Hanover street, Pottstown, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Bahr is an active member of the Century Club, of Pottstown; the Young Women's Christian Association; and the Brookside Country Club.

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**REV. JOHN FRANCIS McELVENNY**—In few cities of its size are the men at the head of their Catholic churches of such power and ability as are those of Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, and eminent among these is John Francis McElvenny. Eloquent, capable, versatile, and of an engaging personality, he has made a name and place for himself in the city with people of all classes and races. He is the son of Bernard L. and Margaret M. (Gormley) McElvenny, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was born in that city, October 19, 1893. He has the education and preparation that characterize the clergy of his church, having had his early schooling from the Parochial School of Our Lady of Mercy, Philadelphia, from which he went to St. Joseph's College in 1907. Upon his graduation from college in 1909, he matriculated in the St. Charles' Seminary, remaining there until 1918. His ordination took place on June 23, 1918, and he at once began his service with St. Vincent De. Paul, at Minersville, Pennsylvania. Then followed appointments at St. Raphael's, Philadelphia; Holy Child, Logan, Philadelphia; and finally at St. Matthew's, of Conshohocken, Pennsylvania.

He is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, and is prominent in the many endeavors looking toward the betterment of the community in which he lives.







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**HORACE OSCAR WILLIAMS, M. D.**—Few among the physicians of Lansdale, Pennsylvania, have taken so prominent a part in such varied phases of activity as has Horace Oscar Williams, M. D. In his profession, in the financial world, in fraternal circles and in civic affairs he has been a conspicuous leader. He is the son of Jacob and Hannah (Cook) Williams, the former of whom was an agriculturist and veteran of the Civil War, in which he was a member of Company F, 27th Pennsylvania Volunteers. He, for a number of years, held the office of superintendent of public roads in Upper Providence township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania.

Horace Oscar Williams prepared for college in the Ursinus Academy, then attached to Ursinus College, from 1890 to 1892, and was graduated from Ursinus College on June 17, 1896, with the degree of A. B., as valedictorian of his class, when he was awarded a scholarship to Hahnemann College. Attending Hahnemann Medical School from 1896 to 1899, he was graduated May 10, with the degrees of M. D. and M. H. D., and licensed to practice medicine in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania on June 10, 1899. He located in Lansdale, opening an office in the borough in the same year, and for twenty-three years has been busy with his large clientele. After his coming to Lansdale, Dr. Williams taught the class in chemistry in high school for four years, without compensation. Although a general practitioner of medicine, Dr. Williams specializes on catarrhal troubles and diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and gives a great deal of attention to optical refraction and the fitting of lenses to the eye. He is in close association with his brothers in the profession as a member of the medical societies, among which are: The North Pennsylvania Homœopathic Medical Society, the North Pennsylvania Clinical Society, the Tri County Medical Association, the Homœopathic Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania, and the American Institute of Homœopathy.

Outside of his professional interests is his directorship in the First National Bank of Lansdale, to which he was elected on January 10, 1922. In politics his views are Republican and he has been a member of the Board of Health for twelve years, its physician, and from 1913 to 1916 its secretary. When the United States joined the World War he responded to the call of its government for surgeons, but was not accepted because of a physical disability, but on November 9, 1918, was enrolled a member of the Medical Reserve Corps as authorized by the Council of National Defense. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Golden Eagles, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Improved Order of Red Men, Loyal Order of Moose, Fraternal Order of Reindeer, Woodmen of the World, and Modern Woodmen of America. He is president of the board of directors of the Lansdale Memorial Association and holds a like office in the Lansdale-Swarthmore Chautauqua Association. A communicant of the Evangelical Lutheran church of Lansdale, he is also a member of its church council.

Horace O. Williams married Eva Ray Horton, at Providence Manor, in Arcola, Pennsylvania, on April 22, 1903, daughter of James Frank



and Elizabeth (Plush) Horton. Dr. and Mrs. Williams are the parents of a son, Hugh Horton, born March 25, 1904. The family home is at No. 34 Green street, Lansdale, Pennsylvania.

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**JAMES M. C. SPEIRS**—Since his entrance into the business world, Mr. Speirs has been connected with the silk manufacturing industry. That industry, which has had its greatest development in this country in and around Paterson, New Jersey, owes much of that development to William Speirs, born in Girvan, Scotland, who was contemporary with Catholina Lambert, the dean of the silk industry in Paterson, who, in 1860, as a member of the firm of Dexter Lambert & Company, began the operations of a silk weaving mill there. William Speirs married Helen R. Cousin, born in Glasgow, Scotland, daughter of James M. Cousin, and they were the parents of James M. C., of further mention.

James M. C. Speirs, son of William and Helen R. (Cousin) Speirs, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and was educated in the public school. He was later brought to the United States, and has spent his life in the silk industry, first in Paterson, New Jersey, then in Hawley, Pennsylvania, Washington, New Jersey, Hazelton, Pennsylvania, finally in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, his present location. He is also a director of the Citizens' National Bank of Lansdale. Mr. Speirs is a member of the Masonic order, affiliated with Shiloh Lodge, No. 558, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is past master; Lansdale Chapter, No. 301, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is a past high priest; and Hutchinson Commandery, No. 32, Knights Templar. In religious faith he is a member of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Speirs married, in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, November 18, 1914, Margaret Geller, born in Skippack, Pennsylvania, daughter of Jacob S. and Isabella H. (Crater) Geller, her father the founder of Geller's Department Store, and a leader in every undertaking for the advancement and upbuilding of Lansdale and its manufacturing industries.

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**JACOB S. GELLER**—The department store of Jacob S. Geller, now continued as the Estate of J. S. Geller, was started in July, 1878, when Mr. Geller bought from John Kindig his building, lots, store and fixtures, and rebuilt the entire property, making extensive additions. In the fall of 1878, he rented the three-story building in the Godshall block, later purchasing the building in which he conducted his furniture and carpet department. In 1895 he built the three-story building now occupied as the dry goods and notions department, clothing and men's furnishings, rugs and lineoleum, each department having its own floor. He was one of the original members of the Lansdale Water Company, a director and vice-president of the First National Bank of Lansdale, and with A. C. Godshall bought the Cassel-Eddy farm that the Cox Stove Company might obtain the canal they needed along the railroad in order to locate their plant at Lansdale.

Mr. Geller was a Republican in politics, serving his borough two terms as councilman, one term as burgess, and one term as postmaster.

He was a member of St. John's Reformed Church; a past master of Shiloh Lodge, No. 558, Free and Accepted Masons; past high priest of Lansdale Chapter, No. 301, Royal Arch Masons; a member of Hutchinson Commandery, No. 32, Knights Templar; and a thirty-second degree member of Philadelphia Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He was a Noble of Lu Lu Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and for several years played in the famous Shrine Band.

Mr. Geller married Isabella H. Crater, who died April 6, 1897, daughter of Washington and Margaret Crater. To Mr. and Mrs. Jacob S. Geller a daughter Margaret was born, who survives them, the wife of James M. C. Speirs. Mr. Geller died January 30, 1916.

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**ROBERT GORDON (3)**, whose family has for many years been an important factor in the progress of Montgomery county, is taking a foremost position among the young men of Fort Washington, participating in various lines of industrial activity and organized endeavor. Mr. Gordon is a son of Robert Gordon (2), who was born June 22, 1865, and died July 31, 1918, his entire career one of usefulness and progressive effort, as banker and hotel proprietor. The mother, Laura (Potts) Gordon, is still living.

Robert Gordon (3), was born in Springfield township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, October 27, 1894. His early education was acquired in the local public schools, after which he covered a comprehensive preparatory course at Blair Hall, at Blairstown, New Jersey, entering that institution in 1910, and being graduated in 1914. His education was completed at State College, and Bucknell University, at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1916. His first business experience was with J. W. Hampton & Company, in custom brokerage in Philadelphia, where he remained, however, for only about eight months. Then returning to Montgomery county, Mr. Gordon purchased from Samuel Yeakle his long established business in coal, lumber, feed and building materials, at Fort Washington. It was in April, 1917, that this transfer was made, Mr. Gordon taking over the interest in partnership with Jesse N. Arbuckle, whose life is also reviewed in this work, under the firm name of the Arbuckle-Gordon Company. Mr. Gordon still retains an interest in this concern, but in July, 1918, he established an independent enterprise in the city of Philadelphia, at No. 723 North Broad street, in the way of an automobile sales and service station, under the firm name of the Gordon Motor Company. He has since branched out further, becoming proprietor of the Fort Washington Hotel, one of the interesting old taverns of Montgomery county. Broadly active in the general advance of the community, Mr. Gordon is affiliated with the Ambler Building and Loan Association, and is a director of the Ambler Trust Company. During the World War he served with the Aviation Corps, enlisting at Langley Field, Virginia, December 1, 1917, and during his period of service rising from private to master signal engineer. He was discharged from the service, December 13, 1918. Fraternally Mr. Gordon is a member of

Fort Washington Lodge, No. 308, Free and Accepted Masons, and he is a member of the Fort Washington Fire Company, also of the Base Ball Club. He attends the Episcopal church.

Robert Gordon married, at Whitemarsh, Pennsylvania, April 29, 1918, Rev. N. Groton performing the ceremony at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church of that place, Margaret Hahn, daughter of Harry N. and Anna (Conard) Hahn. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon have one daughter, Anna Margaret, born February 5, 1921.

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**WILLIAM WARNER HARPER**—Possibly one of the highest commendations of horticulture is that it is capable of holding the lifelong attention and interest of such men as William Warner Harper, of Chestnut Hill, Norristown, Pennsylvania. To foresee the desires of people years in advance, to choose and care for the right trees, to meet the many difficulties of weather, disease, insects and marketing of their fruits, requires an ability, pluck and industry that wins success in any field of endeavor. Mr. Harper has succeeded in his work, and is now enjoying the results of that labor.

William Warner Harper is the son of Reuben and Sarah N. (Kulp) Harper, born at Germantown, Pennsylvania, April 28, 1867, his father a well known manufacturer of horticultural implements. He attended the public schools of Germantown, and later in his career took a course of study in the Pierce Business College of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1884. His love of the land led him into horticulture, and the years spent in that industry have only increased that affection, and he is now known throughout the country as a leader in his line. Mr. Harper has many other interests aside from his business, being active as county commissioner since 1914, a director of the First National Bank of Germantown, and the Pelham Trust Company of the same city. He is prominent in social and club life, being associated with the Plymouth, Norristown, Philadelphia Racquet, and Whitemarsh Country clubs. His religious affiliation is with the Episcopal church of Norristown.

At Germantown, Pennsylvania, June 4, 1892, William Warner Harper married Elizabeth S. Garrett, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Blight) Garrett, well known in that city.

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**HARRY K. TYSON**—In a practical field of mercantile endeavor Mr. Tyson is bearing the part in the business progress of Skippack township, Pennsylvania, as the head of a long established hardware store which has been in the family for forty-six years. Mr. Tyson is a son of Isaac H. and Marcella (Kepler) Tyson. His father conducted the present hardware business in Skippack from the year 1876 until 1897, when he died, leaving the interest in the hands of his son.

Harry K. Tyson was born in Souderton, Pennsylvania, November 16, 1880. His education was received in the public schools of his native place and as a boy he was employed for about one year at Ambler, Pennsylvania, in the hardware store of H. B. Reed & Company. Then







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returning to Skippack, he took over his father's hardware store and has since carried it forward continuously, never having been interested in any other business. He has adopted new methods with the progress of the times and his present store is a credit to the community. He does plumbing, tinning, and so forth, in addition to handling a general line of hardware, and his stock includes electric pumps and many modern electric devices, as well as a complete line of standard hardware. Mr. Tyson is well known fraternally, being a member of Warren Lodge, No. 310, Free and Accepted Masons, of Collegeville; Norristown Chapter, No. 10, Royal Arch Masons; and Iron Bridge Lodge, No. 295, Patriotic Order Sons of America. He is a member of Harleysville Beneficial Society, and of the Woodmen of the World, of Lansdale. His religious affiliation is with Trinity Reformed Church, of which he is a deacon, and was formally superintendent of the Sunday school.

Mr. Tyson married, at Skippack, Pennsylvania, November 26, 1902, Ella Binder, daughter of Samuel and Carrie (Hortzell) Binder. Mr. and Mrs. Tyson have two sons: Sylvester and Paul, both born in Skippack township.

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**WESLEY J. MOYER**—Among the representatives of the well known Moyer family in Montgomery county, is Wesley J. Moyer, who is becoming prominent in the business affairs of the place. He is the son of Abner S. and Anna (Johnson) Moyer, the former of whom was for years a farmer and grain merchant. Wesley J. Moyer was born in Blooming Glen, Pennsylvania, January 18, 1894. He was educated in the Souderton, Pennsylvania, public and high schools, and obtained his professional training in the Eckles School of Embalming, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Upon his return to Souderton he worked for eight years in the undertaking establishment of the late E. S. Moyer, but in 1921 started his own business in the city. His kindly, helpful personality has won him a host of friends and his services as a funeral director are much sought, his establishment being modern and splendidly equipped. Mr. Moyer is an Independent in politics, takes a marked interest in municipal affairs, and is broadening his financial interests. He is a stockholder of the Souderton Building and Loan Association. His fraternal associations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Souderton, and he is a communicant of the New Mennonite Church.

Mr. Moyer was married at Souderton, Pennsylvania, March 26, 1913, to Mae Brey, daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Roth) Brey. Mr. and Mrs. Moyer are the parents of four children: Florence, born September 9, 1914; William, born February 23, 1916; Robert, born March 10, 1918; Jean, born April 22, 1921.

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**JOHN M. READING**—The fourth member of a family of six children, Mr. Reading was born at Prospectville, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, December 30, 1897, son of John C. and Alemida (Ritter) Reading. His father is an old resident of Bucks county, and Mr. Reading, on his



mother's side, is related to a family that has long been connected with Pennsylvania. Mr. Reading's brothers and sisters are: Albert, a veteran of the World War, during which he was stationed for two years at Camp Meade as head of the roofing gang of the construction forces, and who was Mr. Reading's business partner until March 1, 1923; Allena, who married Harrison Baldwin, and is now deceased; May, who married John H. Forker, Jr., of North Glenside; Marion; Harold, who is assistant traffic manager for Ford motors, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Reading was educated in the public schools of Abington, Pennsylvania. When his school days were over, he decided to give farm life a trial and for the six months immediately following his graduation he lived in the country and took part in various operations connected with general farming. But the desire to learn a useful industrial trade and ultimately to become the owner of an independent business, caused Mr. Reading to abandon farming and to turn his attention towards the work of plumbing and heating. In 1917 he entered the plumbing establishment conducted by J. Irvin Ritter at Glenside, and spent three years under the personal direction of Mr. Ritter. An active and ambitious student, he mastered the theoretical side of his work with the greatest ease and by reason of his practical ability soon became one of the most valuable workmen in Mr. Ritter's business. An expert in regard to all kinds of fuel and all types and varieties of modern heating apparatus, Mr. Reading is fundamentally sound in his work as an installer of scientific heating systems whether for private homes, office buildings, schools, churches, or greenhouses. He believes in the cardinal principle of fuel conservation and is opposed to the wasteful methods of burning coal still in use in many parts of the country. The fact that Pennsylvania is one of the great coal-producing States does not, in his opinion, justify waste of coal by the people who live in this favored region. He believes that Pennsylvania should lead in the movement to conserve fuel values by elimination of waste in burning, by the practice of treating coal and saving the by-products, by the increased use of briquettes for purposes that do not require a high grade product, and by a careful selection of heating apparatus to suit the fuel and of fuel to suit existing heating systems. His store demonstrations of the new and improved types of visible furnaces with automatic gauges and other features designed to do away with smoke, waste and drudgery, are always interesting to intending buyers and the general public, and his work as an overhauler of old installations has been very successful in Glenside and the surrounding territory. Mr. Reading's career as an independent dealer began on November 1, 1920, when under the firm name of Reading Brothers he opened his present store at Glenside, in partnership with his brother, Albert. This partnership was dissolved on March 1, 1923, and Mr. Reading is now sole owner and trades under the name of John M. Reading. His success as a business man has never been in doubt. His ability, integrity, and unqualified devotion to his work have made many friends for him in Montgomery county, and among the older business men of the community his career is considered to be a good example of what may

be accomplished by a young man who is not afraid of work and who sets out to succeed by bending all his energies to the task.

Mr. Reading is a member of the Glenside Methodist Church and is keenly interested in the work of the Sunday school, the Young People's Society, and the contributions the church makes to the work of home and foreign missions. In politics, Mr. Reading, like his father, is a Republican. He finds his chief recreations in general sports and is one of the best all-round sportsmen in the county. He began rifle practice as a boy in school and has always taken great interest in gunning. He holds membership in the Improved Order of Red Men, belonging to Edge Hill Tribe, No. 223, of that order, and to the Saw-Waw Council, No. 241, in which he has the degree of Pocahontas; and belongs to the Patriotic Order Sons of America, in which he is a member of Glenside Lodge, No. 331. He is also affiliated with Glenside Lodge of the Mystic Chain.

At Philadelphia, on November 26, 1919, Mr. Reading married Anna J. Kurze, daughter of August and Elizabeth Kurze. Mrs. Reading's father is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. August Kurze had eight children: William; Frederick; Lewis; Joseph; Mary, who married Maxwell Gebhart; Augusta; Anna J., who is now Mrs. Reading; and Elizabeth.

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**GROVER L. WELKER**—Sensitive to his country's call to arms Mr. Welker left his position in the civil service to take an honorable part with our troops in France during the war with Germany, and then returned at its close to the necessary, if less lauded, tasks which awaited him in Red Hill, Pennsylvania, where he continues to live.

Grover L. Welker was born on April 22, 1894, in Red Hill, Montgomery county, and was educated in the public schools. Upon leaving the high school he attended Perkiomen Seminary and completed his course there, then taught in the public school at Eagleville for one year. Later he was employed in the Red Hill post office, and in 1917, from July until the end of October, he served on a mail route in Conshohocken. The war interrupted his civil service until June 7, 1919, when he returned to the Red Hill post office and continues there.

In his political belief he is an Independent Democrat, and in religion holds to the tenets of the Lutheran church, he being the organist in St. Paul's Lutheran Church. His military record was made with the Headquarters' Company in the 316th Regiment, 79th Division, and was overseas for eleven months, seeing service in the famous encounters at Argonne, St. Mihiel, and Verdun, during the course of which he was wounded. He was discharged from the army on June 7, 1919, with the rank of corporal. He is a Mason, belonging to Perkiomen Lodge, No. 595, of East Greenville.

Mr. Welker was married to Gladys B. Kaufman, June 22, 1921, in Red Hill, daughter of Christian C. and Wilhelmina Kaufman.

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**GEORGE DEWEY RICHARDS**—Among the young men whose activities are contributing to the welfare and prosperity of Montgomery

county, Mr. Richards is prominent in the garage and auto supply business at Ambler. He is descended from early settlers in this county, and is a grandson of William Richards, who was engaged in farming hereabouts throughout his lifetime. He served in the Union army during the entire period of the Civil War. William Richards was the father of the following children: Howard; Warren, of further mention; Alice, wife of Hiram Walters; and Essie, wife of Maurice Hildebrand.

Warren Richards, son of William Richards, was born in Montgomery county, June 1, 1867, and is a carpenter by trade and still active in this section. He married Wilhelmina ———, who was born in Germany, April 20, 1869, and came to America in 1884. They are the parents of three children: Hanna Myrtle, wife of J. J. Hamilton, of Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania; Mary Alice, who is single; and George Dewey, of further mention.

George Dewey Richards, son of Warren and Wilhelmina Richards, was born in North Wales, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, May 25, 1898. He received his education in the public schools of Ambler, from which he was graduated in 1913. His first position was as a mechanic's helper for J. C. Reed, in the Ambler Garage, where he worked steadily until the World War. After he was discharged from the navy he returned to the garage business, and was promoted to foreman of the machine shop. This position he held until June 23, 1922, when he left to start in business for himself on Butler avenue, in Ambler. During the World War Mr. Richards enlisted on May 25, 1917, in the United States Marine Corps, and in December, 1918, was promoted to corporal. He was stationed at the Philadelphia Navy Yards and later at Cuba, but did not see any overseas fighting. He was honorably discharged on September 30, 1919. He is a member of the Norton Downes, Junior, Post, No. 25, of the American Legion. Mr. Richards is interested in all political affairs and although he has never accepted a public office, he is a firm believer in the Republican party. He is also a member of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Richards married, on February 20, 1922, in Elkton, Maryland, Marian B. Fisher, daughter of Frank H. and Lizzie Ann (Fritz) Fisher. The father was born in West Chester, Pennsylvania, and was employed by Keasbey and Mattison, of Ambler, as a mill worker. The mother was born in Montgomery county, June 4, 1883. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher have another daughter, Alberta.

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**PERRY BEAN HUNSICKER**—One of the well known merchants in Graterford, Pennsylvania, is Mr. Hunsicker, who is manager of a general merchandise store owned by his father. Christian Reiff and Laura (Hallman) Hunsicker are the parents of six children: J. Russel, who died at the age of eleven years; Perry Bean, of further mention; Maria, who died at the age of two years, five months; Laura, who died at the age of two months; Marion and Christian, living at home.

Perry Bean Hunsicker, son of Christian Reiff and Laura (Hallman) Hunsicker, was born at Creamery, Pennsylvania, December 12, 1895,



and began his education in the public schools at the same place, later graduating from the Schissler Business College, in Norristown, in 1912. In that same year he commenced to work for his father in the latter's store at Creamery, which had been established in 1894, and became the manager of the store in Graterford in 1916, opened on May 22nd of that year. This store is a three-story and basement building, 40x100 feet, and carries all lines of general merchandise.

He is a Republican in politics, and is affiliated with the Norristown Fish and Game Association and Perkiomen Valley Business Men's Association. In his religious faith he is a Mennonite, and is a member of the Lower Skippack Mennonite Church. He is fond of fishing, baseball and gunning.

Mr. Hunsicker was united in marriage on September 16, 1919, at Creamery, with Amelia Daub, a daughter of Benjamin H., deceased, and Eleanor (Walt) Daub. The mother is still living, and their other children are: Harry, who married Elizabeth Moyer, of Royersford, Pennsylvania; Grace; and Leurine, wife of Frank Fuhrman. Mr. and Mrs. Hunsicker have no children.

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**PAUL DUNLEDY RIGHTER**—One of the men prominent for a long period in the business life of Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, is Paul Dunledy Righter, who for thirty years has been identified with the Lee Surgical Company. A modest, home-loving man, he has not been conspicuous in affairs aside from business, but has made his influence felt in the lives of his friends and the activities of the city. He is the son of John Doyer Righter, who was one of the pioneers of Conshohocken, locating there early in life, and died in 1912, at the age of seventy-two. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having served two enlistments in the 88th Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was in engagements at Chancellorsville, Rappahannock, the second Battle of Bull Run, and Gettysburg, and was twice wounded. He married Bridget Dunleady, who died in 1917, aged seventy-eight, and they were the parents of ten children: John; Frank; Briton; Vernon; James; Paul D., of whom further; Mazilda; Clara; Adda; and Elizabeth.

Paul Dunledy Righter was born at Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, October 5, 1875, and was educated in the public schools of his native city and the Chester Spring High School. His first work on his own behalf was in 1891, when he entered the employ of the Lee Surgical Company. When this concern later began the making of automobile and other tires, he followed to the new plant and has continued to date as their very efficient superintendent of production. With his son he also conducts a business in electrical contracting. He is a Republican in his political views, and is fraternally associated with the Improved Order of Red Men, Senior Sagamore, No. 55, of Conshohocken; and Camp No. 121, Patriotic Order Sons of America. He is a communicant of the First Baptist Church of the city, and a member of the board of trustees.

On August 31, 1897, at Conshohocken, Mr. Righter was married to Eleanor Giles, daughter of Benjamin Franklyn and Rosanna (Marks)

Giles, and they are the parents of nine children: George Benjamin, Eleanor Anne, Clara D., Esther May, Paul D., Helen, Franklyn, Edna, and Ruth, all born in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania.

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**THEODORE D. KEYSER**—An energetic and progressive young man who is doing a flourishing automobile business in Kulpsville, is Theodore D. Keyser, who has acquired the Chevrolet agency for this section. Mr. Keyser was born in Hatfield township, Montgomery county, September 26, 1896, a descendant of an old pioneer family there, being a son of Theodore, Sr., and Amanda Keyser. His father was engaged in farming in Hatfield township for several years, then when Theodore, Jr., was nine years of age the family removed to Kulpsville, Towamencin township, on a farm, and during his boyhood Mr. Keyser attended the schools of that community. When his student days were over he at once became a part of the wage-earning world, and the subsequent five years he worked as a mechanic, his tastes and talents being conspicuous in the line. After working five years, diligently and carefully saving his funds, he found himself in financial condition to establish an independent business, which he did, opening a garage and automobile service station in Worcester, Pennsylvania, in 1917. Two years later, in 1919, better prospects induced him to come to Kulpsville and buy a house and garage, and from that time on he has conducted his business here as sales agent for Chevrolet cars. Mr. Keyser takes an active interest in community affairs and is always ready to give generous assistance to any movement that has for its object the betterment of the social, civic or business welfare of the section where he resides. He is a well known member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Kulpsville; and in religious affiliation is a communicant of the Reformed church here.

Mr. Keyser was married, on November 21, 1917, at Worcester, to Stella Kulp, a daughter of Arnold and Amanda Kulp. Mr. and Mrs. Keyser have no children.

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**WALTER HAMBRECHT**—In the business life of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, Mr. Hambrecht is well known as a greenhouse man and florist, and is even better known in the public life of this section as burgess of the borough of Green Lane. Progressive as a citizen and enterprising in his business affairs, Mr. Hambrecht is thoroughly representative of the spirit of the present day, and is bearing a part in the general welfare. He is a son of William and Amelia Hambrecht, residents for many years of Camden, New Jersey.

Walter Hambrecht was born in Camden, New Jersey, March 8, 1889, and was educated in the local schools. As a young man he was variously employed at different points in Eastern Pennsylvania, and coming to Montgomery county in 1919, he settled in Green Lane and has taken a prominent part in the public affairs of the community. He has served as inspector of elections and as burgess of Green Lane, in which latter office he now serves. His political affiliation is with the Republican







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party, but he gives cordial endorsement to all progressive movements. Mr. Hambrecht is well known fraternally, being a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, Lodge No. 595, of Perkiomen; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Norristown; and of the Improved Order of Red Men, of Green Lane, of which he is past sachem. He was a member of the New Jersey National Guard for five years. He is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Mr. Hambrecht married, in Camden, May 30, 1910, Margaret Holler, daughter of Ernest P. and Marie Holler, natives of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Hambrecht have three children, all born in Camden, namely: Marian, born in 1914; Walter, born in 1916; Edward, born in 1918.

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**WARREN BARNES DAVIS**—One of the best known men in Jenkintown is without doubt Warren Barnes Davis, who throughout his business life has been connected with the Philadelphia & Reading railroad and since 1904 has been the agent for that line here. Mr. Davis was born at Abington, March 9, 1874, a son of Thomas R. and Amanda (Bowers) Davis. His father, a shoemaker by trade, was born March 20, 1843, and died in 1910, and the same year his mother passed away. They had one other child, Laura, who is the wife of Frederick Knapp, of Plymouth, Pennsylvania.

In acquiring his education Mr. Davis attended the public schools of Jenkintown, Ogontz, Ashburn and Branchtown, and when a youth of sixteen, in 1890, secured employment at the Oakland station of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad in the capacity of assistant agent and telegraph operator. He continued in this connection until 1896, when he was assigned to duties as extra operator, and in 1897 was appointed to the position of operator at Jenkintown. This continued until 1902, when he was promoted to the position of relief agent, acting in this capacity during the years 1903 and 1904. On December of the last named year, he received his appointment as agent at Jenkintown, and has continued to discharge the duties of that position with such faithfulness and ability that he has been retained in the place ever since. Mr. Davis is a man of progressive type and has traveled extensively. He is especially well known for his lodge connections, maintaining membership in a number of the leading fraternal organizations of this character. He is prominent in Washington Lodge, No. 59, Free and Accepted Masons, at Philadelphia; belongs to Harmony Chapter, No. 2, Royal Arch Masons; and Mary Commandery, No. 36, Knights Templar; also Germantown Council, No. 53, Royal and Select Masters; Court Pride Lodge, No. 43, Foresters of America, at Branchtown; and Minehaha Lodge, No. 101, Improved Order of Red Men. Of the railroad organizations of which he is a member are the Philadelphia and Reading Veterans' Association, the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Men's Club, the American Association of Railroad Ticket Agents, the Philadelphia and Reading Young Men's Christian Association, and the Quaker City Association of Railroad Men. In his religious affiliation he is a member of the Presbyterian church, of Wakefield.

The marriage of Mr. Davis and Elizabeth M. Hankele took place at Philadelphia, April 3, 1899, his wife being a daughter of Henry Hankele, deceased, and Susan (Hoot) Hankele, who is still living. Mrs. Davis has one brother, G. Henry Hankele, who lives at Audubon, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have one child, Edwin H., born January 27, 1903, who, after three years in the Germantown High School, took a position with the General Electric Company at Philadelphia, in the experimental department.

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**SOLOMON FRANCIS LAVERTY**—The building contractors of Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, have done well their part in meeting the housing and construction problems of the city, and well to the front among their leaders is Solomon Francis Lavery. Many of the beautiful residences, important mills, and semi-public structures of Conshohocken and Montgomery county were built by him. He is the son of Solomon and Mary (Neil) Lavery, who are the parents of four children: Daniel; Solomon Francis, of whom further; Elizabeth; and Mary.

Solomon Francis Lavery was born at Spring Mill, Pennsylvania, May 1, 1870, and obtained his preparatory education at St. Matthew's Parochial School. He later attended the St. Joseph's College, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with the class of 1889. Coming to Conshohocken he learned the building trade and began to take contracts for construction work which led to his forming a partnership in 1894, under the name of Lavery and Jones, contractors and builders. Six years later he took over the whole establishment, and since 1900 has been conspicuous in building circles. It was he who remodeled the St. Matthew's Catholic School, built the new theater, besides constructing many manufacturing plants and private dwellings throughout the county. In politics he is an Independent, considering the man rather than his party. Fraternally he affiliates with Conshohocken Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose; Lodge No. 128, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Norristown; and is a member of the Washington Fire Company. He is a communicant of the St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

He married, at Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, November 6, 1890, Maggie, daughter of Thomas and Anna Fergurier, of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Lavery are the parents of nine children: Lillian, Solomon F., Jr., Anna, Howard, Francis, Leonard, William, Margaret, and Gladys.

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**GEORGE C. RITTENHOUSE**—With experience of value in various lines of endeavor, Mr. Rittenhouse, of Fort Washington, Pennsylvania, is now at the head of a prosperous garage business on Bethlehem Pike in this community, Fort Washington. Mr. Rittenhouse is a son of Harry H. Rittenhouse, who was born April 10, 1860, and died December 27, 1920, and was for many years station agent for the Pennsylvania railroad at different points. Harry H. Rittenhouse married Mary C. Crotts, who was born December 18, 1866, and is still living.

George C. Rittenhouse was born at Cold Point, Pennsylvania, July



24, 1890. His education was begun in the public schools of Fort Washington, and was completed at Pierce's Business College, of Norristown. His first position was in the capacity of assistant purchasing agent for the American Pipe and Construction Company of Philadelphia, where he continued for eleven years. He then acted as auditor for Swift & Company, at their Philadelphia office for five years. For about two years thereafter he was associated with the Vacuum Refrigerator Company as secretary of the concern, after which he located at Fort Washington and established his present garage. He has made an excellent beginning, and has already gained an assured position in the business world of Fort Washington, and is taking an interest, also, in the progress of the community. He is a member of the Fort Washington Building and Loan Association, and politically supports the Republican party. Fraternally he holds membership in Fort Washington Lodge, No. 308, Free and Accepted Masons, and is also a member of Fort Washington Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Keystone Automobile Club, and is affiliated with the St. John's Reformed Church.

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**FRANK B. WILSON**—In securing the best men to carry on its varied manufactures Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, has drawn many of its leaders in business from other cities. Frank B. Wilson had made a reputation for himself in the rubber industries of Rhode Island long before the Lee Tire Corporation secured his services in their factories. He was successful from his arrival and is at the present time (1922) superintendent of production. His father, Orrin D. Wilson, is a native of Eastport, Connecticut; he was engaged in the rubber trade at Bristol, Rhode Island, until his death at the age of fifty-five. He was a veteran of the Civil War, serving the first three months with the 1st Regiment of Rhode Island, and all the rest of the war with the 11th Regiment, Connecticut. For the most part he was with the Army of the Potomac, but his regiment was transferred often and he was at the front in nearly all the major engagements, being severely wounded. His wife was Elizabeth D. Wilson, mother of Frank B. Wilson, who was born at Bristol, Rhode Island, August 17, 1868.

His education came from the grammar and high schools of his city, but he early began to support himself in the telephone business in Bristol, of which he was in charge before resigning. He left to go with the National India Rubber Company, of his native place, to become their purchasing agent. It was in 1916 that the Lee Tire Corporation persuaded him to move to Conshohocken as their superintendent of stores, which position he held until 1919, when he was made the head of the production department. His ability, skill, and long experience have made him an exceedingly valuable man in the corporation. Mr. Wilson is a Republican in his politics and was a member of the Town Committee and State Central Committee of his party in Bristol, and was also town auditor and on the school commission. At one time he was in the First Naval Reserve Corps of Rhode Island with the rank of ensign, but resigned on coming to Conshohocken. Fraternally he affiliates with

St. Alban Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Bristol, of which he is past master; Hope Chapter, No. 6, Royal Arch Masons, of which he was past high priest; and is past grand high priest of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island. He is a communicant of Calvary Episcopal Church, of Conshohocken.

At Bristol, Rhode Island, on October 16, 1895, Mr. Wilson married Emeline Frances, daughter of James T. and Almy N. (Paige) Phillips, of Rhode Island. Mrs. Wilson is very prominent in the community life of Conshohocken, being the leader of the Red Cross Home Work during the World War, and is now (1922) head of the Civilian Relief Commission. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are the parents of two children: Orrin, born at Bristol, now deceased; and Claudia, born at Bristol, Rhode Island.

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**ADOLPH PRINCE**—It is not often that a line of business is followed by successive generations of a family without a break for three centuries. That is the record of the Prince family, however, Adolph Prince and his son, Joseph L., who is giving up an active law practice to follow in the steps of his forefathers, completing a period of three hundred years in the meat business.

Adolph Prince was born in Hungary, August 7, 1870, and came to the United States in 1885. Settling in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, he established himself in the business which had for generations been that of his forefathers in the home land, the meat business. From the beginning his venture was successful and from its first modest beginning continued to grow and prosper. As success came to him he thriftily saved, and with characteristic foresight and sagacity invested in real estate. These investments proved to be profitable ones and the business continued to grow, both lines of activity furnishing capital for further investment, until at the present time Mr. Prince is the largest individual property owner in Pottstown. He has recently established a new meat shop which, in order that the three century family tradition may not be broken, will be placed in charge of the son, Joseph L., who will give up an active law practice. In addition to his original business and his real estate interests, Adolph Prince is a member of the board of directors of the Citizens' National Bank, and takes an active interest in the public welfare of the community in which he lives. He is energetic and progressive, giving his active support to all projects which seem to him to be wisely planned for the advancement of the best interests of the town, and willingly gives of his time and his energy as well as of his means. He is a member of the Empire Hook and Ladder Company, which he has done much to develop. Fraternally he is well known, being a past master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is a member of all the higher lodges; and of the Loyal Order of Moose, in both of which fraternal organizations he takes an active part. He is also a member of the Independent Order of B'rith Abraham; and of the Independent Order of B'rith Sholom, the local lodge of which is named for him. Mr. Prince was a delegate to the Chicago Convention which nominated Theodore Roosevelt for president.

On December 29, 1891, Adolph Prince married Minnie Lukman, and they are the parents of eight children: 1. Joseph L., of whom further. 2. Robert, who is in business with his father. He enlisted for service in the World War and was sent overseas from Camp Oglethorpe, Georgia, with the Episcopal Hospital Replacement Unit. He remained there for six months and then returned and was discharged at Camp Merritt, Long Island, after eight months of service. 3. Matthew, who is in the paint business in Easton, Pennsylvania. He enlisted in Company A (the local company), 111th Infantry, under Colonel Shannon, was trained at Camp Hancock, as part of the 79th Division, and ordered overseas. On the way over, however, because of an injured knee, he was ordered on the sick report, put off at Halifax, Nova Scotia, and returned to the hospital at Camp Dix, Wrightstown, New Jersey. He was discharged after the signing of the armistice, having been in service for twenty-two months. 4. Agnes. 5. Horace. 6. Albert. 7. Francis. 8. Hilary.

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**JOSEPH L. PRINCE**, son of Adolph and Minnie (Lukman) Prince, was born at Pottstown, Pennsylvania, September 30, 1894. He received his early education in the public schools of his native town, graduating from the high school with the class of 1911, of which class he has been president since 1912. He then continued his studies at the Wharton School of Commerce and Finance, in Philadelphia, and upon the completion of his course there he began his professional studies in the law school of the University of Pennsylvania, where he remained for two years. At the end of that time he entered the law school of Dickinson College, at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1916, president of his class. He was admitted to practice in all Pennsylvania courts, and in 1917 began practice in Pottstown and in Norristown, Pennsylvania. Mr. Prince is a vigorous, progressive young fellow, the type of young man of whom much may be expected. He takes an active interest in the affairs of the community and will in the years to come render valuable service, if one may judge by the record which he has already made. In giving up his practice to take up the business in which his father is engaged, he as the oldest son will preserve intact and carry forward the long three century record which has been unbroken thus far and is a matter of family pride and concern.

Politically Mr. Prince gives his support to the Republican party. He took an active part in the campaign which resulted in the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt in 1912 and was the first chairman of the reorganized Republican Club, of Pottstown. During the World War he was chairman of the Food Administration Committee for Pottstown. Fraternally he became a member of the Phi Epsilon Pi, Iota Chapter, while at college, and he is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, all branches; of the Loyal Order of Moose; Stichter Lodge, No. 254, Free and Accepted Masons; Royal Arch Chapter; Reading Consistory; Rajah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Krishna Grotto, Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm; and Spring City Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon. In addition to the various



interests already mentioned Mr. Prince has given a considerable amount of time to the collection of old documents of early Pennsylvania history, of which he has an interesting and valuable collection, including a grant made by John Penn in 1700, the record of proceedings which provided for the organization of the first bank in Pottstown in 1836, which is now the National Bank of Pottstown. Deeply interested in the general field of history but especially in that of Pennsylvania, he is the author of a history of the Jewish people in Montgomery county, a work which he prepared for the benefit of the Young Men's Hebrew Association. He is solicitor for the Business Men's Association, and president of the Inter-Cities Association, which includes Pottstown, Royersford, Spring City, and Phoenixville.

On June 3, 1917, Joseph L. Prince married Tillie Freedman, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of two children: Harold H., and Stanley.

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**JOSEPH CAVALIER**—Of foreign birth, but a true citizen of his adopted country, Joseph Cavalier, of Ambler, has won the respect and faith of the citizens of that place by his straightforward life and his earnest efforts to be of service in its business and municipal activities. He is prominent in the business and financial life of Ambler, and has been honored with the gift of public office by his townspeople.

Born in Italy, March 19, 1882, the son of Benjamin and Litizia Cavalier, the latter of whom died July 16, 1917, he came to the United States when less than fifteen years of age. He has three sisters, Jenny, Caroline, and Filomena, and a brother, Jerry, in Italy, and another, Alphonse, who lives in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Joseph Cavalier spent ten years in the public schools of Naples, Italy, and was prepared to enter the high school of Jersey City, New Jersey, upon his arrival in this land. After graduating from high school in 1898, he was employed in various ways, principally as a barber, and opened a shop of his own in Philadelphia, in 1902. However, he shortly moved to Ambler and established a bakery at No. 212 Chestnut street, where he now employs several men. He is a director of the Community Building and Loan Association, and a stockholder in the Wissahickon Building and Loan Association. He served as constable from 1917 to 1919, when he was elected to the town council for a term of four years, and is chairman of the Highway Commission. His fraternal connections are with Lodge No. 543, Sons of Italy, at Ambler, and the Foresters of America, at Philadelphia. He is a communicant of the Catholic church.

In Philadelphia, October 30, 1905, Joseph Cavalier married Angelina Celebre, daughter of Nicola and Pauline Celebre, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Cavalier are the parents of four children: Rosa, born July 30, 1906; Daniel, born November 5, 1908; Joseph, born August 15, 1910; and Raymond, born November 6, 1919.

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**HERBERT A. PLANK**—Formerly associated with the Bell Telephone Company for seventeen years, and now the owner and manager of a fine farm property at Collegeville, Mr. Plank is widely known in

agricultural circles for the high quality of his wheat and the excellence of his dairy cattle. He was born at Norristown, Pennsylvania, June 10, 1880, son of George Edward and Lydia R. (Wager) Plank. His father was the proprietor of a farm at Linfield, and Mr. Plank thus grew up amid the sights and sounds of a busy agricultural property. He is the oldest of a family of five children, his brothers and sister being: Clarence L. Plank, who is employed in the United States post office in New York City, and is married; Edith L. Plank, who is a stenographer; Alvin C. Plank, an expert machinist; and Leon, a farmer, unmarried.

Mr. Plank received his education in the public schools of Linfield, Pennsylvania, and completed his studies at an early age. Intensely ambitious, he decided to leave home and to make his own way in the world, at the age of fourteen. He had a good knowledge of farm work, to which he had always been accustomed, and he naturally, therefore, chose farming as an occupation. He had no difficulty in forming an advantageous connection, and spent the next nine years in the pursuit of agriculture, working on various farms, and acquiring a thorough understanding of farm conditions and all phases of farm activity, including the care of livestock and dairy cattle.

In 1905, however, he decided to seek a change of employment. After careful consideration, he accepted an offer from the Bell Telephone Company and entered their service as a lineman. He found this work very agreeable and interesting and the connection thus established lasted for the next seventeen years. In 1907 Mr. Plank was promoted to the position of construction foreman, and this position he held for a period of ten years. He then was transferred to the engineering department and spent five years in work in this department. At the end of this period in 1922, he decided to retire from the work of the telephone company, although he found it very interesting, and his services were deeply appreciated by the officials of the company, and to return to agriculture. He resigned his position, therefore, to the regret of all his associates, and purchased a splendid farm of thirty-six acres at Collegeville, where he now lives.

His early experiences as a farmer, and the inherited agricultural tradition of his family, insured his success, and from the very beginning his crops have prospered. He raises wheat for the market, and has in addition, a fine herd of dairy cattle. He maintains a milk route, serving many customers who have the utmost confidence in the purity and wholesomeness of his milk, cream, and other dairy products. Although it is not long since he established his farm, Mr. Plank has already acquired a wide reputation in farming circles as a capable and progressive agriculturist, and his opinions in regard to new methods of cultivation, drainage, fertilization, and kindred subjects, are received with respect in all ranks of the agricultural world.

In politics Mr. Plank is a Republican. He takes an active interest in such political matters as affect farm life and conditions, and is a great believer in better roads, improved transportation facilities, and every improvement calculated to make farm life more attractive to the youth

of the present day, and to do away with the old time drudgery of life on isolated estates without ready means of intercommunication. His recreations are hunting and fishing.

In August, 1901, Mr. Plank married, in Lower Providence township, Lydia Gurtler, daughter of Daniel S. and Emma (Stearley) Gurtler. Mrs. Plank has no brothers or sisters. Her father is employed as a track foreman for the Reading Transit Company, and lives at Evansburg, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Plank's mother is also living. Mr. and Mrs. Plank have five children: Daniel, who is named for his mother's father, is now employed in farm work, having left high school after two years of study, in order to make agriculture his life occupation; May, who is a graduate of high school, and entered the University of Pennsylvania for a course in nursing in the fall of 1922; Herbert, who is named for his father, began to work on a farm after his graduation from high school, now in the United States navy, enlisted January 23, 1923; Edith, who entered the high school in 1922; and Edward, who is a graduate of Henry K. Boyer's School, and will enter Collegeville High School in the fall of 1923.

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**WILLIAM MARIS HALL, M. D.**—In the history of professional progress in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, the name of Dr. William Maris Hall is an honored one, his thirty-three years of practice in Conshohocken being a record of which any man might well be proud. Dr. Hall was a son of Hibbard and Johanna (Pugh) Hall, and his father was a general merchant at Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Hall was born in Radnor township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, April 27, 1860. His education was begun in the local schools, and as a young man he attended West Chester Normal School. Then, having early chosen medicine as his field of professional endeavor, he entered Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in the class of 1883, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Within the year, Dr. Hall began practice in Conshohocken, in association with Dr. Reed, then a venerable and widely popular physician who retired three years later. Dr. Hall took over his practice and continued in the same office until his death, which occurred July 25, 1916. A thoughtful man of progressive spirit and broad sympathies, Dr. Hall won a place in the affections of the people, such as it is the privilege of few to gain. His death seemed a public calamity, and his name is now spoken with tender reverence. Dr. Hall was a director of the First National Bank of Conshohocken, and was interested in all civic and business advance. A Republican by political affiliation, he served for years on the school board, giving much of his time and thought to the welfare of the rising generation, in charge of that body. He was a member of the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania Medical Society, and the Montgomery County Medical Society. A member of the Loyal Order of Moose, he was medical examiner for that fraternity, and was medical examiner for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for a period of twenty years, receiving a medal. He was a member of the Episcopal church of Conshohocken.



Dr. Hall married, in Conshohocken, July 15, 1892, Ida E. Gilbert, daughter of Daniel E. and Annie (Biddle) Gilbert. Their only child was a daughter, Edna Maris, who was born in Conshohocken, July 5, 1894, and is now the wife of George E. Slaughter, of Millington, Maryland. They have one child, Maris Hall Slaughter.

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**CLAYTON C. MOYER**—One of the well known and successful men of Montgomery county is Clayton C. Moyer, dealer in coal, lime and cement, and proprietor of a prosperous little business in Souderton, Pennsylvania, who previous to engaging in commercial pursuits was a teacher in Franconia township for a period of eight years.

Henry L. Moyer, father of Mr. Moyer, was a farmer and a carpenter of Montgomery county, whose death occurred August 15, 1920. He married Emma Clemmens, and they were the parents of seven children: Martha; Clayton C., the subject of this sketch; Calvin; Henry; Mamie; Eva; and Bessie.

Clayton C. Moyer was born in Montgomery county, April 11, 1886, and received his early education in the public schools of his native district, later becoming a student in Souderton High School, and upon the completion of his high school course entered Millersville Normal School. For a period of eight years he was successfully engaged in teaching in various parts of Franconia township, but at the end of that time, in 1912, he purchased from J. G. Gerhart a general store, located in Earlington, Pennsylvania. The energy and ability which brought him success as a teacher found full scope in his new business enterprise and from the beginning he was successful. In October of the year in which he became proprietor of the store, he was appointed postmaster of Earlington, and from that time to 1921 he continued in the employ of the Federal Government in that capacity, conducting the post office in connection with his general store. He had a large and lucrative trade and was well known as an able and efficient business man. In addition to the management of his store and of the post office, Mr. Moyer, who gives his support to the Republican party, served as supervisor of roads. He also took an active part in the work of the Lutheran church, of which he is a member, and which he served as superintendent of the Sunday school and as secretary of the official board. Despite the success he had attained in the mercantile field, Mr. Moyer decided to widen his experience and embark upon an entirely different line of business endeavor, and accordingly, in May, 1923, after selling out his business in Earlington, he established himself at Souderton, Pennsylvania, as a dealer in coal, lime and cement. Already this business shows signs of the future development and prosperity which it will undoubtedly attain under the able management of Mr. Moyer, and the patronage is steadily increasing and promises to be even larger than that of his former business, which he watched and helped grow from a very small beginning into a prosperous concern.

Mr. Moyer married, at Telford, Pennsylvania, Emma M. Moyer,

daughter of Richard S. and Clara A. (Schissler) Moyer, and they are the parents of one daughter, Carolyn, who was born at Earlington, Pennsylvania. The family residence is at Perkasio, Bucks county, Pennsylvania.

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**GEORGE M. CARL**—The eldest of a family of six children, all of whom are living in Pennsylvania or the neighboring States of New York and New Jersey, Mr. Carl was born at Palm, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, February 13, 1864, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Krause) Carl. Samuel Carl was born in Lower Milford township, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, in May, 1826, and died there at the great age of ninety years, October 15, 1916. He was a millwright and farmer, and served as road supervisor for many years. Mr. Carl's mother was born in 1839, and died August 8, 1916. Mr. Carl's brothers and sisters are: Alice, married Alfred Rodel, and is now a resident of East Greenville, Pennsylvania; Elizabeth, married Rev. William Frederick, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is now a resident of New York City; Amanda, married Charles Weinert, auditor for the Central Railroad of New Jersey, and is now a resident of Red Bank, New Jersey; James, who is a telegraph operator at Vera Cruz, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania; and Anna, married John P. Geary, a cigar packer, and is now a resident of East Greenville, Pennsylvania.

George M. Carl was educated in the public schools of Montgomery county and at Perkiomen Seminary. When his school days were over, he turned to railroading and became a telegraph operator. His first position was at Bellemead as an operator on the Perkiomen division of the Pennsylvania & Reading railroad. He spent a year in the service of this road at Bellemead and Yardley, and in 1887 was appointed to fill the position of station agent at Hosensack. He remained at Hosensack from 1887 to 1890 and was then transferred to Schwenkville, where for the next twenty-five years he served both the railroad and the town to the best of his ability. When he retired in 1915 from the service of the road and thus terminated his twenty-nine years of continuous service, his employers were not slow to express their appreciation of his work. To his fellow-townsmen Mr. Carl's retirement brought general regret. He had spent so many years at the railroad station that it was difficult for Schwenkville to accommodate itself to the change. No one wished to deprive him of his well-earned rest, but in all classes of the community the wish was freely expressed that he might have continued in the old familiar place a few years longer.

Apart from his connection with the railroad, Mr. Carl carried on an independent business venture at Schwenkville, being the owner and proprietor of the Perkiomen Inn. He purchased the property in 1896, six years after his arrival to take charge of the railroad station. He made many improvements in and about the building, and conducted the place as a hotel from 1896 until 1920, when he disposed of the property and retired from active participation in business affairs.

In political faith Mr. Carl is a Democrat. He has a record of several years in public office at Schwenkville, having been a member of the Board of Education for a period of five or six years, during one year of which he handled school funds as treasurer of the board. He also served a term as member of the Borough Council. A man of rare political discrimination, Mr. Carl's advice is often sought by the men of his party in the State of Pennsylvania. Having been for so many years in close touch with the traveling public through his connection with the railroad and by reason of his business as the proprietor of a well known and popular hotel, Mr. Carl is better informed than most men concerning the political trend of the times, and his judgment, when he is asked for an opinion concerning public sentiment in regard to political issues, is usually correct.

A member of the Perkiomen Valley Business Men's Association, Mr. Carl has always taken the deepest interest in the business affairs of Montgomery county and the State in general. He is an advocate of town planning and better roads, and no one takes greater pride in the achievements of the Montgomery county farmers than he does. A great believer in good fellowship and the personal power and inspiration that comes to a man from friendly association with his fellows, Mr. Carl is an active and enthusiastic member of three orders. He is a Mason and holds membership in Warren Lodge, No. 310, of Collegeville, and likewise in the Philadelphia Consistory. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a member of Perkiomen Lodge, No. 367, of that order. Likewise, he is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, with his name on the roster of the Pottstown Lodge. In religion, Mr. Carl follows the faith of his ancestors and is a member of the Dutch Reformed church at Schwenkville.

Mr. Carl's principal sport is fishing. He is one of the most ardent disciples of the gentle art of angling that may be found in Montgomery county. A subscriber to many outdoor journals, and a keen student of fishing paraphernalia, he keeps up with each new development of the royal sport and interests himself very actively in all measures designed to protect the streams and watercourses of the Schwenkville region from destructive pollution and other evils. As a sportsman, he believes in all conservation measures and especially in the conservation of what is left of the Pennsylvania woodlands. The havoc that has been wrought by short-sighted policies of exploitation of the natural resources of the State and Nation is a matter of deep regret to him, and he is deaf to all arguments that tend to encourage further destruction. A good shot as a boy, Mr. Carl has kept up his practice, and next to his ability as a fisherman he excels as a gunner. He knows every inch of his home country, and strangers who come to Schwenkville esteem it a privilege to go out with him.

On September 22, 1888, at East Greenville, Pennsylvania, Mr. Carl married Laura E. Kemmerer, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Getter) Kemmerer. Mrs. Carl's father was a cigar manufacturer of Lehigh county, Pennsylvania. He was born in 1834, and died in 1906. Mrs. Carl's



mother, born April 8, 1846, is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kemmerer had seven children: Horace, the owner of a cigar factory; Emma, who married L. K. Stickler, the present agent of the railroad at Norristown, Pennsylvania; Laura E., who married Mr. Carl; Allen, who is a shoe manufacturer of Allentown, Pennsylvania; Henry, who died at the age of seven years; Katherine, who died at the age of four years; and Wayne, who is connected with the Central Railroad of New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Carl have had three children: Eva May, born December 30, 1889, died one year after her graduation with the class of 1907 from the Perkiomen Seminary, her death occurring April 12, 1908; Elmer, born October 11, 1892, now a telegraph operator at Schwenkville; and Lane, born November 1, 1905, a student at the Schwenkville High School.

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**SAMUEL AUGEE, A. B.**—One of the names which will long be remembered in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, although more than a decade has already passed since he went out into the Great Unknown, is Samuel Augée, and soon the generation which knew him as a man of action and business interests will also be gone. To the community of which he was so long a resident, to the nation to which he gladly gave his sworn allegiance, to the wife to whom he was devoted, and who now survives him, he early dedicated his life, and in every relation he is remembered as one of the noblest men of his day.

Mr. Augée was born in Norristown, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, October 16, 1835, and died in Collegeville, in the same county and State, January 13, 1912. He was a son of Valentine Augée, who died in 1836, and his mother died when he was only nine years of age. The children of these parents numbered five: William, Charles, Wallace, John, Samuel.

Samuel Augée's education was begun in the public schools of Skip-pack township, and he later had the advantage of a course at Freeland Seminary, from which institution he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts. As a young man he taught school in Berks county, Pennsylvania, also in Skippack township and Frederick township, both in Montgomery county, and was thus engaged until the outbreak of the Civil War. On April 16, 1861, the day after President Lincoln's first call for volunteers, Mr. Augée enlisted in Company E, Fourth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Captain G. Avery and Colonel I. F. Hartranft. He served at Annapolis and Washington, District of Columbia, at Bladensburg, Shunter's Hill, Blackburn's Ford and Butlerville, and received his honorable discharge at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, July 27, 1861. On August 20, 1861, Mr. Augée reënlisted as musician of the Second Regiment, and participated in the many activities of the regiment until his discharge on July 8, 1862, which was occasioned by the act of Congress abolishing all bands. Again reënlisting in the service, Mr. Augée was commissioned first lieutenant of Company C, One Hundred Seventy-ninth Regiment, on November 5, 1862, to serve under Captain J. S. Jones, and he did garrison duty at Fort Monroe and at Yorktown, Virginia, until

his final discharge on July 27, 1863. Not long after returning to his native State (1864) he established a restaurant in Collegeville, which he continued until 1881, with great success. He then retired from all active business interests, devoting his attention to the care of the property which he had acquired and to the quiet and unheralded good deeds for which he is now affectionately remembered. He was a member of Warren Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Collegeville. In the early history of the organization he was a member of Joshua White Post, No. 45, Grand Army of the Republic, of Phoenixville, and later for many years was a member of ——— Post, No. 11, of Norristown, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Augee married, in Freeland Seminary, in Collegeville, Pennsylvania, in April, 1864, Sarah E. Bates, daughter of Bennoia and Mary (Sanders) Bates. Mr. Bates was a prominent man of Cementine township, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, and there conducted a store and hotel during his active life, but died at a comparatively early age in the year 1860. The family consisted of eight children: John; George; William; James; Charles; Thomas; Sarah E., of further mention; and Annie, who became the wife of the late Charles Yost, and survives him, residing in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The two daughters of the above family are the only members now living.

Sarah E. (Bates) Augee was born in Cementine township, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, October 20, 1844. Her education was received in the rural schools near her home, which she attended until seventeen years of age. She then learned dressmaking under Hannah Bellis, a leading modiste of Philadelphia, and was engaged along this line of endeavor until her marriage. Mrs. Augee has always been a familiar figure in the social life of Collegeville, and in the work of the Reformed church, of which both she and her husband have been members for many years. Mrs. Augee still cherishes, as mementos of Lieutenant Augee's military service, his sword, scabbard, sash and canteen, also the first cracker, or piece of "hard-tack," which he received as rations. She has also records of service and his discharge papers, which he presented to her on August 15, 1902. Mrs. Augee is very highly esteemed by her friends and acquaintances of Collegeville, and is still active and in good health, although she is approaching the four-score mark, and the recollections of a day now gone, told in her sprightly and fascinating style, are of great interest to the young people about her.

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**ALEXANDER RAE EVANS, M. D.**, who holds a foremost position in professional circles in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, comes of a very prominent English family, and was himself born in England, where he received his early education.

William Evans, grandfather of Dr. Alexander R. Evans, was a noted gentleman farmer of England, and William L. Evans, his son, and father of Dr. Alexander R. Evans, succeeded to his extensive estates. William L. Evans married Janet Seaton Rae, daughter of Alexander and Janet

(Seaton) Rae, the Seaton line reaching back directly to Lady Jane Seaton, a lady-in-waiting to Mary, Queen of Scots. William L. Evans died in 1890, at the age of sixty-two years, and his wife died in 1914, at the age of eighty years. They were the parents of six children: William; James Martin; Alexander R., of further mention; Janet; Kathleen Seaton; and Grace.

Alexander Rae Evans was born at Ely, Cambridgeshire, England, April 14, 1866, and is the third son of William L. and Janet Seaton (Rae) Evans. His elementary education was received in the Cathedral school of his native land, and he also studied chemistry and pharmacy in England. Coming to the United States at the age of twenty years, he was active in the drug business for a number of years as a graduate pharmacist, then in 1894 established his own drug business at Bryn Mawr. He was very successful, and carried the business forward for a number of years, but feeling that larger opportunity of service to his fellowmen awaited him, he determined to take up the study of medicine. Entering the University of Pennsylvania, he was graduated from that institution in the class of 1905, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Taking up the practice of this profession in Ardmore shortly afterward, Dr. Evans has continued here successfully until the present time, a period of eighteen years, and is now counted among the broadly significant professional men of the day in Montgomery county. In connection with his private practice Dr. Evans has become noted in this vicinity in public service and institutional work in line with his profession. He has served for years on the Lower Merion Board of Health, and has also acted as physician to Villa Nova College, still fulfilling these responsibilities. Dr. Evans is a member of the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania Medical Society, and the Montgomery County Medical Society. He is a member of Cassia Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Montgomery Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and of Merion Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Dr. Evans married, in 1890, Kate L. Blake, and they have five children: Evelyn, Katherine L., Muriel Seaton, Alexander Rae, and Dorothy Lee.

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**GEORGE BODENSTEIN**—One of the foremost figures in the manufacturing interests of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and one of the most active of men in all of his numerous affairs and undertakings until the day of his fatal illness, was George Bodenstein, of Fort Washington, Pennsylvania, who attained national note as a manufacturer of chairs. A native of Germany, Mr. Bodenstein came to the United States with his parents while still a child, prior to the Civil War. He was a son of Andrew Frederick and Carlotta Wilamenia Bodenstein, his father a linen weaver by trade, both parents now long since deceased. Andrew F. Bodenstein served for three years in the German Imperial army as a member of the King's Guards before coming to this country. Called to the Western World by the same spirit of freedom which inspired the





*Geo. Bodenstein*



earlier adventurers, he enlisted in the Civil War, joining the 26th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He participated in the battle of Gettysburg, and the first battle of Bull Run, and died as a prisoner of war in Libby Prison, December 18, 1863.

George Bodenstein was born at Hesse Cassel, Germany, February 8, 1851, and died May 13, 1923, after an illness of nine days, having suffered a stroke while at his work. His education was received in the public schools of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which he attended for only five years. Then at the age of thirteen years, being left fatherless and the responsibility of the family maintenance largely depending upon him, the lad entered the employ of Hess & Brother, chair manufacturers of that day, at No. 223 South Second street, Philadelphia. Entering this organization on February 29, 1864, he continued in that connection until May, 1872, mastering the trade of chair-making and gaining the experience which brought him to a point of the highest efficiency and skill, his natural artistic ability adding greatly to the value of his work. On the latter date the business of his employers had become slack, and they reluctantly informed him that they would have no more work for him for a temporary period. Mr. Bodenstein was never a man to calmly await the movement of events. He at once secured a location at No. 204 Callowhill street, Philadelphia, and began the independent manufacture of chairs on May 10, 1872, employing a boy, William Weaver, who, until his death, on March 1, 1916, remained with Mr. Bodenstein. The enterprising chairmaker and his faithful assistant made chairs all summer entirely by hand. Mr. Bodenstein's first customer, Nathan Marple, of Germantown, Pennsylvania, arrived in September of the same year, and purchasing a bill of goods amounting to \$156, for which he paid cash, took home his purchases in his own wagon. Mr. Bodenstein in those early years sold most of his goods on consignment, to be paid for when sold, largely to retailers. Later he made special patterns for jobbers, but this was discontinued after a time. Meanwhile, during the first year, he made thirteen different designs of chairs, all for bedroom or boudoir except two, of poplar, and stained walnut. He then formed a partnership with John King, who owned some machinery, this association lasting until September, 1877. More machinery was bought, and the premises next door leased, then the manufacturing plant was removed to No. 116 Edward street, the earlier premises being used as a warehouse. They began the manufacture of new designs, also of dining room chairs, and soon rented a building at No. 1310 North Lawrence street. Later a warehouse was leased at No. 432 North Second street, the Callowhill location still being retained. After the dissolution of the partnership, which was by mutual agreement, Mr. Bodenstein sold novelties for a time, but was soon again manufacturing chairs, purchasing machinery from Gleason & Brother and leasing a plant at the corner of American and York streets. In addition to his former lines he made parlor suite frames for upholsterers. Meanwhile he had formed an acquaintance with Gustave A. Kuemmerle, who became his partner February 8, 1881. This association, which became a corporation in 1903, endured until Mr. Bodenstein's death. Soon



after the partnership was formed the rapid expansion of the business brought about their removal to a large building on Front street, above Master street. Two years later these premises began to be inadequate, and the site of the present factory was purchased, on Lawrence, Leithgow and Cambridge streets, a very short distance below Girard avenue. The present plant was erected in part, at once, and additions have been made from time to time, all buildings representing the most approved factory construction at their erection. Mr. Bodenstein and Mr. Kuemmerle were actively at the head of the affairs of the plant up to May 4, 1923, when Mr. Bodenstein was taken seriously ill, and on May 13th passed away. Further structures had been added to the plant in recent years, including a large lumber yard and warehouse at Nos. 1206-1210 Orkney street, and a garage at Nos. 1237-1239 Leithgow street. On May 10, 1922, Mr. Bodenstein celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his entrance upon the manufacture of chairs. A resident of Fort Washington for thirty-six years, he received the most cordial congratulations from his many friends and business contemporaries.

Mr. Bodenstein was vice-president of the Ambler Building and Loan Association, a director of the Jenkintown Bank and Trust Company, and of the Philadelphia Life Insurance Company. Politically holding independent convictions, he supported all forward progress. He was a member of the Manufacturers' Club of Philadelphia, also of the City Club; was a member of the German Reformed church of Philadelphia.

Mr. Bodenstein married (first), in November, 1873, Margaret Bletz, who died in 1881, leaving five children: Carlotta Wilamenia, Ellen, George, Jr., Emma, and William. Mr. Bodenstein married (second) Elizabeth Hartranft, daughter of Edward and Sarah Hartranft, and they were the parents of four children: Paul H., Helen, Jeanette, and Elizabeth.

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**CHARLES R. LEIDY**—Many of the sons of Franconia township, Pennsylvania, remain in the locality of their birth, contributing to that section the economic, social, and civic advantages of their active careers. One of these is Charles R. Leidy, who, as farmer and as proprietor of a thriving express business, has demonstrated his ability and his worth as business man and as citizen.

Born in Souderton, April 16, 1885, son of Andrew M., a farmer of Franconia township, who owned and tilled the homestead farm, and of Ellen Leidy, Mr. Leidy was the third of a family of eight: Pierce; James; Charles R., of further mention; Elmer; William; Oscar; Laura; and Elverta.

Charles R. Leidy received a practical education in the public schools of his native district and then became his father's assistant on the homestead farm until he was twenty-one years of age. He then became interested in the express business, and in 1911 established a business of his own in that line. His venture was successful, and has steadily grown and prospered to the present time. Able, energetic, and willing to oblige, as well as being possessed of considerable executive ability, Mr. Leidy is

well and favorably known both as a successful business man and as a worthy citizen. Besides his interests and responsibilities as owner and manager of an extensive business, Mr. Leidy is also a member of the Souderton Building and Loan Association.

Politically he gives his support to the candidates and the principles of the Democratic party, and he has always taken an active interest in the welfare of the community. Projects planned for the public good receive his hearty support, and in many quiet ways he has contributed to the advancement of the economic and civic interests of the town. His religious affiliation is with the Reformed church.

Charles R. Leidy married Irene Gwenhold, daughter of Abraham Gwenhold, and they are the parents of two children: Donald, and Ellen.

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**JESSE N. ARBUCKLE**—With practical experience in transportation activities, Mr. Arbuckle has for the past six years been engaged in lumber, coal, and affiliated interests at Fort Washington, Pennsylvania, and is doing a thriving and steadily growing business. Mr. Arbuckle was born in the State of Pennsylvania, and is a son of William R. Arbuckle, who was born February 2, 1858, and died January 31, 1916, and for the greater part of his life was head clerk for the Pennsylvania railroad. The mother, Elizabeth L. (Nice) Arbuckle, was born May 24, 1863, and is still living.

Jesse N. Arbuckle was born at Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, September 6, 1886. The family removing to Fort Washington in his boyhood, he was educated in the schools of this community, and at Drexel Institute, from which he was graduated in 1904. Beginning his career as a clerk in the employ of the Lehigh railroad, Mr. Arbuckle continued in that capacity until 1908, then went to New York City, to the metropolitan offices of the same road, as a rate clerk, filling the duties of this position until 1910. He then went to their Philadelphia offices in the same capacity, remaining for two years, after which he was promoted to assistant chief clerk, which position he filled for six years. Mr. Arbuckle then came to Fort Washington, and taking over the business theretofore conducted by Samuel Yeakle, has since been a leading figure back of the building industries in this section, also in the distribution of coal and feed. On June 12, 1917, he received as partner Robert Gordon, but after a number of months of association together, Mr. Gordon withdrew to enter another line of endeavor for himself. Mr. Arbuckle now handles a very extensive business in the distribution of lumber, cement, coal and feed. His buildings cover one acre of ground. He has one three-story feed shed, one two-story lumber shed, one coal shed, and one two-story garage of specially heavy construction, built for the housing of trucks. With his own motor delivery system, his business extends over a very wide radius, and he employs eight people.

Mr. Arbuckle is still a young man and is considered one of the leading men in his line in Montgomery county to-day, with a future of great promise before him. He is interested in the various lines of civic and

social advance, and is a director in the Wissakickan Building and Loan Association and the Fort Washington Building and Loan Association. An independent Republican in political convictions, Mr. Arbuckle has served as treasurer of the school board of Upper Dublin township for some years, being now in his third term. Fraternally he is a member of Fort Washington Lodge, No. 308, Free and Accepted Masons; Fort Washington Chapter, No. 220, Royal Arch Masons; Philadelphia Council, Royal and Select Masters; American Commandery, No. 36, Knights Templar; Philadelphia Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and is a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Artisans Assembly, the Order of United American Mechanics, and the Sons and Daughters of Liberty. He is a member of the Philadelphia City Club, and of St. Paul's Reformed Church, of Fort Washington, of which he is trustee.

Mr. Arbuckle married, June 28, 1911, at Fort Washington, Margaret Anna Hahl, daughter of Conrad and Margaret (Ninestrel) Hahl, and they have one son: William J., born September 12, 1914.

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**DAVID BUCKWALTER**—A retired builder and contractor, Mr. Buckwalter is an influential member of the community at Collegeville, Pennsylvania, where he has lived for many years. He was born at Yerkes Station, Upper Providence township, Pennsylvania, May 15, 1848, son of David and Sarah (Favinger) Buckwalter. His father, who was a mason by trade, was also a farmer, and owned a fine farm property in Upper Providence township, where Mr. Buckwalter spent his boyhood and early youth.

Mr. Buckwalter received his education in the rural school in his native township. From his earliest days he took a part in the work of the farm, performing many of the easier tasks, and acquiring a thorough knowledge of farming methods. He continued to work on the farm after having completed his studies, devoting all his time to helping his father, until he was twenty-two years old. He then decided that he would find a better field for the exercise of his abilities as a mason than as a farmer. His father, who was himself a master of this trade and from whom Mr. Buckwalter undoubtedly inherited his liking for constructive work, was heartily in favor of this plan, although he was sorry to lose his son's assistance, and accordingly, Mr. Buckwalter associated himself with William Ladd, of Trappe, Pennsylvania, a master mason, for the purpose of acquiring the trade. A ready student, he learned quickly and soon completed his apprenticeship, becoming an expert at the work. He continued to work with Mr. Ladd for some time and then associated himself with Jacob Stern, a well-known contractor and builder. He remained with Mr. Stern for some years, acquiring an excellent knowledge of building and contracting and the factors determining the management of this field of business. At length, fully equipped by training and experience, he established an independent business as a contractor and builder. He soon became widely known, and many important commissions were



entrusted to him. Among the other notable buildings constructed by him is an addition to Ursinus College, which may truly be considered a model piece of work, both in design and execution. Mr. Buckwalter continued with increasing success until 1913, when he sold his interests and retired from active participation in business affairs.

In politics Mr. Buckwalter is a Republican. A man of influence and substance, he takes an active interest in political affairs, and is a firm supporter of progressive legislative policies, especially in regard to such matters as better transportation facilities, better roads, and the maintenance and improvement of agricultural standards of quality and production, so vital to the continued prosperity of the nation. Mr. Buckwalter is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and belongs to the Collegeville lodge of that order. He is also an active member of the Farmers' Grange, and attends its meetings regularly. In religious faith he is a member of the Reformed church at Trappe, Pennsylvania. He finds his chief recreations in gunning and fishing, and takes full advantage of the splendid opportunities afforded for these pastimes by Pennsylvania's woods and streams, which constitute ideal hunting and fishing grounds for the sportsman.

Mr. Buckwalter was one of a family of nine children, his brothers and sisters being: Benjamin; Charles; Manuel; Mary, who married Jacob Riser; Katharine, who married Joseph Pile; Berlina, who married John Shaeffer; Emily, who married ——— Lachman, and lives at Collegeville; and Hannah Ann, who died in infancy.

Mr. Buckwalter married, at Norristown, Pennsylvania, Mary Shuler, daughter of Tobias and Katharine (Miller) Shuler. Mrs. Buckwalter's father, who was a tailor by trade and had a tailoring establishment at Sumneytown, was a veteran of the Civil War, in which he served with great distinction as a member of a cavalry regiment, taking part in many famous engagements, including the battle of Gettysburg. Mr. and Mrs. Buckwalter have no children.

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**SUMNER HAYFORD CROSS, M. D.**, has been established in the practice of medicine in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, since 1902, and the years which have intervened have brought him the rich returns which are the result of ability and skill of a high order.

Dr. William A. Cross, father of Sumner Hayford Cross, was born in Ohio. A few years after receiving his medical degree he removed with his family to Jenkintown, where for thirty years, or until his death in 1911, he was engaged in the active practice of his chosen profession. He possessed a deep and comprehensive knowledge of the underlying principles of medicine, and was conscientious and practical in his application of it, having a sympathy with human suffering and a sense of personal responsibility which made him unusually able in his chosen field. He married Harriett Hayford, of Oberlin, Ohio, and they were the parents of the following children: Sumner Hayford, of further mention; Howard S., a banker of Philadelphia, and a resident of Rydal, Pennsyl-

vania; Edwin L., a banker; Hannah M., wife of A. K. Borden, of Jenkintown; and Helen, wife of Ralph Eaton, of Providence, Rhode Island.

Sumner Hayford Cross was born at Oberlin, Ohio, March 28, 1878. At the age of six years he was brought by his parents to Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, where he has since continued to reside. He attended public school in Jenkintown, and later Cheltenham Military Academy, graduating from the latter in 1894. The following two years he spent at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, subsequently matriculating at the University of Pennsylvania, from which institution he won the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1898, and the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1901. In 1902 Dr. Cross returned to Jenkintown, having in the meantime determined to make the town which was the scene of his father's medical activities his chosen field as well. From the start he was successful, his ability being widely recognized in professional circles.

Dr. Cross served for several years on the staffs of the Howard and Polyclinic hospitals; has been inspector of the district of Cheltenham Polyclinic many years; member of the general medical staff of the Abington Memorial Hospital for many years; affiliates with the American Medical Association; Pennsylvania State Medical Association; Montgomery County Medical Society; Philadelphia College of Physicians; Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Alpha Sigma fraternities of the University of Pennsylvania; and holds membership in the Hunting Valley Country Club; the Hunting Valley Hunt Club; and the Rose Tree Hunt Club. In religion Dr. Cross is an Episcopalian, and has served as vestryman in the Church of Our Saviour of Jenkintown many years.

In 1904 Dr. Cross was united in marriage with Anna Ridgeway, and to them have been born two children: Susanna, whose birth occurred at Ogontz in 1906; and William R., who was born in 1909. Dr. Cross is devoted to horses, as his membership in the above-named hunt clubs indicate.

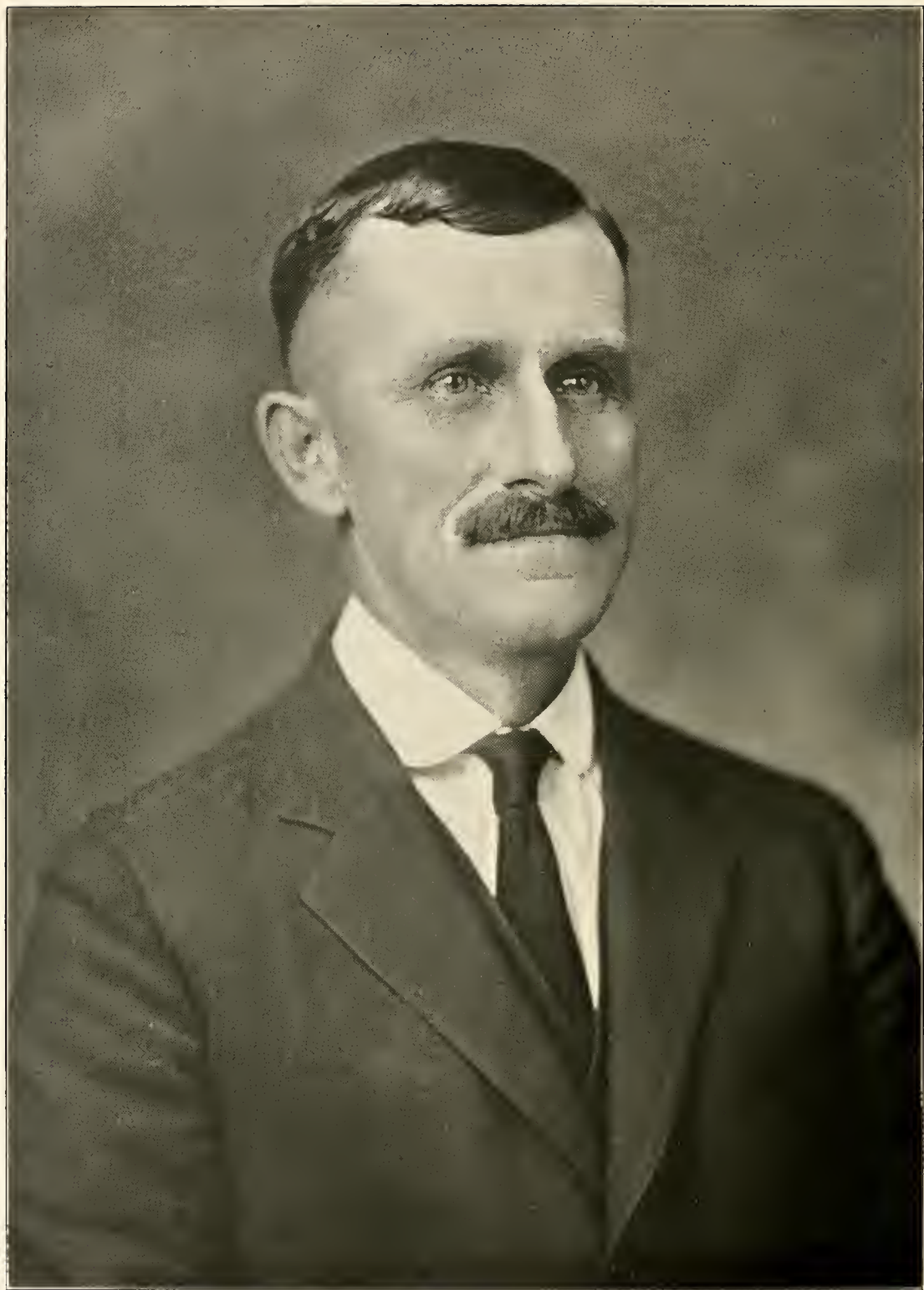
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**JOHN K. KLINK**—Among the prominent and representative men of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, none stand higher nor possess a wider circle of friends than John K. Klink, burgess of the borough. A self-made man by his natural leadership, initiative and unswerving principles of honor, he has risen rapidly through the several positions necessary to gain him his present ones, those of purchasing agent of the Birdsboro Steel Foundry and Machine Company; president of the borough council; and Burgess of Pottstown. In every capacity he has measured up to the highest standards of efficiency and more than satisfied the expectations of his friends and party.

John K. Klink was born in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, October 13, 1885, the son of Charles B. and Mary (Davidheiser) Klink, the former a locomotive engineer with the Philadelphia and Reading railroads, both parents residents of Pottstown. John K. Klink received his education in the public schools of his native place, and after terminating his studies he entered the employ of the Birdsboro Steel Foundry and Machine Com-







*Charles E Remminger*

pany in 1903. Thus he began his connection with the firm of which he subsequently became purchasing agent, the position he still holds (1923).

Since reaching young manhood Mr. Klink has always taken an active part in public affairs. He has been a member of the council since 1914 and for the past four years has been president of that body. On November 8, 1921, he was elected burgess of Pottstown, which spells the popularity of the man in his home community. Prominent also in fraternal circles, Mr. Klink has been past master of Stricter Lodge, No. 254, Free and Accepted Masons, for some time, and is a member of Trinity Reformed Church, of Pottstown.

On July 11, 1907, John K. Klink was united in marriage with Bertha Wilson, a native of Stowe, Pennsylvania, and from this union have been born three children: John K. (2), Charles Joseph, and Robert W. The family home is at No. 20 Walnut street, Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

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**CHARLES E. RENNINGER**—A director of the Schwenkville Bank, and the proprietor of a large stock farm at New Hanover, Pennsylvania, Mr. Renninger is a man of substance and influence in the community. He was born at New Hanover Square, January 24, 1871, son of Solomon and Katherine (Ehl) Renninger. His father was a farmer and the owner of a splendid property at New Hanover. To Mr. and Mrs. Renninger twelve children were born, as follows: Ida; Hannah, deceased; Alfred, deceased; Amanda; Charles E., of whom further; Katie; Sally; Wetallas; Solomon; William; Alice; and Carrie.

Mr. Renninger received his education in the public schools of his native township and completed his studies at an early age. A country lad, brought up amid farm surroundings, he naturally decided to follow in his father's footsteps by becoming a farmer. He, therefore, associated himself with his father, assisting him in the work of managing the home farm from the time he completed his studies until he came of age. During these years he acquired a thorough knowledge of agricultural methods, taking especial interest in the care of the livestock and dairy cattle. In 1892 he commenced farming on his own account, and in 1896 he bought a farm and mill property, operating the two until 1901. In that year Mr. Renninger prospered to such an extent that he decided to enlarge his business. He disposed of his farm and feed mill to good advantage and purchased Weand's place at New Hanover, for the purpose of establishing a stock farm. Already skilled in the management of cattle, and preferring cattle raising to other forms of agricultural employment, he found the work very agreeable and prospered from the beginning. He is still actively managing the property and is widely known as one of the leading cattle men in Montgomery county. He ships cattle to the market in large quantities and makes a specialty of various fine breeds, applying the most scientific methods to their raising, maintenance, and stabling. An authority on all subjects connected with his chosen field, his judgment is regarded with respect by all ranks of the industry and his advice is frequently sought by younger and less experi-

enced stock farmers, who appreciate the readiness with which he enters into their problems and advises them.

Mr. Renninger served for three years as an inspector of elections, and was for nine years a director of the school board of New Hanover township. He is a director of the Schwenkville Bank, and holds membership in the Knights of Friendship of Gilbertsville, and the Junior Order United American Mechanics of New Hanover. He is a member of the executive committee of the Montgomery County Farmers' Bureau, and of the Montgomery County Poultry Association; has been treasurer of the Farmers' Union the past twelve years; and is a director of the Renninger Family Association. Mr. Renninger is now specializing in the raising of poultry. In religious faith he is a member of the Lutheran church and takes the greatest interest in all the church activities. He was formerly a deacon, and held office as a member of the board of trustees, and of the official board, and rendered invaluable service in the work of these organizations.

Mr. Renninger married, on February 28, 1891, at New Hanover, Katie Johnson, daughter of Henry and Mary (Koons) Johnson. Mrs. Renninger's parents were both natives of Frederick township. Mr. and Mrs. Renninger had fourteen children, all but one of whom are living, and have, like their parents, strong and vigorous characters and constitutions. They were as follows: Edna, deceased; Stella Alverda; Cleta; Minnie; Elizabeth; Franklyn; Charles; Annie; Lloyd; Newton; Katie; Elmer; Roy; and Earl.

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**JOHN L. SCHULZ**—As a purveyor of the "staff of life" to the people of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, John L. Schulz has become widely and favorably known, for the Schulz Baking Company distribute every day 15,000 loaves of bread fresh from the ovens of the Schulz bakery in Pottstown. He is a son of Charles L. and Mary (Meckert) Schulz, his father born in Germany. John L. Schulz has a brother, William, who is a resident of Chester, Pennsylvania, they the only children of their parents. John L. Schulz has spent his life in Pottstown, and has won a host of friends through his upright, manly life and his strict integrity as a business man. Mr. Schulz is devoted to his business, but is broad-minded and public-spirited, his greatest interest the securing of open air playgrounds for the children, that they may indulge in healthful sports.

John L. Schulz was born in Pottstown, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, February 15, 1874, and obtained his education in the public schools. After finishing grammar school study he was employed by the Pottstown Iron Company in their nail factory for a year, then for another year was with the Pottstown Bridge Company. At the age of sixteen he apprenticed himself to Mr. Trout, the baker, at No. 511 High street, Pottstown, with whom he remained for two and a half years. He then returned to the employ of the Pottstown Iron Company as a puddler's helper, but three months later he went with Smith, Kline, French & Company, of Philadelphia, wholesale druggists, remaining with that company three



and a half years. He then returned to the baker's trade, going first for eight months with John Wall, of Pottstown, then for two months was with Wade Emery, of Kimberton; later was with the Port Kennedy Company, and in 1899 he established his own bakery. In June, 1902, he opened his own store and bakery in Pottstown, giving up the store in Port Kennedy. He began business in an old frame building in Pottstown, 16x20 feet, with a small brick oven, but four years later he put in the Durkop oven and added a 20x20-foot annex and then employed three people. In 1912 he built a large brick store and plant, modern in every particular, 60 feet front and 140 feet in depth, two stories high. He now employs forty-eight people, owns and operates twenty trucks, and every day makes 15,000 loaves of Schulz' butternut bread. In 1920 he added an addition, 67x140 feet, to the plant, built a 45x67-foot garage, a 30x67-foot loading shed and packing room. In April, 1913, Mr. Schulz incorporated his business as the Schulz Baking Company.

Mr. Schulz is a member of the Master Bakers' Association, Montgomery County Manufacturers' Association, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Loyal Order of Moose, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen, Foresters of America, Young Men's Christian Association, Rotary Club, and the Lutheran church, all of Pottstown.

Mr. Schulz married, in Pottstown, April 19, 1898, Sarah J. Miller, daughter of Harry and Jane (Roberts) Miller, of Spring City, Chester county, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Schulz are the parents of a son, Charles L., born in Pottstown, July 30, 1900.

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**OLIVER S. ROSENBERGER**—United States postmaster at Penllyn, Pennsylvania, Mr. Rosenberger comes of pioneer Pennsylvania stock. He was born at Kulpville, Pennsylvania, May 17, 1875, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Snyder) Rosenberger. His father was a son of Martin and Christiana Rosenberger. Martin Rosenberger was one of the leading men of Orvilla, Pennsylvania, where the first American members of the family settled, and donated the land upon which the Orvilla Evangelical Church now stands.

Mr. Rosenberger received his education in the public schools of Kulpville, and at the Westchester, Pennsylvania, Normal School. An ambitious lad and an unusually devoted student, Mr. Rosenberger completed his studies with great credit, and received a teacher's certificate. He began his career as a teacher in the public schools of Salford township, and later in Towamencin, the home township, and met with such complete success in the educational field that he continued in this connection for a period of nine years. During his teaching days, Mr. Rosenberger had a lasting influence upon the lives and characters of many scores of young students, and many of his pupils were destined to achieve success in future life and to become men of power and substance. But all alike, whether in positions of great influence and importance, or leading simpler, though not less constructive, lives at home, freely acknowledge the large part played in their success by Mr. Rosenberger's wise teaching

and counsel, and, even more, by his example of upright and public-spirited citizenship. It was with great regret that his associates in the teaching world learned of his decision to abandon an educational career for business.

In 1906, however, Mr. Rosenberger had come to the conclusion that he would do well to seek a change of employment and surroundings, and accordingly he accepted a position as clerk in the general store of L. S. Besson at Ambler, Pennsylvania, and began his business career during the same year. Mr. Rosenberger found this new work agreeable and spent seven years with Mr. Besson, acquiring during this time a thorough knowledge of trade conditions and mercantile practice. In 1914 he resigned his position, greatly to Mr. Besson's regret, and formed a connection with the Metropolitan Insurance Company. In 1919 Mr. Rosenberger decided to establish an independent business of his own and, accordingly, after careful consideration, purchased a general store at Penllyn, Pennsylvania. This venture proved immediately successful, and the experience acquired during his connection with Mr. Besson at Ambler was of the greatest value to Mr. Rosenberger in the management of the business. His customers have steadily increased in number since the opening of the establishment under his direction, and in all ranks of the business world Mr. Rosenberger is regarded as an energetic and progressive man of affairs.

An ardent Republican, Mr. Rosenberger has always taken the greatest interest in the policies of his party and the maintenance of the highest ideals of service in public office. On March 17, 1920, he was appointed United States postmaster at Penllyn, and this office he has filled with the utmost fidelity and devotion ever since. In religious faith Mr. Rosenberger follows the beliefs of his ancestors and belongs to the Lutheran Church of St. John at Ambler. He is an active worker for the good of the church, and supports all the undertakings of the parish with zeal.

On June 7, 1911, Mr. Rosenberger married, at Ambler, Pennsylvania, Bessie Ruby, daughter of Joseph and Elmira (Sipler) Ruby. Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberger have one son, Joseph, who was born May 18, 1918, and who is named for his mother's father.

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**U. S. GRANT FUNK**—Since the inception of his business career Mr. Funk has been identified with the Keasbey & Mattison Company, of Ambler, and throughout these many years he has proved himself trustworthy and faithful in business, progressive in citizenship, loyal to all claims of friendship, and he has thus commanded and kept the esteem and high regard of all who are associated with him.

George K. Funk, father of U. S. Grant Funk, was born in Cheltenham township, and throughout his entire lifetime, or until 1872, when he passed away, he followed agricultural pursuits. He married Mary Ann Faringer, who passed away in 1906 at the age of sixty-eight years. Mr. and Mrs. George K. Funk were the parents of two children: Clara H.,

who married George R. Wallace, general manager of the H. K. Wampole Company, of Philadelphia; and U. S. Grant, of further mention.

U. S. Grant Funk was born in Cheltenham township, October 30, 1864. After receiving his elementary education in the Whitemarsh public schools, he entered Pierce's Business College, Philadelphia, and upon completing his studies at this institution he went to Ambler and secured a position as bookkeeper with Keasbey & Mattison, chemists. Gradually Mr. Funk worked his way through force of ability to the position of influence and responsibility which he now holds as treasurer of this great concern, and it is worthy of note that this success and achievement in the business world have been wholly his own. He is also a director of the First National Bank of Ambler.

Mr. Funk has never entered politics, preferring to devote his time to his home, church and business. He has always taken an active part in the affairs of St. Paul's Church at Fort Washington, where he is an elder, and is every ready to give his earnest support to the welfare of the church. He affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Fort Washington Lodge, No. 1023, the Order of Independent Americans, Wissahickon Lodge, No. 100, and gives much time and attention to local activities of the Improvement Association and the Fort Washington Fire Company, having been president of the latter for several years.

On July 10, 1895, U. S. Grant Funk was united in marriage with Olga Louise Sommers, daughter of Henry William and Marie Louise Sommers, and to them have been born three children: Marie Louise and Gertrude Jeanne, twins, born June 26, 1896; and Harold Sommers, born November 12, 1897, who is a salesman for the Asbestos Shingle, Slate and Sheathing Company, of Ambler.

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**IRWIN HARTRANFT POOL**—There are few men who know the clothing business in all its phases as thoroughly as Irwin Hartranft Pool, of Lansdale, Pennsylvania. He began at the bottom of the ladder and is familiar with every round that he trod on his way to the top as a manufacturer. His prosperity is the result of industry, and no one need envy his success for it came from well-applied ability and hard work. He is a member of a long-lived ancestry, many of whom reached a remarkable age. His father is actively engaged in his clothing plant, at the age of eighty-eight, and his mother, Malara (Hartranft) Pool, born 1839, is now eighty-three. Irwin Hartranft Pool was born in Montgomery county, September 12, 1868. He attended the public schools of his locality but early left to learn the tailor's trade. He has been associated with his father in business as a manufacturer of clothing in Lansdale, since 1901, and has developed one of the important industries of the city. He is interested in other lines of business, being a director of the Citizens' National Bank, and also of the Lansdale Building and Loan Association. Politically Mr. Pool is a staunch Democrat. He is a member of the Lansdale Board of Trade, the Citizens' Club, and the O. S. Club. He fraternizes with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of the



Golden Eagle; Shiloh Lodge, No. 558, Free and Accepted Masons; Lansdale Chapter, No. 301, Royal Arch Masons; Hutchinson Commandery, No. 52, Knights Templar; Philadelphia Consistory, Sovereign Princes of the Royal Secret; and Lu Lu Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Pool is a communicant of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Lansdale.

On November 18, 1896, in the Lutheran church of Lansdale, Mr. Pool was married to Mary K., daughter of Isaiah and Sophia Burgstresser, well known citizens of the city of Lansdale. Mr. and Mrs. Pool have one son, Russell B.

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**JOHN CAMERON, SR.**—Approaching man's allotted span of three score and ten years, with a record of usefulness which does honor to his pioneer parents and reflects credit upon the community of which he has long been a resident, John Cameron, Sr., is a highly esteemed citizen of Lower Merion township. Mr. Cameron's parents, John and Sarah Cameron, came to Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, shortly before the middle of the nineteenth century, settling in Lower Merion township, where they founded a homestead for their family, and established their name among those which the people honor and esteem. The old homestead which John Cameron built is one of the attractive and dignified homes which make this county one of the most beautiful in the State. A farmer by occupation, John Cameron took a leading part in the early progress of the community, foreseeing the importance of this section as it stands to-day, and encouraged all kinds of community advance.

John Cameron, Sr., was born on the homestead, May 6, 1855. His education was acquired in the district schools of the time, principally in the "Crooked Lane" School, all pioneer schools of a still unsettled township before the days of the modern school. Always interested in the activities of the home farm, Mr. Cameron, upon leaving school, took a man's place beside his father, and spent the greater part of his life tilling the soil. Later, however, he entered the business world, going to Philadelphia, where he became associated with Foggart & Company of that city, in the capacity of salesman, and now for sixteen years he has been thus engaged, still (1923) residing on the homestead farm. For many years Mr. Cameron has been active in local affairs of a community interest, supporting the Republican party. He has long been a member of the Town Council and also has served on the school committee. He is a prominent member of the Roman Catholic church.

John Cameron, Sr., married on May 6, 1878, Cora Jamison, daughter of James and Cora Jamison. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron have one son: John J., Jr., a sketch of whose career follows.

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**JOHN J. CAMERON, JR.**—The third generation of his family in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, and all prominent in the various phases of community advance, John J. Cameron, Jr., is counted among





*John B. Brusher, Jr.*



the broadly enterprising young men of this section, and as an electrical contractor he is achieving marked success.

John J. Cameron, Jr., was born in Lower Merion township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, November 11, 1883, and is a son of John Sr., and Cora (Jamison) Cameron (see preceding sketch), and grandson of John and Sarah Cameron. His education was acquired in the public and high schools of his native township, and from boyhood interested in those modern industries which are the outgrowth of the development of electricity and the application of its marvels to daily life, he entered this field of endeavor. First serving an apprenticeship to the trade of electrician, he took up his career when only nineteen years of age, establishing in the electrical contracting business in this county. He has attained a high position in the trade, both as contractor and as dealer in electrical appliances and fixtures, and is now one of the very successful men of the day in this section. Alert to all branches of progressive activity, Mr. Cameron is a Republican by political affiliation, and is a member and treasurer of the I. C. B. U., of Rosemont. He is a member of the Roman Catholic church of Bryn Mawr.

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**J. B. BRUSHER, JR.**—Among the industrial enterprises of Norristown which reach a wide territory through the departments of distribution, a noteworthy example is the woodworking plant founded by J. B. Brusher, Sr., of which J. B. Brusher, Jr., is now the head, and where are manufactured in great numbers axes, picks, sledgehammers and hatchet handles.

The Brusher family is of French origin, the early spelling of the name, Brushier. J. B. Brusher, Sr., founder of the above-mentioned business, is a native Pennsylvanian, born near Philadelphia, in March, 1844, a son of John Brusher, an old-time hotel keeper and later a road contractor. J. B. Brusher, Sr., is still living, and a resident of Norristown, aged seventy-eight years. He established the original business about 1870, at Chester, Pennsylvania, thence going to Port Royal, Pennsylvania, after which he located at Red Boiling Springs, Tennessee, where the factory he established is still operated. In 1899 he came to Norristown and started the business now conducted by his son, who for a number of years was his father's assistant.

Mr. Brusher married, in 1865, Isabella Hamell, who died in 1880, leaving a daughter, Lida, now the widow of Reuben Kenworthy, a woolen manufacturer of Philadelphia. Mr. Brusher married (second), in 1888, Janet McClean, of Lewistown, Pennsylvania, and they were the parents of two children: Mary, now deceased; and John B., Jr., of further mention.

J. B. Brusher, Jr., was born in Bristol, Tennessee, April 14, 1893. After completing his education in public and private schools, he was for three years identified with the Overland Automobile Company as a demonstrating salesman, after which he became associated with his father, and beginning at the bottom, thoroughly familiarized himself with the

business to which he has since given his undivided attention. The Norristown plant is located at the intersection of Barbadoes street and the Reading railroad, and in addition to the items already mentioned, the output includes picker, sweep and treadle sticks. The Pennsylvania railroad and the Midvale Steel Company have adopted the Brusher product as standard, and other concerns are considering the same move favorably. In July of 1921, J. B. Brusher, Jr., assumed control of the business, at his father's retirement, and in January of 1922, became sole owner. The family has resided in Norristown since 1908, at which time they came from Roxborough, Philadelphia county, Pennsylvania. J. B. Brusher, Jr., is a member of Charity Lodge, No. 190, Free and Accepted Masons; Lodge No. 714, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. He served in the Pennsylvania National Guard for three years, is a sustaining member of the Young Men's Christian Association, is a member of the Norristown Club, and of the Keystone Automobile Club. His religious affiliation is with the First Presbyterian Church.

J. B. Brusher, Jr., married, on October 27, 1915, Marian G. Bean, daughter of Harrison W. and Edna (Pennypacker) Bean. Mr. and Mrs. Brusher have one daughter, Dorothea Kenworthy, born February 13, 1917. The family home is at No. 1219 West Main street, Norristown.

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**AMANDUS EDWARD SPECHT**—Among the substantial, up-to-date business men of Tylersport, Montgomery county, Mr. Specht has taken a prominent place since he established his garage here in 1921. Mr. Specht is a native of this section, having been born near Green Lane, Marlboro township, July 17, 1889, a son of Henry, a prosperous farmer, and Malinda (Carver) Specht, they the parents of a family of four children: William; Malin; Lucinda, the wife of Samuel Barnat, and the mother of two children: Kate and Alma; and Amandus Edward, of further mention.

Amandus Edward Specht attended the public schools of his home community during his boyhood, living on his father's farm until 1921 and assisting in its cultivation. In October of that year he came to Tylersport, and opened a garage and has ever since been doing a good business here in that line. While the most of his time is given to his business Mr. Specht also exercises the duties of a public-spirited citizen and is a well-known factor in leading social and civic circles. In his political principles he adheres to those represented by the Democratic party, to which he gives his support. His religious affiliation is with the Lutheran church, and he is a member of the St. Paul parish of that denomination.

Mr. Specht married, on August 21, 1920, Lillian Hildebrand, daughter of Milton and Amanda (Erb) Hildebrand, the ceremony taking place at Telford.

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**ABRAM C. LOUX**—Among the substantial citizens of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, who are living upon homestead places which have

been in the family for several generations is Abram C. Loux, one of the successful farmers of Franconia township.

Mr. Loux was born in Franconia township, near Franconia, February 17, 1888, and is the son of Jacob Loux, who cultivated the homestead farm now owned by his son to the time of his death, and Henrietta (Clemmer) Loux. He has one sister, Elizabeth, who married Harvey Aldefer. After receiving a substantial practical education in the public schools of his native district, Mr. Loux engaged in farming, as his father's assistant on the homestead place, and this connection is still continued. This homestead has been in the possession of the family for four generations. Politically he gives his allegiance to the Republican party, and his religious affiliation is with the old Mennonite church.

On February 9, 1910, at Souderton, Pennsylvania, Abram C. Loux married Martha Landis, daughter of William and Mary Landis, and they are the parents of three children: Curtis, born July 6, 1911; Jacob, born July 7, 1913; and Norman, born June 3, 1919.

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**W. A. MOYER**—The Moyers of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, as in other counties in which descendants of the American ancestor have settled, are people of substance and character, good farmers, careful business men, and of the best type of citizenship. W. A. Moyer, of this review, one of Souderton's younger business men, is a son of Samuel and Susan (Anders) Moyer, his father passing away in September, 1908, at the youthful age of thirty-five, and leaving besides his son a daughter, Elizabeth, who is now the wife of Samuel Landes.

W. A. Moyer was born at the home farm in Lower Salford township, near Skippack, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, December 26, 1895. He secured a good public school education in the schools of Lower Salford township, then placed himself under the instruction of M. S. Landes, electrician, of Souderton, Pennsylvania, and continued with him until 1920, when he succeeded to the business. Mr. Moyer is an expert in his particular line of electrical work and is well established in the business he has followed since boyhood. He is a Republican in politics; a member of the New Mennonite church, and a young man highly regarded in the community.

Mr. Moyer married, in Souderton, Pennsylvania, September 26, 1919, Mary Ellen Alderfer, daughter of "Squire" Alvin and Mary (Moyer) Alderfer. Mr. and Mrs. Moyer are the parents of a son, J. Wesley A. Moyer, born August 7, 1921.

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**CHARLES S. CARVER**—One of the newer firms in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, was established by Charles S. Carver in connection with Wilson S. Cassel, they specializing in the care and repair of automobiles. Mr. Carver had a thorough preparation for his new venture, and there is every prospect of its meeting with marked success. His grandfather was the popular proprietor of the Graterford Hotel, Graterford, Pennsylvania,



and died in the year 1910. His grandmother, formerly Mary Wambold, died in 1916.

Charles S. Carver is the son of William Oscar and Sophia (Swartley) Carver, the former a stone-cutter and moulder by trade. The latter was born in 1868, and died in 1915. They were the parents of five children: Charles S., the subject of this sketch; May, born in 1894; Frank, born in 1897; Della, born in 1900; Anna, born in 1902.

Charles S. Carver was born at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 25, 1892. His education was acquired in the Lansdale and Norristown (Pennsylvania) public schools. He early began to contribute to his own support by securing a position as a machinist with the Diamond Slate Fibre Boat Company, of Bridgeport, where he remained for three years. He left this concern to go with the Central Radiator Company of Lansdale for the next four years. In January, 1922, he became a partner of Wilson S. Cassel, the firm name being Carver & Cassel, their plant at Broad and Market streets, Lansdale, where they have an increasing business in the fixing and equipment of automobiles and motor trucks. Mr. Carver is a Republican in his political views, is fond of sports, particularly fishing and baseball, and is affiliated with the Reformed church of Lansdale.

Mr. Carver married, on June 21, 1912, Hannah Katherine Kenderdine, born in 1894, daughter of Henry and Johanna (Coates) Kenderdine, and they are the parents of one child, Dorothy May, born May 21, 1914.

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**WILLIAM F. SHISLER**, who is successfully conducting a farm near the village of Wexall, Pennsylvania, was engaged in the merchandise business for fifteen years, but for the last seven years has been cultivating his farm acres. Mr. Shisler was born at Harleysville, October 26, 1879, son of James B. Shisler, a minister of the Church of the Brethren denomination, and Sarah (Fredericks) Shisler.

William F. Shisler received his education in the public schools of Lower Salford, Pennsylvania. When his formal school training was completed, he became associated with a general merchandise store as clerk and continued to act in that capacity for a period of nine years, remaining during all of that time in the store in Wexall in which he had begun his active career. At the end of that time he purchased the store building and the business, and as proprietor and manager continued to successfully conduct a lucrative trade until 1913, when he sold the business and purchased a farm near the village of Wexall. Since that time he has been continuously engaged in tilling the soil and in poultry farming, and in the active, vigorous out-of-door life of the farmer he is finding health and pleasure after his years of confinement in the store. Politically he gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Republican party, and for several years he has served as auditor of Upper Salford township. Widely known in the township, and highly respected for his ability and for his sterling qualities of character, he enjoys a high place in the esteem of a very large circle of friends and acquaintances. His religious affiliation is with the Church of the Brethren.





Edmund J. Rafferty



On January 3, 1903, William F. Shisler married Flora S. Keyser, daughter of Daniel R. and Mary (Shaner) Keyser.

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**RICHARD LINBERG**—One of the most energetic and prosperous business men of this community is Richard Linberg, who at the present time (1923) owns and conducts a garage at Gwynedd Square, Pennsylvania. Mr. Linberg is of German birth, having come originally from Regan, that country, where he was born September 12, 1879. He was but three years of age when brought to this country by his parents, August and Bertha (Pressing) Linberg. His father served twelve years in the German army and was a participant in the War of 1870 with France. The family landed at Philadelphia when they first arrived in the United States, and remained there until 1909, the father being employed as a sugar refiner. The elder Mr. Linberg was a loyal citizen of this country throughout his residence here, and secured his naturalization papers as soon after his arrival as possible under the law. His death occurred on July 13, 1919. Although four children were born after the family came to this country, all died in infancy, and Richard Linberg is the only surviving child of his parents.

After completing his education in the public schools of Philadelphia, Mr. Linberg learned the trade of silversmith under the tutelage of Davis & Galt, remaining with that firm through the years 1895 to 1899. The following ten years he was connected with Simons Brothers in the same line of work. In 1903 he purchased a farm at Lansdale, in order that his father might have the advantage of country life, and in 1909 Mr. Linberg left Philadelphia and went to live on the farm. The following ten years he was engaged as agriculturist, meeting with gratifying success in this line. In 1919, however, he sold out his farm and purchased a garage at Lansdale, securing the agency for three kinds of cars. The success of this venture induced him to enlarge his operations and he accordingly leased a garage at No. 575 East Main street, Norristown, in 1922.

Mr. Linberg is a public-spirited citizen and takes an active part in the social, civic and religious affairs of the community. He is a member of North Wales Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Lansdale Camp, Woodmen of the World; and the Keystone Auto Club, while in his religious affiliation he belongs to the North Wales Lutheran Church.

In June, 1900, Mr. Linberg was married to Emma Katharine Bidwell. She is a daughter of John Bidwell, deceased, and Emma (Henry) Bidwell, who now (1923) lives at No. 110 North Front street, Darby, Pennsylvania. She is a member of a family of three children, her sister, Martha Washington Bidwell, being the wife of George Polsen, and her brother is John Bidwell. Mr. and Mrs. Linberg have two sons and two daughters, the names of their children being, in order of their birth: Selma, Richard, Dorothy and George.

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**EDMUND JAMES RAFFERTY**—A descendant of Irish ancestors, Edmund James Rafferty is an American born citizen, living all his life in

Conshohocken, where he has taken a prominent part in the affairs of his town.

Born in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, October 8, 1876, Edmund James Rafferty is the son of Patrick and Mary (Davis) Rafferty, the latter having died here March 30, 1885. Patrick Rafferty was born in Drogheda, Ireland, in 1846, the son of James Rafferty, a general merchant there. Patrick Rafferty came to this country when quite young and spent most of his life in Conshohocken, being engaged as an iron worker; he died in 1896, at the age of fifty years, and is survived by two sons: Edmund James, of this review; and George, who is a resident of this city also, connected with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. The father of Patrick Rafferty, James Rafferty, was a resident of the United States when the Civil War broke out and, like the true Irishman that he was, he helped fight our war in the 13th New Jersey Troops, working his way upward to the rank of colonel, returning after the close of the war to Ireland, where the rest of the family resided.

Edmund James Rafferty acquired his education at the parochial school of St. Matthew's Church, Conshohocken, and after that went into the Long Mead Iron Works, where he continued for fifteen years, leaving it to accept a position in this city with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, which he held for six years. In 1915 Mr. Rafferty received the appointment of postmaster of Conshohocken and he is still filling that office (1922).

Having always been a Democrat in politics, Mr. Rafferty has taken a prominent part in the work of that party; he has held the office of chairman of his ward committee and, prior to our last election for President, he was a member of the President Wilson Club here. During the World War Mr. Rafferty was most helpful, taking a leading part in all war work, assisting materially in all drives for war funds. He is a member of Conshohocken Lodge, No. 1603, Knights of Columbus, and is one of the organizers of the Young Men's Athletic Association, in which he has taken a keen interest, furthering its welfare in every possible way.

In Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, on June 1, 1904, Edmund James Rafferty was married to Lydia M. Ryan, the daughter of Patrick J. and Jane (Caine) Ryan, all residents of Conshohocken. Five children had been born of this marriage: Frances Elizabeth; Helen Madeline; Edmund James, Jr.; Catherine; and James, died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Rafferty and their family are members of St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church here, Mr. Rafferty being one of those who took a particularly active part in raising funds to build the present beautiful edifice. He has also been collector of dues for the parochial school for the past twenty years.

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**REIN G. GODSHALL**—For four generations the Godshall family have owned the homestead on Morwood road, now occupied by Rein G. Godshall, who has lived there all his life, and been an active participant in the affairs of Franconia township. Mr. Godshall was born on the family

homestead, October 6, 1880, where his parents have lived for forty-three years. Rein G. Godshall is the youngest of a family of five children, his older brothers and sisters being Andrew T., Harris, Jacob, and Rosa, the latter the wife of Henry Clemens.

Rein G. Godshall attended the schools of his local neighborhood, and later attended the Perkiomen and Worcester seminaries, thus preparing himself to engage in teaching, which he engages in during the winter months. His farm consists of sixty-five acres under cultivation, this requiring his time and attention during planting, summer and harvest times. He is well and favorably known throughout Montgomery county, and is a charter member of the Montgomery County Farm Bureau. In the social, civic and religious life of the community he also takes a leading part, and served Franconia township as a committeeman for ten years, and as a school director for eight years. In his religious affiliation he is an influential member of the Reformed church, of which he is president of the board of directors, and was to a large degree instrumental in securing the erection of the \$15,000 parsonage for the minister of that denomination.

Mr. Godshall married, at Morwood, on June 6, 1903, Levina S. Moyer, a daughter of William and Maria (Sholl) Moyer, her family also being one of the old Pennsylvania pioneer settlers. Mr. and Mrs. Godshall have a family of four children: Idella, born April 18, 1907, at Franconia; Margarette, born November 22, 1908, at Morwood; Marian, born May 12, 1911, at Morwood, and Jacob, born November 13, 1912, at Morwood.

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**G. CARROLL HOOVER**—For more than two decades Mr. Hoover has practiced law at the Montgomery county bar and holds a strong and honorable position among the men of that bar. He is a son of George G. Hoover, and a descendant of Jacob Huber, one of the four brothers, Christian, John, Martin and Jacob Huber, who came from Germany on the ship "Pink Plesance," arriving in Philadelphia, September 21, 1732. Jacob Huber was then under sixteen years of age, and following the lead of his brothers, he changed his name to Hoover. It seems to be well established that he was the father of Henry Hoover, who was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, in 1751, married Margaret Kern, and in 1797 moved from Hilltown township, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, to Gwynedd township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, where he bought a farm of two hundred acres. He was an elder of the Reformed church, a Democrat in his political faith, and a man of determined will. He died April 9, 1809, his wife surviving him until November 27, 1813, dying at the age of sixty-two.

Philip Hoover, third of the five children of Henry and Margaret (Kern) Hoover, was born at the home farm in Montgomery county, July 20, 1782, and became a man of considerable importance, holding several offices, the most important being as a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. He settled many estates, and was held in high regard in his community. He rendered military service during the War



of 1812, holding the rank of lieutenant, later holding the rank of colonel in the militia. He served Boehm's Reformed Church at Blue Bell, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, as deacon, from 1810 until 1823, and from 1823 until his death, about forty years later, held the office of elder continuously, with the exception of three years.

Philip Hoover married, November 13, 1804, Mary Conrad, daughter of Frederick W. Conrad, member of Congress from Pennsylvania, sitting in the Eighth and Ninth Congresses, March 4, 1803, and March 4, 1807. Philip and Mary (Conrad) Hoover were the parents of thirteen children, six only reaching maturity, one of these a son, Albert C., grandfather of G. Carroll Hoover, of this review.

Albert C. Hoover was born in Gwynedd township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, and died at his home, No. 34 East Oak street, Norristown, Pennsylvania, August 24, 1902. He married Elizabeth Geatrell, who died June 26, 1909, daughter of George and Ann Geatrell, both born on the Isle of Wight, an island in the English channel and an administrative county of England, but married in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, in 1823, George Geatrell coming to Pennsylvania on July 4, 1821.

George G. Hoover, son of Albert C. and Elizabeth (Geatrell) Hoover, was born in Gwynedd township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, May 28, 1853, and there attended the public schools. He finished his education at Treemount Seminary, Norristown, and then for a time taught school. He graduated from the National School of Elocution and Oratory in Philadelphia. Later he studied law under Charles Hunsicker, and on June 18, 1877, was admitted to the Montgomery county bar. In 1889 he was appointed by President Harrison a special examiner of pensions, an office he held for over thirty years, residing in Washington, D. C. He was also in field service and later became chief of division. He married Eva Fisher, who died December 30, 1915, a daughter of Leonard Fisher, who was born in Montgomery county, April 19, 1818, and died in Philadelphia, December 22, 1872. Four children were born to George G. and Eva (Fisher) Hoover: 1. Ethel, married Frederick W. Johnson, and removed to New York City, later to Salmon, Idaho; she died in Asheville, North Carolina, September 18, 1918, leaving two children: Dorothy and Faris. 2. Norma E., married Paul D. Connor and resided in Washington, D. C., where she died, January 22, 1914, and her husband on June 26, 1914. 3. Harriet N., intermarried with Marcus A. Walker, a graduate of Lehigh University, and now mechanical engineer of the Delaware & Hudson Coal Company at Scranton, Pennsylvania. 4. G. Carroll, of further mention.

G. Carroll Hoover, only son of George G. and Eva (Fisher) Hoover, was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, March 7, 1877. He attended Norristown schools until the removal of the family to Washington, D. C., in 1890, and there he completed his preparatory education with graduation from Central High School, class of 1894, and became sergeant in the High School Cadet Regiment. He then entered Columbian University, Washington, whence he was graduated A. B., class of 1898. He returned

to Norristown after graduation, and there studied law under the preceptorship of Henry M. Brownback, and after examination was admitted to the Montgomery county bar, July 1, 1901. He at once began practice the same year, with offices in the Shoemaker building, and has steadily pursued the practice of his profession during the twenty-two years which have since intervened, and now devotes much attention to Orphans' Court practice. He is an eloquent, forcible pleader, and has built up a lucrative practice. He is a Republican in politics and is held in high regard in the city of his birth and his lifetime home. He is secretary and director of the Riverside Cemetery Company, and solicitor of the Second Saving Fund and Loan Association.

Mr. Hoover married, October 14, 1903, Meta I. Moore, daughter of Samuel M. and Savilla P. Moore, her father deceased.

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**HARRY C. YEAGER**—For more than sixty years the Yeager family have been well known factors in the nursery and florist business of Norristown, the large and highly improved premises now owned by Harry C. Yeager, being the representation of the early florist business which his father established in 1860. It was on this same homestead that he was born and has lived throughout his life, his parents being William and Susan (Kranich) Yeager. William Yeager was born at Baden, Germany, in 1835, and came to America in 1850, founding the nursery in 1860, and conducting the business for many years. On his retirement, it was taken over by his son, Harry C., with whom he now lives. Harry C. Yeager is the oldest of a family of five children, his brothers and sisters being: Katherine, the wife of Otto Bilger, of Norristown; Mary, wife of George Bartle, of Roxboro; Rose, the wife of Joseph Sinclair, of Norristown, and William R., a sketch of whom follows.

During his boyhood days Mr. Yeager attended the public schools, and as soon as old enough to make himself useful, began to assist his father in the greenhouses. He learned the business of handling and selling flowers and other nursery products in every detail, and when his father's advanced years made it necessary for him to retire from active participation in the work, he took over the place, and has ever since been conducting operations. The property, which is bounded by Oak, Cedar, New Hope and Tremont streets, contains six acres of ground, and improvements have been added from time to time, so that now there are seven glass houses, which comprise approximately 10,000 square feet of space. Mr. Yeager sells his products to the wholesale trade, and enjoys the patronage of an exceedingly large and growing clientele. While giving his chief attention to the exacting duties of his business, he is interested in furthering the welfare of this community in its social and civic affairs, and is known as one of the most substantial and progressive citizens here.

In 1894, at Philadelphia, Mr. Yeager was married to Katherine Hall, of whom he was bereaved by death in 1897.

**WILLIAM R. YEAGER**—For nearly a quarter of a century William R. Yeager has been identified with the florist business, and for seventeen years has been successfully conducting an establishment of his own. His greenhouses are located at Old Arch road and Freedley street, Norristown, Pennsylvania, and he has recently erected a building at Nos. 534-536 DeKalb street, where he has a store, and where he also rents to others eight apartments and one store.

Mr. Yeager was born in the old homestead in Norristown, Pennsylvania, where his father and his brother Harry C. (see preceding sketch), now reside. He is the son of William and Susan (Kranich) Yeager.

William R. Yeager was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, June 15, 1873, his parents and brother yet occupying the old homestead (1923). He was educated in Norristown public schools, Schuylkill Seminary, Lebanon, Pennsylvania; and Schissler's Business College, Norristown. He was employed for several years by his father, an expert florist, and became himself an expert, his father turning over to him the management of his business. He continued in that position five years, then resigned to engage in business for himself. That was in 1905, and his career has continued most successfully until the present time. He now has about eight acres which are devoted to the needs of his business, and four buildings give him an area of 25,000 feet for indoor cultivation of plants and flowers. He has a store devoted to the selling of cut flowers and plants at No. 536 DeKalb street, a building which also contains another store and eight apartments, having but recently been completed.

Mr. Yeager is a Republican in politics; is a past noble grand of Norristown Lodge, No. 832, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and is a member of Norristown Lodge, No. 714; Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Yeager married, in Norristown, Pennsylvania, October 30, 1896, Flora Prizer, daughter of Elwood and Susan (Wood) Prizer. Mrs. Prizer is one of a family of eight sons and daughters: Anna, married Harry McWhorter; Walter, married Anna Miller; Harry, married Josephine Griffith; Martha, married Charles Harrison; Sarah, married Warren Geiger; Elwood Corson, unmarried; Margaret, married Clyde Coverston and resides in South Dakota; and Flora, wife of William R. Yeager, above mentioned. Mr. and Mrs. William R. Yeager are the parents of five children: Glendora, born August 19, 1897, married, October 11, 1922, Robert Elsmore Sheldon, of Norristown; Thelma P., born November 4, 1900; Sarah, born October 31, 1903; Margaret P., twin with Sarah, a graduate of Norristown High School, class of 1922; and Flora, born February 2, 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Yeager reside at No. 1432 Arch street.

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**ELBRIDGE McFARLAND**—The late Elbridge McFarland, of Norristown, was a representative of a family which, for more than half a century, has been identified with the manufacturing interests of Montgomery county, and during those fifty years and more it was chiefly to them that the people of Gulf Mills looked for employment. While fol-





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lowing, as a manufacturer, in the footsteps of his father, Mr. McFarland was officially connected with the financial and railroad interests of his community and took an active part in local politics.

The Clan Macfarlane (as the name was originally spelled) descended from the ancient Celtic Earls of the district to which they belonged, the Lennox. "The wild Macfarlanes' plaided clan" occupied the land forming the Western shore of Loch Lomond from Tarbert upwards, and from Loch Shay, a small sheet of water near the foot of Ben Voirlich, they took their Cathghairn of "Loch Shusi."

The remote ancestor of this clan is said to have been Duncan McGilchrist, a younger brother of Malcolm, Earl of Lennox. Duncan appears in the Ragman's Roll of 1296. His grandson was Bartholomew, which, in Gaelic, is Parlan, from whom the clan is designated, the letters P and F being easily convertible in Gaelic. Robert the First granted to Dougal MacFarlane a charter of the lands of Rindoweil, Argurhonche, etc. Malcolm was the sixth laird and received from Duncan, Earl of Lennox, a charter of the lands of Annoquhar, in the northwest corner of Dumbartonshire, dated at the Castle of Inchmurrin, in 1395. The direct male line of these ancient chiefs failed and their estates were forfeited. By marriage with a daughter of the Earl of Lennox (whose name does not appear in Douglas), Andrew Macfarlane succeeded in 1493, but his son was only allowed the title of captain of the clan. Sir John Macfarlane, of that ilk, was slain at Flodden. The Macfarlanes emulated the MacGregors in their raids upon the lowland districts as much as their limited numbers allowed. Walter Macfarlane, of Larbet, was among those slain at Pinkey in 1547, and at Langside, in 1567, the clan fought under Murray's banner. From that time to the present the Macfarlanes have been distinguished in history, winning laurels in many of the greatest battles. The last descendant of the chiefs is said to have gone to America at the close of the eighteenth century, and his home of Annoquhar became the property of the Duke of Argyle, being long used as an inn for travellers from Tarbert to Glencoe and Inverary.

There is nothing more noteworthy in the history of the Macfarlanes than the fact that, at the time of the civil wars, they took the part of the Regent, almost all the other Highland chiefs being warmly attached to the cause of the Queen. The clan boasts of having taken, at the battle of Langside, three of Queen Mary's standards which, they say, were long preserved in the family.

Following is the McFarland escutcheon:

*Arms*—Argent, a saltire engrailed between four roses gules.

*Crest*—A demi-savage, wreathed around the temple and waist with leaves, grasping in his dexter hand a sheaf of arrows, and pointing with the sinister to an imperial crown resting on the wreath, all proper.

*Supporters*—Two Highlanders in belted plaids, with broad swords, and on a compartment wavy the word Lochsloy.

*Motto* (over crest)—This I'll defend.

The saltire represents the cross of St. Andrew, the Patron Saint of Scotland, which was the cross carried by the Scottish contingent of that

great army of Christian warriors who, at the time of the Crusades (1100-1200), traveled to the Holy Land to do battle with the Turk and Saracen for the sake of Christianity. The red roses indicate the ancestor's loyalty to the English crown (the red rose is one of the emblems of England). For meritorious services rendered the ancestor was granted the right to bear them in his arms. The crest, a demi-savage holding a sheaf of arrows in his right hand and pointing with his left to an imperial crown—and the legend above: This I'll defend—denote the loyalty of the ancestor to the crown. The word "Lochsloy" under the shield means: The Loch of the Host (the Lake of the host) which was the gathering-place of the clan.

(I) James McFarland, founder of the Norristown branch of the family, was forced to quit Scotland on account of his religious principles and settled in the north of Ireland. About 1733 he left that country and found a home for himself and his descendants in Bucks county, near Doylestown, Pennsylvania. He married, in Scotland, Margaret McGrea, who accompanied him in his exile. Their children were six in number.

(II) Arthur McFarland, son of James and Margaret (McGrea) McFarland, settled in Norristown, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania. He married Elizabeth (Todd) Parker, widow of William Parker, and daughter of Robert Todd, Sr., and they became the parents of four children.

(III) James (2) McFarland, son of Arthur and Elizabeth (Todd-Parker) McFarland, was reared near Norristown, Pennsylvania, and entered the University of Pennsylvania, from which he graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. For many years he practiced his profession at Morgantown, Berks county, Pennsylvania. He married Mary Neely and their children were: 1. John, deceased, who made his home in Northampton county, Pennsylvania. 2. Arthur, who resided in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and is also deceased. 3. James B., deceased, who was a resident of Philadelphia, and a member of the well known mercantile firm of Potts, Reynolds & Company, afterward McFarland, Tatman & Company; he married Margaret F. Weaver and their children were: Mary, married Henry R. Gummy; Elizabeth, died in childhood; Annie, married Charles Lukens; Fannie, William, died in childhood; Margaret, married Harry K. Day; and James, married Margaret B. Roberts. 4. George, mentioned below.

(IV) George McFarland, son of James (2) and Margaret F. (Weaver) McFarland, was born March 20, 1811, in the vicinity of Morgantown, Pennsylvania. He lived with his uncle, Stephen Porter (a nephew of General Andrew Porter), who resided in Norristown township, near Norristown, and obtained such education as was to be acquired in the public schools of that day and generation. On leaving school he entered the woolen mills of Bethel Moore, the first woolen mills in Pennsylvania, situated on the site now occupied by the Conshohocken Woolen Company's mills. He learned there the trade of manufacturing cloth, and then went to Easton, Pennsylvania, to serve as superintendent in a slate



quarry owned by another uncle, the Hon. James M. Porter, of Northampton county. Returning to Gulf Mills several years later, he began the manufacture of woolen goods, and at that time laid the foundation of his subsequent successful business career. As a result of the hard times caused by the panic of 1837 he met with reverses, but overcame them in the course of years, and in 1847 purchased a mill which he rebuilt and operated successfully until 1859. In February of that year his mill was destroyed by fire, and the machinery, much of which had been imported not long before, was likewise destroyed. This calamity, though the loss was great, did not discourage Mr. McFarland, and he soon had the mill rebuilt and equipped even better than before, and in the operation of this new mill he gained a wide reputation as a manufacturer of woolen goods, a reputation which enabled him to secure contracts during the Civil War from the general government to manufacture cloth from which clothing was made for the Union soldiers. In 1875 Mr. McFarland associated with himself as partners his son Elbridge and Frank L. Jones, under the firm name of George McFarland & Company, and the style so remained until his death, which occurred January 7, 1879. Mr. McFarland's wealth and ability naturally made him a man of influence in the county, and he was called upon to fill many positions of honor and trust, among which were justice of the peace, school director, director of the Matson's Bridge Company, and director of the First National Bank, of Norristown. He married, November 25, 1849, Mary Cornog, of Gulf Mills, and they became the parents of four sons: George Clinton, died in infancy; Elbridge, mentioned below; James Arthur; and John.

(V) Elbridge McFarland, son of George and Mary (Cornog) McFarland, was born May 4, 1853, on a farm his father owned near King of Prussia, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania. He received his preparatory education in private schools, afterward taking a course at Tremount Seminary for Boys, presided over by Professor John W. Loch, at Norristown. In 1872 he graduated as a civil engineer from the Polytechnic College, Philadelphia. The first position occupied by Mr. McFarland was that of civil engineer on the Pittsburgh, Virginia & Charleston railroad, and in Pittsburgh he became acquainted with Charles W. Fairbanks, later Senator from Indiana and vice-president of the United States.

It was not long, however, before Mr. McFarland felt, as the preceding generation had felt, the lure of the loom, entering the Gulph Woolen Mills, situated near Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, and then operated by his father. In this field of action he gave evidence of business abilities which won for him speedy promotion and eventually led to his being given an interest in the concern. After the death of his father in 1879, the firm was composed of the three sons and Frank L. Jones, still retaining the firm name of George McFarland & Company. Elbridge McFarland and Frank L. Jones assumed the active management of the mill, the former retaining it until his death. In 1895 the business was incorporated under the name of the George McFarland Company. Before that time

additions had been made to the mills, new machinery and fixtures taking the place of the old, and in every way it had been made an up-to-date mill, employing from one hundred and twenty to one hundred and forty people. Elbridge McFarland was a director of the Conshohocken Woolen Company from the time that corporation was organized until 1916, when it ceased to exist, and during the greater part of the time was its secretary and treasurer.

As a man of affairs Mr. McFarland was held in high esteem in his community and filled various positions of trust. In 1887 he became a director of the First National Bank of Conshohocken, on January 13, 1894, was elected vice-president, and from September 22, 1900, until his death, held the office of president. He was also a director of the Bryn Mawr Trust Company from the time of its organization, the Coosa Manufacturing Company of Piedmont, Alabama, the United States Loan Society in Philadelphia, and other Philadelphia corporations.

After the death of Mr. McFarland his associates in the First National Bank of Conshohocken paid him the tribute of requesting one of the Norristown papers to emphasize his worth and services to that model financial institution. For eighteen years he gave it his loyal and daily attention, and his interest in its behalf was largely accountable for the high position which he holds among the financial institutions in the suburbs of Philadelphia.

In 1905 Mr. McFarland appeared in the extended field of action presented by the famous railroad system of the Keystone State, becoming president of the Philadelphia, Germantown & Norristown Railroad Company, an office which he retained to the close of his life and in which he manifested rare administrative and executive talents. His thorough business qualifications caused his services to be much in demand on boards of directors of various institutions, but of the many he was induced to accept only the few mentioned above.

During the latter years of his life Mr. McFarland turned his attention from wool to cotton, leasing the Gulph Mills to others and heading a concentration of Norristown and Philadelphia capital in the southern factories engaged in making cotton yarn and in the various operations of perfecting that product. In addition to holding the vice-presidency of the large and prosperous Coosa Manufacturing Company, of Piedmont, Alabama, he held directorships in the Standard Processing Company and the Thatcher Spinning Company, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and was interested as a stockholder in other southern factories. In all these concerns he was no merely nominal officer. To him such posts were trusts and to every such trust he was a faithful and efficient trustee. In politics Mr. McFarland was a Republican and served a term in the Norristown Town Council, greatly to the satisfaction of his fellow-citizens. He affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, and was enrolled in various clubs. He was an attendant of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. McFarland married, October 9, 1900, Martha Conrad, and they became the parents of one son: George Conrad, born July 31, 1903, now

a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, class of 1924. At the time of his marriage Mr. McFarland removed to Norristown, though always retaining a strong personal affection for the little mill hamlet among the Gulph hills where he grew to maturity and entered upon his career, and where his father had founded at Bird-in-Hand (as Gulph Mills was then called) the great business with which the family name has ever since been associated.

On March 14, 1918, this able, good and useful man rested from his labors, leaving a vacancy not soon to be filled either in the business world, his home community, or the inner circle of his friends. He was one of the representative men of Eastern Pennsylvania. To Elbridge McFarland important trusts were committed and each one he fulfilled to the letter. The narrative of his life is a lesson in the rare virtue of absolute fidelity.

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**WILLIAM H. WAGNER**—Justice of the peace for New Hanover township, and a former secretary of the Excelsior Dairymen's Association of New Hanover, Pennsylvania, Mr. Wagner is one of the influential citizens of the community. He was born at New Hanover, March 5, 1869, son of Martin and Emma Matilda (Smith) Wagner. His father was the proprietor of a fine farm at New Hanover, and devoted his life to the scientific cultivation of the soil.

Mr. Wagner received his preliminary education in the public schools of his native town and, after having completed his preparatory studies, became a student at the Normal Institute of Pottstown. In addition to his work in the classes of the institute, Mr. Wagner received private instruction from Professor Herbst, a well known educator. An enthusiastic student, he made rapid progress and was graduated from the institute upon completion of the full course of study. Naturally studious, and deeply interested in educational problems, Mr. Wagner began his career as a teacher. In 1889 he was appointed to take charge of a school in New Hanover township and met with such success in his work that he continued his educational career for a period of three years. He might have continued teaching for a longer period, but owing to failing health he gave up teaching, much to the regret of his friends and associates in the profession, and devoted part of his time to working on his father's farm. At this time he was appointed secretary of the Excelsior Dairymen's Association, which office he continued to fill for a period of twenty-eight years, during which time he took a great interest in dairy methods and cattle, and he is, therefore, an authority on all questions relating to the dairy industry in Montgomery county. His advice is frequently sought by young farmers and dairymen just starting out in their career, and Mr. Wagner is always ready to help those who come to him for advice and opinions concerning different breeds of cattle, methods of feeding and proper stabling conditions.

In 1892 Mr. Wagner was elected a director of the National Bank of Schwenkville, which position he still holds, and takes the greatest pride



in its progress. He has himself contributed to this growth in prosperity and influence in no small degree, and he is everywhere regarded as one of the most substantial and public-spirited members of the community. In 1903 Mr. Wagner assumed control of his father's farm at New Hanover; he did not, however, give up his other positions, but continued to fill his offices while attending to the needs of his property.

A country boy, brought up amid the pleasant and congenial activities of farm life, Mr. Wagner was a practical farmer and under his direction the farm prospered. He continued to conduct it for ten years, and the well kept fields, pastures and modern buildings and equipment bore witness to the care and thoroughness of his management. In 1913 a disastrous fire occurred and the barn was completely destroyed. Undaunted by this staggering blow, Mr. Wagner remedied his loss the best he could and rebuilt the barn, but after careful consideration of the various properties, he left the old homestead and moved to his newly purchased home near New Hanover post office, which he occupies at the present time. His estate is no less productive and profitable than was the former, and Mr. Wagner is widely known in agricultural circles for the excellence of his produce and the high yield per acre which he secures from his land through careful cultivation and fertilization of the soil.

In political faith Mr. Wagner is a Republican, and living in a strongly Democratic district, he was elected to the office of township auditor for three successive terms. In 1906 Mr. Wagner was elected to the office of justice of the peace of New Hanover township, which office he still holds to the credit of himself and the community in which he resides. In connection with his office he took up clerking at public sales, which he still follows, and his services are sought by people holding public auctions not only in his immediate community, but also from a distance. He is also secretary for the Board of Road Supervisors of New Hanover township. He is also school director of the Independent District of Swamp, and as a former educator takes great interest in the work of the schools, and the part played by the rural school in the development of national greatness. He is a member of different secret and fraternal organizations in which he takes a great interest. He has served as secretary of Sparta Castle, No. 71, Ancient Order Knights of the Mystic Chain, for twenty-five years, and is also financial secretary of the Fraternal Order of Patriotic Americans, No. 976, of New Hanover, Pennsylvania. In religious faith Mr. Wagner is a member of the Falkner Swamp Reformed Church and a member of the church council of said church.

Mr. Wagner's home farm is a historic place, having been established before the Revolution. It was first in use as farm land, and the comfortable farm house erected upon it by the first owners must have seen many interesting gatherings and events during the stormy days of the Revolution; the old house was turned into a hospital and crowded with wounded and dying men after many of the battles and lesser engagements which took place in the surrounding country.

In the era that followed the Revolutionary War, the property returned

to conservative private ownership and was once more used as a farm, but amid the peaceful activities of modern farm life, it retains its host of memories of other days, days of stirring events and great movements, covering in range of two hundred years the foundation and growth to power of a new continent and a great nation. It is situated upon New Hanover road, which was even then a much traveled highway through the region. Later, the property was used as an inn, a use for which it was well fitted by its size and location on a thoroughfare. In those days it must have been known to hundreds of travelers making their way Westward by stage coach, to whom the sight of its friendly lights must have been welcome indeed with their promise of rest and refreshment after hours of journeying, harder than any that are undertaken in this age of motors and fast trains.

Mr. Wagner married (first) at Pottstown, Pennsylvania, Rebecca Roshon, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Heist) Roshon. Mrs. Wagner died in 1900, leaving two daughters, Stella May and Laura Aurilla Wagner. Mr. Wagner married (second) Emma B. Erb, daughter of Israel and Rachel (Bliem) Erb. Mr. and Mrs. Wagner have one daughter, Anna Mildred Wagner.

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**OLIVER F. HALLMAN**—One of the successful and enterprising business men of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, is Oliver F. Hallman, who is the founder, owner and manager of the only concern engaged in the manufacture of ornamental iron, railings, fences of light structure, etc., in the town of Mont Clare.

Mr. Hallman is a thorough mechanic, and the son of an able mechanic, his father being Augustus Hallman, a skilled blacksmith, who, during the Civil War, was engaged in the manufacture of the "John Griffin cannon," in the employ of the Phoenixville Iron Company, under John Griffin, superintendent of the works. Mr. Griffin, at the request of the Secretary of War, had devised the particular kind of cannon which was named for him, and which met the requirements of the time so well that it largely supplanted the earlier and clumsier models. Augustus Hallman was one of the sturdy and able citizens who consistently supported the principles and candidates of the Democratic party, and he was also interested in various local activities. He died February 27, 1919, at the age of eighty-four years, the death of his wife, Mary (Conklin) Hallman, who was born in New Jersey in 1834, having occurred in 1917. Augustus and Mary (Conklin) Hallman were the parents of seven children: Oliver F., of further mention; Catherine, who married William Austin, of Mont Clare; Laura; Joseph, who resides in Mont Clare; Angeline, who married Witherell Wright, of Pennsylvania; Emma, who married Samuel Wilson; and Lillian, who resides in Philadelphia.

Oliver F. Hallman, son of Augustus and Mary (Conklin) Hallman, was born in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, February 20, 1856. After attending the elementary and grammar schools of Phoenixville, he completed his education in the Phoenixville High School, and after the completion of

his formal school training, found his first employment with the Phoenixville Iron Company, where, as a blacksmith's helper, he was engaged for a period of four years. At the end of that time he went to Mont Clare, and entered the employ of John Griffin. After a time, however, he decided to resume his connection with the Phoenixville Iron Company, and after somewhat enlarging his experience with that concern he again made a change and associated himself for one year with Jacob Street. At the end of that time he decided to engage in business for himself, and going to Phoenixville he opened a blacksmith shop of his own. Not altogether satisfied with his first business venture, he soon, in about twelve months, decided to try his fortune elsewhere. He removed to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, and started a small machine shop and foundry. This enterprise was successful and for two years he continued in that line and in that locality. His enlarged experience now enabled him to see that in Mont Clare there was opportunity for a new line of business activity and he returned to that place in order to establish a manufacturing business of his own. He engaged in the manufacture of ornamental iron, producing a general line of iron railings, sections of light structural work, and iron stoves and ornaments of various kinds. There was no manufacturing concern of the kind in Mont Clare, and Mr. Hallman found that he had wisely judged and that the field was a good one. From the time of the founding of the business in 1882 to the present time (1923) he has had a monopoly on his particular line of manufacturing in Mont Clare. About 1895 he purchased the foundry which had been established by John Griffin, but later sold that interest. Mr. Hallman's enterprise is now among the well known and well established concerns of Montgomery county, and Mr. Hallman, himself, is one of the well known and highly esteemed citizens of his section of the county. Politically he gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Democratic party. His religious affiliation is with the Presbyterian church, which he has served as a member of the board of elders for the past twenty-three years. In his younger days he was the leader of and played the clarinet in the Phoenixville Military Band, and he has always retained his interest in local musical affairs.

In 1878, at Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, Oliver F. Hallman married Susannah Longabough, daughter of Josiah and Ann Longabough, and they are the parents of four children: 1. Adella, who was born in October, 1879, and died in 1902; she married Harry Webber, of Mont Clare. 2. Furman, who resides in Village Green, Delaware, and is a draftsman for the Sun Shipbuilding Company. 3. Granville, who was born in 1886, and resides in Village Green, Delaware. 4. Emma Alva, who was born in 1888, and died in 1889.

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**SAMUEL GORDON SMYTH**—Through his wide interest in matters historical, his extended memberships in societies devoted to the preservation of historical information, political, ecclesiastical and genea-



logical, and through his own writings, Mr. Smyth is widely known in Montgomery county and Eastern Pennsylvania. His writings, historical, biographical and genealogical, have appeared in various publications in pamphlet and book form, one of the most important being "The Genealogy of the Duke, Shepherd and Van Metre Family." He is a son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Ritchie) Smyth, his father having been a merchant of Philadelphia, later a farmer in Falls township, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, a soldier of the Union army, drafted into the service but discharged for disability.

Samuel Gordon (S. Gordon) Smyth was born in Penns Manor, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, July 24, 1859. He was educated in the public schools and Newtown Academy at Newtown, Bucks county, Pennsylvania. As a youth he spent three years in sea service with the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company on their transports. He entered the employ of the Moro Philips Chemical Company, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1881, and continued with that company and its allied interests—banking, and land development—at Villa Nova, Pennsylvania, until 1915. Since that year he has served in the clerical departments of the steel plant of J. Wood & Brother, and the Lee Tire and Rubber Company at Conshohocken, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Smyth is a Republican in politics, and has served as president of Town Council, borough auditor, and delegate in the county and State party conventions. In 1877 he was a member and a corporal of Company H, Sixth Regiment, National Guard of New Jersey, and was on duty during the labor riots at Homestead, Pennsylvania. He was the originator of the Service Flag in popular use during the World War. In church relation Mr. Smyth is a Presbyterian, serving the First Presbyterian Church of Conshohocken as elder. He is a member of Imperial Lodge, No. 1095, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; past grand of Philadelphia National Lodge, No. 223, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Philadelphia; member of National Palestine Encampment, No. 51, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and a past master of Fritz Lodge, No. 420, Free and Accepted Masons of Conshohocken. He is ex-president of the Montgomery County Historical Society of Norristown, Pennsylvania; member of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania; the Historical Society of Bucks county, Pennsylvania; the Scotch-Irish Society; and the Chamber of Commerce of Conshohocken, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Smyth married, at Cape May, New Jersey, July 24, 1879, Mary Elizabeth Duke, daughter of Francis Kendrick and Sophia Louisa (Eldredge) Duke, her father a justice of the peace. Mr. and Mrs. Smyth are the parents of three children: 1. Francis Alison, born June 7, 1880, a veteran of the Spanish-American War. 2. Marion M., born May 16, 1885, a teacher in the Philadelphia schools, married James J. Wertz. 3. Samuel Gordon (2), born November 21, 1891, an illustrator and a veteran of the war with Germany, 1917-18; he went overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces.

**LOUIS WERNWAG READ, M. D.**—Among the natives of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, who have won a high place in the medical profession was Dr. Louis Wernwag Read, now deceased. He rendered valuable service in Russia during the Crimean War, was one of the faithful and skillful physicians of our Civil War, and after the close of the latter conflict was for twenty-nine years surgeon-general of Pennsylvania, with the rank of brigadier-general.

Dr. Louis W. Read was born in Plymouth Meeting, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, July 5, 1828, eldest son of Thomas and Sarah (Corson) Read, the latter being a descendant of Peter Coursen (later Corson), through (II) Cornelius (1); (III) Cornelius (2); (IV) Benjamin (1); (V) Benjamin (2); (VI) Benjamin (3); (VII) Joseph; (VIII) Sarah, daughter of Joseph, who married Thomas Read. Peter Coursen was of French Huguenot descent, and came to this country from Vendee, Holland, in 1612, settling on Staten Island. Dr. Hiram and Dr. William Corson, both eminent physicians in their day, were brothers of Sarah (Corson) Read, and uncles of Dr. Louis W. Read. Thomas Read was a native of Delaware county, Pennsylvania, and Sarah (Corson) Read, of Montgomery county.

Louis W. Read spent his early youth at Read's Mill, in Upper Merion township, receiving his early education in the public schools of that district. He then attended Treemount Academy, then taught by the Rev. Samuel Aaron, a celebrated educator. When his school training was completed, he studied medicine under the direction of his uncle, Dr. William Corson, and then entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in the class of 1849. Upon the outbreak of the Crimean War in 1853, he offered his services to the Russian Government, was accepted and became a surgeon in the Russian forces during the remainder of the struggle. He was present at the famous siege of Sebastopol by the allied forces, and during his service in this war effected important improvements in the treatment of gunshot wounds, which were later adopted in army hospitals throughout the world. After the close of the war, Dr. Read spent six months in the hospitals of Paris, France, giving attention to serious wounds and diseases which were complicated in their nature, and then returned to Norristown, Pennsylvania, in the autumn of 1857, where he again engaged in medical and surgical practice. On the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted for service in the Union Army, and in May, 1861, was appointed surgeon, with the rank of major, of the Thirteenth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry (First Regiment Pennsylvania Reserves), and served in that capacity until July 17, 1863, when he resigned to accept promotion as surgeon of United States Volunteers, being assigned to duty as medical director of the famous old division known as the Pennsylvania Reserve Corps. In November, 1864, he was assigned to the McKim United States Hospital, in Baltimore, Maryland, where he remained in charge until March, 1866, when, the war having for some time been ended, he was mustered out of service





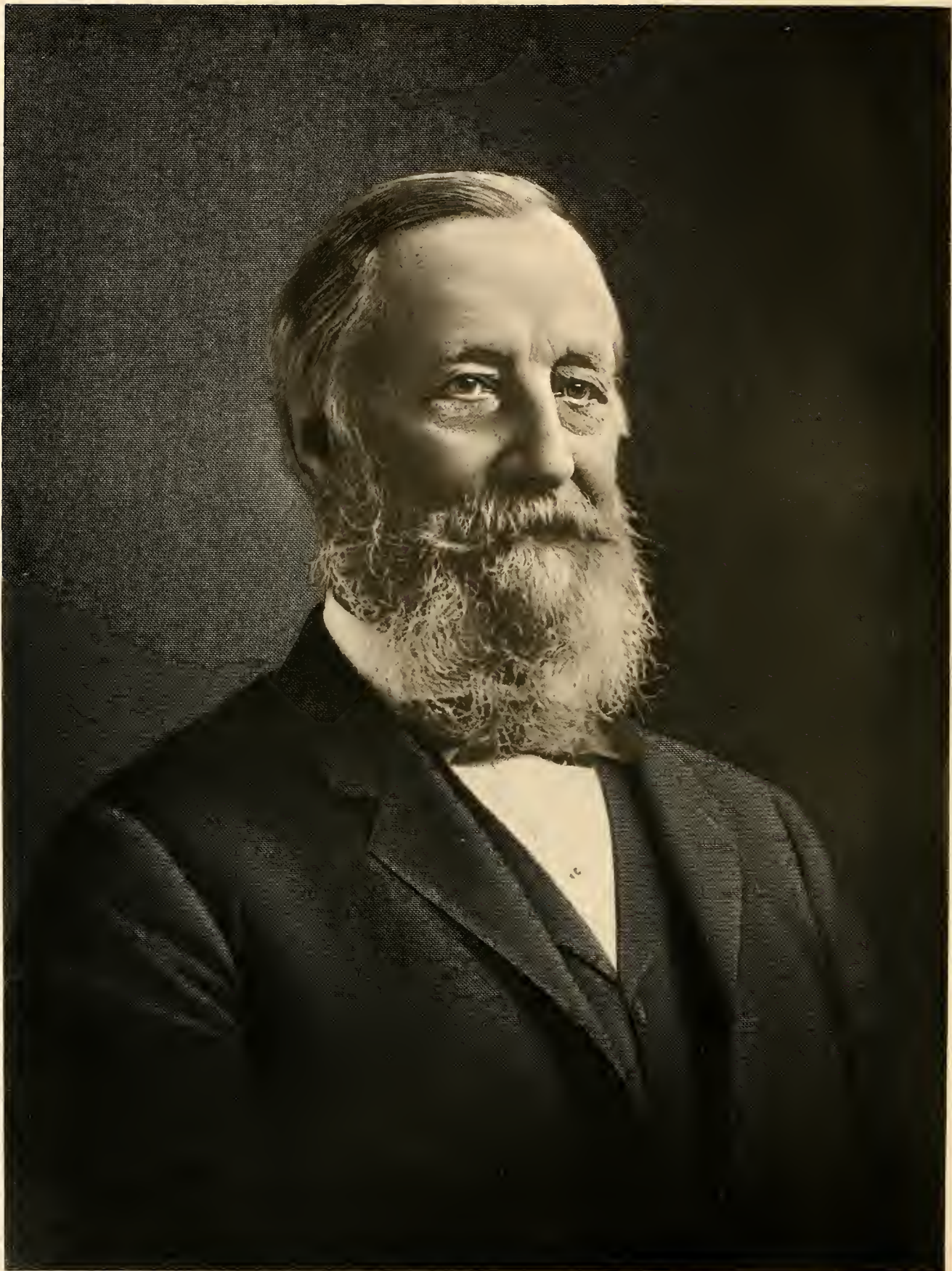
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with the rank of brevet lieutenant-colonel of the United States Volunteers, his commission stating that his promotion was "for faithful and meritorious service during the War for the Union." His skill as a surgeon was demonstrated by the removal of a bullet from the leg of General Hancock after other physicians had failed. In 1866, after an absence of five years, Dr. Read returned to Norristown and resumed practice, continuing to minister to the needs of that locality for thirty years, during which time he won for himself a high place in the medical profession, and the honor and esteem of those whom he served. On May 15, 1874, he was appointed surgeon-general of Pennsylvania, with the rank of brigadier-general, Governor John Frederic Hartranft making the appointment, and that position he held by successive appointments until 1899.

Dr. Read took an active interest in the affairs of the county and State. He was a prominent member of the Historical Society of Philadelphia; the Philadelphia Country Club; the United Service Club, of Philadelphia; the Genealogical Society of Philadelphia; the Military Order of the Loyal Legion; the Society of the Sons of the Revolution; and the Union League, in all of which he was an active and enthusiastic supporter of the various activities to which they were individually devoted. At the annual meeting in Buffalo, New York, of the Association of Military Surgeons, at a time when he was absent, he was elected to serve as president of that organization, an official position which he accepted, although the honor was an altogether unsolicited and unexpected one. The kindly disposition as well as the superior skill and the faithfulness of Dr. Read greatly endeared him to a host of those who were associated with him both in professional and in social capacity, and his death, which occurred October 31, 1900, was deeply felt by the entire community.

Dr. Louis W. Read married, on June 3, 1858, Georgine Hurst, daughter of Alfred and Wilhelmine Elizabeth (Smith) Hurst. She died August 5, 1885, leaving two children: Nina Boreiche Read; and Dr. Alfred Hurst Read, a practicing physician of Norristown, who is also president of the Norristown Board of Health.

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**ISRAEL WISTAR MORRIS**—The different elements and interests essential to the progress and well-being of a great city are frequently represented and strengthened by the same man, and a notable exemplification of wide-reaching and comprehensive force is furnished by the life of the late Israel Wistar Morris, of Philadelphia, who turned from activity in business affairs of large proportions to the quiet pursuits of literature and historical research, and gained in the latter field a satisfaction equal to his success in the commercial world as a mining engineer.

The Morris ancestral record is one of close connection with the history of Philadelphia since Anthony Morris came to Pennsylvania, and, as the associate of Penn, Logan and Shippen, laid out the city. Anthony Morris was appointed justice of the Provincial Court by Penn, and became the second mayor of Philadelphia, presiding as chief execu-

tive for a number of years. From his day to the present, representatives of the name have borne an active and prominent part in moulding the destiny of the city. Samuel Morris, the most prominent member of the family in Revolutionary days, was captain of the First Troop of Philadelphia Cavalry, serving as a body-guard to General Washington during the Revolutionary War in the campaign in and around Philadelphia.

Israel Wistar Morris was born June 1, 1833, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, son of Caspar and Anne (Cheston) Morris. His education was supplemented by a thorough business training in the firm of Morris, Tasker & Company, iron pipe manufacturers, and in early manhood he became interested in the development of the anthracite coal regions of Pennsylvania. He devoted his talents as an engineer to that industry and became recognized as a leader. He operated mines in Schuylkill county prior to the Civil War, and at the time when anthracite coal for domestic purposes was unknown west of the Allegheny mountains, made an introduction of its use in Cincinnati, Ohio. During the progress of the Civil War, Mr. Morris became associated with Robert Hare Powel in both the anthracite and bituminous coal trade, and spent much time in Washington in connection with the preparation of tariff bills bearing upon the industry. Subsequent to the war he became president of the Locust Mountain Coal Company, the Coal Ridge Coal Company, and a number of lesser companies connected with the operations of the Lehigh Valley railroad. He made an examination of coal properties for the railroad and purchased for that company many of their most valuable holdings. Mr. Morris remained in charge of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company's coal properties until he had reached the age of seventy years, when he retired from active business. In politics Mr. Morris was first a Whig and later a Republican. He was earnestly interested in all enterprises for the improvement and social culture of his city, and actively aided a number of associations by his influence.

Upon his retirement from business life, Israel Wistar Morris thereafter devoted his time to historical research, writing, the management of his private affairs, and the active participation in philanthropic work. He had a wonderful knowledge and memory regarding all local historical matters of interest to Philadelphians, and had long been a collector of books, prints and data relating to the history of the city. His library included a unique copy of Watson's "Annals of Philadelphia" extended, from the original two volumes as published, to six volumes by the insertion of rare engravings, prints, and illustrations of all sorts, of the history of the city. He was one of the most active and interested members of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, serving on its board of councilors and making daily visits to its headquarters. He belonged to the American Philosophical Society, the Society of Mining Engineers, and various other literary and scientific organizations. He was also a director of the Girard Trust Company.

Always a man of fine presence, the appearance of Israel Wistar Morris in his later years was strikingly courtly. He was just short of six feet







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Effingham B. Morris

in height, and of dignified bearing; his head was crowned with iron-gray hair and his strong features were accentuated by a white moustache, side whiskers and beard.

On December 3, 1855, Israel Wistar Morris married his cousin, Annie Morris Buckley, daughter of Effingham Lawrence and Hannah (Morris) Buckley, of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Morris were the parents of a son, Effingham Buckley Morris, whose biography follows. The death of Mrs. Israel Wistar Morris occurred March 6, 1915.

The death of Israel Wistar Morris, which occurred December 18, 1909, deprived Philadelphia of one of her leading citizens, whose influence was always exerted in behalf of right and justice and who had ever, in the various relations of life, set an example in all respects worthy of emulation.

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**EFFINGHAM BUCKLEY MORRIS**—The Girard Trust Company, of Philadelphia, takes rank among the great financial institutions of the United States, and the personality of the man who since 1887 has guided its fortunes is therefore recorded. Effingham B. Morris comes of a family of professional men, merchants and bankers, many of whom during the last two hundred and twenty-five years attained prominence during their lives in Philadelphia. Himself a lawyer by training, he also gravitated toward finance, although still maintaining his law offices in the Morris building, Philadelphia, and he has been identified with many banks and other corporations.

Effingham Buckley Morris was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 23, 1856, son of the late Israel Wistar and Annie Morris (Buckley) Morris. He received his early education in the classical school of Dr. John W. Faires, Philadelphia, and then entered the University of Pennsylvania, being graduated from the department of arts in 1875 with the degree of A. B., and from the department of law in 1878 with the degree of LL.B. He entered upon the practice of his profession in association with P. Pemberton Morris, LL.D., a professor of practice and pleading at law and equity in the University of Pennsylvania, and upon the retirement of Professor Morris succeeded to his practice. He was general attorney for the Lehigh Valley railroad from 1881, general counsel for the Girard Trust Company from 1885 until 1887, and has been counsel for various other corporations.

In 1887 Mr. Morris was asked as counsel for the Girard Trust Company to act as president, when his predecessor, John B. Garrett, became financial vice-president of the Lehigh Valley railroad. He agreed to do so on May 17, 1887, supposing his term of service was to be for a few months, until the board could find a permanent successor to Mr. Garrett, as Mr. Morris had then no thought of giving up the active practice of his profession. However, he became so much interested in the development of the company, that his temporary duties have now lasted more than thirty-five years, and he is now the longest in service of all presidents of financial institutions in Philadelphia. All those who



were heads of all the banks, trust companies, and savings fund societies of Philadelphia when Mr. Morris took hold of the Girard Trust Company in 1887 have since then either died or retired from work. Mr. Morris still reaches his office at half past eight every morning, maintaining the habits of his early life.

The Girard Trust Company is, with one exception, the oldest of its kind in Pennsylvania. Under his direction it has grown to be the largest in extent of its business in the State. In 1887, when Mr. Morris was elected president, the Girard Trust Company had a capital of \$500,000, deposits of less than \$1,000,000 and trust funds of perhaps \$5,000,000 or more. Its entire office force, including officers, was less than a dozen persons. In 1922 the staff had grown to more than four hundred persons. The capital, surplus, and undivided profits of the Girard Trust Company in 1922 exceeded \$13,000,000; its deposits, subject to check, are nearly \$50,000,000; its trust funds over \$290,000,000; and its corporate trusts about \$1,900,000,000. The banking house of the Girard Trust Company with its large armor plate safe deposit and other similar vaults cost \$1,500,000, and the entire amount was charged off the books, the cost having been defrayed out of current surplus profits, over and above dividends, made during the three years occupied in construction of the building. The property is carried by the company as an asset at the cost of the bare ground only.

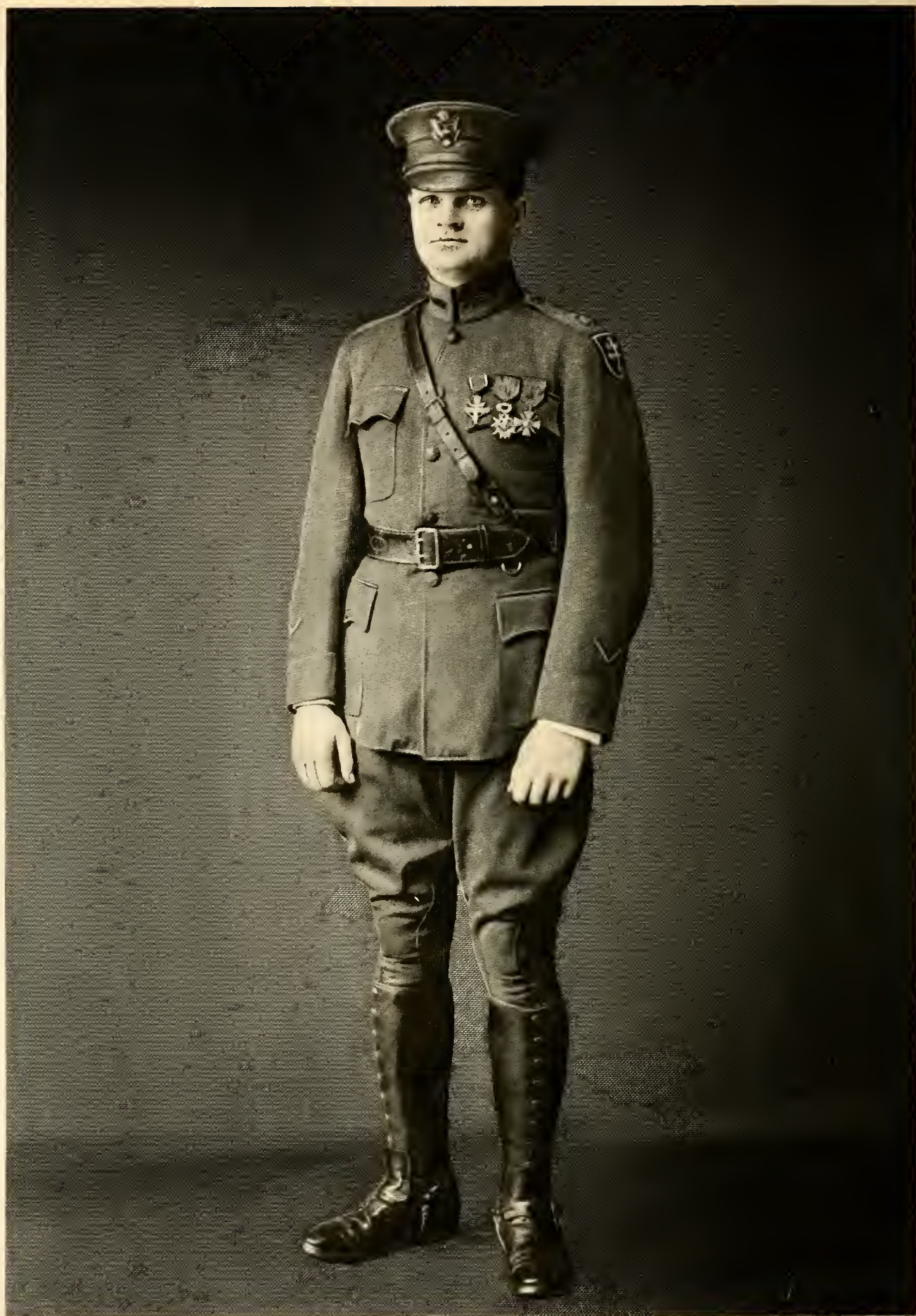
Mr. Morris was chairman for many years of the Pennsylvania Steel Company, and also of the Cambria Steel Company, employing some 20,000 men, until the sale of these companies to the Bethlehem and Midvale Steel Companies, respectively, in 1916. He has been for twenty-five years a director of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and of its allied lines, also of the Franklin National Bank, Philadelphia Savings Fund Society, and other corporations. He is a trustee of the estate of Anthony J. Drexel, deceased.

The political service of Effingham B. Morris in Philadelphia has been limited to one term as member of the Common Council of Philadelphia, to which he was elected as a candidate of the "Committee of One Hundred," in the Eighth Ward in 1880-81. He was a trustee for the holders of Philadelphia city bonds secured on city gas works from 1882 until 1887, defeating David H. Lane in the election by the councils for that position. By appointment of the United States courts in 1886, he became receiver of the Schuylkill Navigation Company, and in 1888 arranged for the settlement of its affairs in the reorganization of the Reading railroad. He was a trustee of the University of Pennsylvania for ten years, resigning in 1921. In March, 1917, Mr. Morris was appointed treasurer of the Council of National Defense and Committee of Public Safety of Pennsylvania, of which George Wharton Pepper was chairman, and was in active service with that committee during the entire World War.

Mr. Morris is a life member of the Union League and University Clubs; a member of the Philadelphia, Rittenhouse, Racquet, and other







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clubs, the Sons of the Revolution, Colonial and other societies, and of the Chamber of Commerce of New York. Politically he is a Republican.

On November 5, 1879, in Philadelphia, Mr. Morris married Ellen Douglas Burroughs, the youngest daughter of H. Nelson and Caroline (Mitchell) Burroughs of Philadelphia. Mrs. Morris is a descendant of Dr. Samuel Fuller, who made the historic voyage on the "Mayflower," and was the first physician in New England. Mr. and Mrs. Effingham B. Morris are the parents of the following children: 1. Rhoda, widow of George Clymer Brooke, of Philadelphia, who married, after his death, Trenchard E. Newbold, of Philadelphia. Her children are: Rhoda M. Brooke, George Clymer Brooke, Jr., and Trenchard E. Newbold, Jr. 2. Eleanor, wife of Stacy B. Lloyd, of Philadelphia. Her children are: Ellen Douglas Lloyd, Stacy B. Lloyd, Jr., and Morris Lloyd. 3. Caroline, wife of John Frederick Byers, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Her children are: Alexander M. Byers, John Frederick Byers, Jr., Nancy Lee Byers, and Buckley Morris Byers. 4. Effingham Buckley, Jr., whose biography follows.

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**EFFINGHAM BUCKLEY MORRIS, JR.**—Effingham Buckley Morris, Jr., was born August 26, 1890, in Ardmore, Pennsylvania, a son of Effingham Buckley and Ellen Douglas (Burroughs) Morris.

Effingham B. Morris, Jr., attended Haverford School, graduating in 1907. In the autumn of that year he entered Yale University, and in 1911 received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. After leaving Yale Mr. Morris entered the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1915. The same year he was admitted to the bar, and in association with Harry Ingersoll entered immediately upon the active practice of law. This was interrupted by the entrance of the United States into the World War. On May 10, 1917, Mr. Morris received a commission as second lieutenant of cavalry, having since 1912 been a member of the First Troop of Philadelphia City Cavalry, which he joined just one hundred years after the death of his ancestor, Captain Samuel Morris, who commanded the troop during the Revolution, and died in 1812. On August 15, 1917, at the training camp at Fort Niagara, he received his commission as captain of cavalry and was assigned to duty with the infantry at Camp Meade, Maryland, where he commanded Company K, 313th Regiment, 79th Division. On July 8, 1918, he sailed for France with the Expeditionary Forces, and from September 13 to October 15 saw active service in the Meuse-Argonne offensive, where his company, under his command, was one of the two assault companies leading the attack of the 313th Regiment on the town of Montfaucon, September 26, 1918, which was captured September 27, 1918. On September 27, 1918 he was wounded in the leg, but remained on the field and took command of the 3rd Battalion, 313th Infantry, after the battalion commander and the ranking captain who succeeded him had both been wounded and evacuated. On October 20, 1918, he was given his majority. He returned to the United States in command of the 2nd



Battalion, 313th Infantry, and on June 25, 1919, received an honorable discharge. For his conduct at Montfaucon, Major Morris was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross of the United States army, and was subsequently awarded the Croix de Guerre with Palm by Marshal Petain, of the French army. He was also created a Chevalier of the Legion d'Honneur of France and awarded the cross of that order.

Since his return, Mr. Morris has practiced his profession in Philadelphia, and is now a member of the law firm of Barnes, Biddle & Morris. Politically he is a Republican. He is a director of the Chestnut Street Realty Company, and the S. S. White Dental Manufacturing Company, the Girard Trust Company, and the United Gas Improvement Company. His clubs are the Philadelphia, Racquet, Penn Athletic, Merion Cricket, University Barge, Whitemarsh Valley Hunt and Pickering Hunt. He was a member of Alpha Delta Phi, and the Scroll and Key Society of Yale University.

On February 19, 1917, Mr. Morris married, in Philadelphia, Julia Peabody Lewis, daughter of Francis Draper (see sketch following) and Mary Humphreys (Chandler) Lewis, of Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Morris are the parents of two children: Effingham Buckley (3), born November 21, 1917; Julia Pemberton, born January 15, 1922. These children represent the sixth generation of the Morris family in continuous occupation of the old Morris house, No. 225 South Eighth street, Philadelphia, where their parents live.

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**FRANCIS DRAPER LEWIS**, of the old established firm of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, is one of those members of the Philadelphia bar who for nearly half a century have aided in the maintenance of its ancient prestige. Mr. Lewis is quietly influential in behalf of all that he deems conducive to the welfare of his home city, and is well known in his club circles and also in those of New York.

Joseph W. Lewis, a representative of a very old family of Eastern Massachusetts, and father of Francis Draper Lewis, was born June 7, 1823, in Boston, and graduated from the English High School of that city. In 1839 he came to Philadelphia, and for a number of years was a member of the firm of Lewis Brothers & Company, dry goods commission merchants. He belonged to the Union League, and in all ways proved himself a public-spirited citizen. He married Anne H. Kidder, born July 27, 1825, in Boston, where her family has been resident for several generations. The death of Mr. Lewis occurred on March 10, 1908.

Francis Draper Lewis, son of Joseph W. and Anne H. (Kidder) Lewis, was born August 29, 1849, in Boston, Massachusetts. He attended the Episcopal Academy of Philadelphia. In 1865 he entered Amherst College, graduating in 1869 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He was fitted for his profession at the Harvard Law School, receiving from that institution in 1871 the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In 1872 he was admitted to the bar, and immediately began the general practice of law in the office of John C. Bullitt. In 1873 Mr. Lewis, in association with Charles E. Morgan, founded the firm of Morgan & Lewis. After





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remaining unchanged for twenty-four years, in 1897 the name became Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, Mr. Lewis now being the senior partner.

The principles of the Republican party are those to which Mr. Lewis accords the support of his influence and vote. His clubs are the University, Philadelphia Cricket, and Sunnybrook Golf, and the University Club of New York, and he also belongs to the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields at Chestnut Hill.

Mr. Lewis married, April 28, 1887, in Philadelphia, Mary Humphreys Chandler, daughter of Charles W. and Julia A (Peabody) Chandler, and they are the parents of the following children: 1. Mary C., born August 11, 1888. 2. Joseph W., born August 20, 1889; graduate of Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University, class of 1911, and Pennsylvania University Law School, class of 1914. 3. Julia Peabody, born September 26, 1890; married Effingham B. Morris, Jr. (see preceding sketch). 4. Charles C., born December 28, 1891, now deceased. 5. Anne, born March 22, 1893; married Dr. Francis C. Grant, of Philadelphia, and they are the parents of three sons, Francis C., John B. and Joseph Lewis. 6. Francis D., born September 14, 1895, now deceased. 7. Winslow, born May 30, 1904.

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**CLIFTON SWENK HUNSICKER**—Son of an eminent member of the Montgomery county bar, Clifton S. Hunsicker inherited professional tastes, but embraced journalism, a new departure in the family. From youth until the present (1923) Mr. Hunsicker has devoted himself to newspaper work, and through a severe course of training in many capacities on the metropolitan and county papers, came to the editor's chair. He is now secretary of The Register Printing Company of Norristown, Pennsylvania, of which he is one of the founders and a member of the editorial staff of "The Evening Register" of Norristown, a revival of a newspaper founded in 1800, which had a successful career for over a century but suspended publication in its one hundred and fifteenth year.

The Hunsicker family of which he is a member in the sixth American generation was founded in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, by Valentine Hunsicker, who came from Canton Zurich, Switzerland, in 1717, and settled in Skippack township, Montgomery county, where he bought a farm of two hundred and twenty-five acres, and there died, March 30, 1771.

Jacob Reiff Hunsicker, a lineal descendant of the founder, and father of Clifton S. Hunsicker, was born in Lower Salford township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, April 18, 1836. He spent his youth on the farm, and was educated at Freeland Seminary, Collegeville, and at Washington Hall, in Trappe. Beginning at the age of seventeen years, he taught school at Greenville, various other places in Montgomery county, and elsewhere. In April, 1858, he began the study of law with Charles Hunsicker, and in May, 1861, was admitted to the Montgomery county bar. He located in Norristown and became one of the strong men of the Montgomery county bar. He married Susan Rebecca Swenk, and they were the parents of Clifton Swenk Hunsicker, of further mention.

Clifton Swenk Hunsicker was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, October 5, 1872, and there yet resides, a veteran journalist. He was educated in the public schools of Norristown, finishing with high school graduation, after which he began his newspaper work. He gained his early experience and training on Philadelphia newspapers, later being on New York City and Bayonne, New Jersey, papers. In 1889 he returned to Norristown and formed an association with the Norristown "Times," which association existed for twenty-three years. During that period he served as reporter, city editor, telegraph editor, and feature writer; for fifteen years was a member of the board of directors, and traveled extensively in Europe, Northern Africa and the Near East. During his foreign tours he wrote a number of travel articles for various American publications that were well received.

On January 1, 1923, the "Times" was sold to R. B. Strassburger and merged with the Norristown "Herald," Mr. Hunsicker retiring. He then, with others, organized the Register Printing Company, of which he is secretary, that company beginning later the publication of "The Evening Register" under a Pennsylvania charter. This was the rebirth of the journal which suspended publication in 1915, previously mentioned.

While subject to the second selection draft, Mr. Hunsicker was officially exempted in consideration of the valuable civilian service he was rendering as deputy food administrator and chief of the newspaper division of the United States Food Administration during the World War period, 1917-18. For six weeks during the illness of his chief, Henry K. Boyer, he acted as food administrator of Montgomery county. He is a member of the Press League of Bucks and Montgomery counties, also an ex-president of same, and for ten years has been chairman of the executive committee. He is a member of the Pennsylvania State Editorial Association; the National Editorial Association; Montgomery County Historical Society; and of Trinity Lutheran Church of Norristown, which he served as vestryman for twelve years. His last public work of importance is in connection with the present "History of Montgomery County," now in course of preparation, of which he is editor-in-chief.

Clifton S. Hunsicker married (first) March 1, 1896, at Reading, Pennsylvania, Maie Hurst, daughter of George and Marie Hurst, and to them three children were born: 1. Susan M., born July 29, 1897, an honor graduate of the Philadelphia School of Design, and for merit awarded the Wediner European Scholarship. 2. Andora E., born April 3, 1900. 3. J. de Masson, born March 19, 1915. Mr. Hunsicker married (second) at Norristown, January 5, 1921, Kathryn Xavier Donovan, daughter of Patrick and Mary Donovan. Mrs. Kathryn X. (Donovan) Hunsicker is a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

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**ABRAM TRIMBLE EASTWICK**—Prominent among the successful business men of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, who are efficiently filling the positions of chief executives of important concerns, is Abram

Trimble Eastwick, president of the James Lees & Sons Company, of Norristown, engaged in the manufacture of worsteds and woolen goods. Mr. Eastwick comes of a family which for several generations has been identified with large business interests, and which has been closely associated with the development of the eastern section of the State of Pennsylvania since the beginning of its history.

(I) John Eastwick, great-great-grandfather of Abram T. Eastwick, was a tanner of Newtown, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, in which place he was born. He served in the Revolutionary War, enlisting in Captain Nathaniel Vansent's company, 5th Pennsylvania Battalion, Continental Forces, commanded by Colonel Robert Magaw, and remaining in the service until November 16, 1776, when he was captured at Fort Washington, New York, and held until sent home on parole, January 1, 1777, after which time he was not again called into service. He held the rank of sergeant at the time of his capture by the enemy. He married, October 4, 1771, Sarah Smith, and their children were: Letitia, who married John Wright; Thomas, of further mention; Stephen, married Elizabeth Cale; Mary, who married, April 21, 1791, Abram Vickers; Rachel, who married William Burnett; William Smith, unmarried; Hannah, married Nicholas Grubb; and John, who died in infancy. John Eastwick, the father, died February 17, 1837, near Wilmington, Delaware.

(II) Thomas Eastwick, son of John and Sarah (Smith) Eastwick, was born August 30, 1775, and served in the War of 1812, his discharge papers being dated 1817. He died in November, 1816, while on furlough during the War of 1812. He married, June 19, 1797, at Abington, Pennsylvania, Margaret McCalla, daughter of Robert and Ruth (Morrey) McCalla. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Eastwick were the parents of the following children: Thomas (2); Sarah; Mary; Eliza, who married Samuel Cowperthwait; William Smith, married Hannah Simons; Roxana, died in early infancy; and Andrew McCalla, of further mention.

(III) Andrew McCalla Eastwick, son of Thomas and Margaret (McCalla) Eastwick, was born September 14, 1810, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and attended the public schools until his twelfth year. He then learned the machinist's trade, and while working through the day he attended night school. At the age of twenty-one he became a partner in the business of his employer, Philip Garrett, a locomotive builder of Philadelphia, under the firm name of Garrett & Eastwick, and in 1835 the late Joseph Harrison was made foreman of the shops. Upon the retirement of Mr. Garrett in 1837, Joseph Harrison became a member of the firm, the style of which was changed to Eastwick & Harrison, and three years later, in 1840, the excellence of the locomotives built by the firm attracted the attention of the Russian Government, which firm later, in 1844, with Thomas Winans, of Baltimore, entered into a three-million dollar contract with the Russian Government through the agency of Major George Whistler, the father of the noted artist, James Whistler, to build the locomotives and rolling stock for the St. Petersburg & Moscow railway. Mr. Eastwick went to Russia, and superin-



tended the fulfillment of the contract so successfully that other contracts followed, but when the terms of the first had been fully met, Mr. Eastwick returned to Philadelphia and retired from active business, severing his connection with the firm (1849). He was made president of the City Bank of Philadelphia, and took an active interest in local public affairs, serving, after the consolidation of the city, as a member of the Common Council from the Twenty-second Ward. Politically he gave his support first to the Whig party and later to the Republican party, and his religious affiliation was with St. James' Protestant Episcopal Church, of Kingessing, which he served as vestryman. To his talents and abilities as a business man Andrew McCalla Eastwick added the genius of the inventor. The world is indebted to him for what is known as the "equalizing beam," which is used on all locomotives of the present time. In 1850 Mr. Eastwick purchased of the descendants of the well known botanist, John Bartram, the estate on the banks of the Schuylkill river, later known as Bartram Hall, to which he removed his family in 1851, and where he continued to reside to the time of his death. After his death the city of Philadelphia purchased for a city park a portion of the Bartram place, including the old Bartram house and gardens and a few acres surrounding them. The two large iron lions now in front of Memorial Hall in Fairmount Park were cast in the locomotive works at Alexandrovski, three miles from St. Petersburg (Petrograd), and were brought from Russia by Mr. Eastwick, and presented to the city by Mrs. Eastwick after the death of her husband.

Andrew McCalla Eastwick married, April 12, 1832, in Philadelphia, Lydia Ann James, of Colonial ancestry, daughter of John and Maria T. (Quicksall) James, and they were the parents of fourteen children: Edward Peers; Joseph Harrison, of further mention; Charles James; Philip Garrett; Margaret; Maria James; Julia, died young; William, born at Alexandrovski; George Whistler, died young; Lydia Anne; Mary Emma; Katherine; Andrew McC., Jr.; and Thomas Winans.

(IV) Joseph Harrison Eastwick, son of Andrew McCalla and Lydia Ann (James) Eastwick, was born December 1, 1834, and received his early education in the schools of his native district in Philadelphia. He then specialized in chemistry, and after graduating from college in Philadelphia, studied in Goettinger College, in Germany, and in schools in France, while his father, Andrew McCalla Eastwick, was in Russia building the railroad from Moscow to St. Petersburg (Petrograd) for the Russian Government. He later became one of the chemists in the service of the city of Philadelphia. He was interested in art, painted, traveled abroad and was a friend of James Whistler, the celebrated artist. He married, at West Chester, Pennsylvania, October 13, 1858, Katherine Trimble, daughter of William and Sarah (Vickers) Trimble, the former an educator in charge of a large girls' school near Downingtown, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harrison Eastwick became the parents of eight children: Joseph, died young; William Trimble, unmarried; Margaret Lydia; Abram Trimble, of further mention; Joseph

Harrison, Jr.; Charles James; Andrew, died young; and Sarah, died young.

(V) Abram Trimble Eastwick, son of Joseph Harrison and Katherine (Trimble) Eastwick, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 14, 1865, and received his early education in the public schools of his native city. In the "university class" of the high school, he won a scholarship in the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1886 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He then was engaged in post-graduate study in that institution for a year, in the chemical department, which course he completed in 1887, receiving the degree of Chemical Engineer. His first position was that of chemist in the employ of the Franklin Sugar Refining Company, which connection he retained for a year, and then for another year was associated with the Coahuila Mining Company of Mexico, in the same capacity. From 1889 to 1892 he was chemist for the McHose Iron Company, at Norristown, Pennsylvania, and then for two years was in charge of the chemical laboratory of the Carbon Steel Company of Pittsburgh. Upon the death of James Lees, his father-in-law, in 1894, he assumed the directorship of the woolen manufacturing business, operated under the name of James Lees & Sons Company, with mills at Bridgeport, Pennsylvania, and at the time of the incorporation of the concern in 1895 was elected treasurer of the corporation. That official position he continued to hold until the retirement of Charles F. Williams, January 1, 1921, at which time he was elected to succeed the latter as president. Under his wise and able management, the business of James Lees & Sons Company has steadily increased, and it now requires a force of more than 1,500 employees to handle its work.

Since 1905, Mr. Eastwick has been a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Norristown, Pennsylvania. Along with his business responsibilities and activities he has found time for public service. From 1903 to 1913 he served as school director for Norristown, and he has always been ready to do all in his power for the advancement of the public welfare. Politically he gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Republican party. During the World War he took an active part in all the loan drives, war chest drives and Red Cross drives, and was an important factor in helping to carry the community "over the top." Mr. Eastwick is a member of the Montgomery County Manufacturers' Association, and of the National Association of Manufacturers, and is well known in club circles, being a member of the Plymouth Country Club, the Norristown Club, the Union League of Philadelphia, and the Rotary Club, being president of the latter (1923). His religious affiliation is with the First Presbyterian Church of Norristown, which he serves as a member of the board of trustees.

On October 18, 1892, at Bridgeport, Pennsylvania, Abram Trimble Eastwick married Alice Lees, daughter of Joseph and Maria L. (Hinkle) Lees, deceased, founder and former owner of the plant located at Bridgeport, Pennsylvania, of which Mr. Eastwick is now president (see Lees

line). Mr. and Mrs. Eastwick are the parents of two children: Katherine, who married Spencer Lock Jones; and Joseph Lees Eastwick, a sketch of whom will be found on following pages.

(The Lees Line).

James Lees, grandfather of James Lees, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and ancestor of the branch of the Lees family to which Mrs. Alice T. (Lees) Eastwick belongs, was a native of Yorkshire, England, where his ancestors had lived for many years and where he was the first to introduce the carding of wool by machinery. He died at Gross Croft about 1797, survived by his wife, Anna, who died in 1811, at the age of eighty-eight. Among the children of James and Anna Lees was George, of further mention.

George Lees, son of James and Anna Lees, was born at Thornley, Yorkshire, England, in 1772, and died in 1839. He was a manufacturer of broadcloth. He married Hannah Winterbottom, daughter of Robert Winterbottom, and they were the parents of five children: Alice, who married Johnson Street, and resided in England; James, of further mention; Mary Ann, who died in early life unmarried; Eliza, who married Robert Blackburn; and Maria, who married William Fielding.

James Lees, son of George and Hannah (Winterbottom) Lees, was born January 23, 1803, at Saddleworth, West Riding of Yorkshire, England, and died in 1887. He received a practical education in the local schools and was associated with his father in the manufacture of broadcloth from the time he was ten years of age, working his way from one branch to another until he had mastered all the details of the industry. He came to the United States in 1842, and six years later, October 20, 1848, became a naturalized citizen. He settled in Philadelphia, where he was employed in the mills until 1846, in which year he engaged in business for himself, the record of this enterprise to follow.

In politics Mr. Lees was first a Whig and later a Republican, and served as a director of the almshouse from the Twenty-first Ward of Philadelphia, and also as a director of the schools from the same ward. He was a member of St. George's Society, and from 1853 to the close of his life was an elder of the Barren Hill Lutheran Church. James Lees married, June 2, 1823, at Saddleworth Church, Betty Seville, and they were the parents of six children: George S., born August 25, 1824, died August 3, 1853, unmarried; Joseph, died in infancy; Joseph, of further mention; Mary Ann, died in infancy before her parents came to the United States; John S., born August 8, 1840, died October 12, 1916; and Maria Seville, who married William C. Mackie, now deceased.

Joseph Lees, son of James and Betty (Seville) Lees, was born in Saddleworth, Yorkshire, England, June 19, 1830, and died March 27, 1894. He came to this country with his parents while he was still a child, settling in Philadelphia. He received his early education in the public schools of England, Philadelphia and Norristown, and then became a student in Treemount Seminary, in Norristown. When school-days were



over, he became associated with his father, James Lees, and that connection was maintained throughout his active career, as a member of the firm in charge of the production end of the business. He married, in 1855, Maria Louisa Hinkle, daughter of Peter and Susan (Bechtel) Hinkle, and they are the parents of seven children: George S.; James, who died in infancy; Susan B., who resides with her mother in Norristown; Mary A., who married Charles F. Williams, now deceased; James (2), died in infancy; Elizabeth S. (Lizzie S.), who married Howard Alexander, now deceased; and Alice, who married Abram T. Eastwick (see Eastwick V).

James Lees & Sons Company, of Bridgeport, Pennsylvania, having become widely known the world over through its products, it is with great interest that the pages of this history open to receive and preserve the record of the growth of this great organization whose seat of activity is located in Montgomery county.

In 1849 the partnership of James Lees and Joseph Schofield was formed for the purpose of the manufacture of carpet yarns. The enterprise, which was located at Robinson's Mill, on Mill Creek, was started in a small way under the firm name of Schofield & Lees, the equipment comprising one mule spinning frame, three condenser cards, and twelve hands. At the end of two years, 1851, Messrs. Lees and Schofield rented the Daniel Nippes Mill, on the same stream, and thus continued for two more years, or until the time when the latter withdrew from the concern, Mr. Lees continuing the manufacture of carpet yarn under the firm name of James Lees & Company, but with a location at Manayunk. Here he remained for about three months, when he admitted his son Joseph into partnership and sought headquarters in Derringer's Mill, Mill creek. The concern which was now known as James Lees & Son continued under that name until 1864, when it was again changed, this time to James Lees & Sons, upon the admission into the firm of John S. Lees.

Derringer's Mill continued to be the scene of the company's activities until February 17, 1864, when the plant was destroyed by fire, necessitating a removal to Robinson's Mill, at Bridgeport, which was built in 1852. After repairing the building and installing new machinery the organization began the manufacture of carpet yarn in their new location. This is the early history, in brief, of an enterprise which has since met with unbounded prosperity, and gives employment to more people than any other of its kind in that section.

James Lees died in 1887, and on March 27, 1894, his son, Joseph Lees, a native of Yorkshire, England, passed away, at the age of sixty-four years. In 1895 the business was incorporated under the name of James Lees & Sons Company, with the following personnel: Charles F. Williams, president; Wilfred L. Stauffer, vice-president; Abram T. Eastwick, treasurer and secretary. In 1921 the following officers were elected and are still in office: Abram T. Eastwick, president; Wilfred L. Stauffer, vice-president; J. H. Halford, second vice-president; J. L. Eastwick, treasurer; J. Ambler Williams, secretary; W. H. Finn, employment

manager; F. E. Malmberg, purchasing agent; L. W. Pyle, chief book-keeper; J. L. Schewyer, sales manager of the Minerva Yarn hand-knitting department. The present plant, which covers 6,000 feet of space at the present time, is composed of seven mills, four and five stories in height, a warehouse; a dye house; one hundred worsted spinning frames, and thirty-eight sets of woollen spinning frames, the former with a capacity of 75,000 pounds weekly, the latter with a capacity of 100,000 pounds each week. The production, for which 1,500 men are employed, consists of a general line of worsteds for the manufacture of carpets, weaving purposes and general knitting, in addition to the Minerva hand-knitting yarns, known and sold all over the world. The value of the plant's output varies from six to eight millions of dollars annually, and is conclusive proof of its great financial success.

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**JOSEPH LEES EASTWICK**—Among the men who are identified with large business interests in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, is Joseph Lees Eastwick, treasurer of the James Lees & Sons Company (see preceding pages). He was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, April 3, 1896, son of Abram Trimble (q. v.) and Alice (Lees) Eastwick. He received his early education in the public schools of his native district, including two years of the high school course. He then spent two years preparing for college, after which he entered Cornell University, from which he was graduated in 1919, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, after having served in the World War for a year and a half between his junior and senior years. Upon the completion of his college course, he became associated with the James Lees & Sons Company, which he served in the official capacity of secretary from August, 1919, to January, 1921, at which time he was elected treasurer, his father being elected to fill the position of president at the same time. As treasurer he has rendered efficient service and has taken his place among the younger business men of whom much may be expected.

Politically, Mr. Eastwick gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Republican party, but he renders his service in a quiet way and has not sought political office. Upon the entrance of the United States into the World War he at once enlisted for service, April, 1917, and after three months of training at the officers' training camp at Fort Niagara, was sent with the 311th Field Artillery to Camp Meade as second lieutenant, where he remained for a period of nine months. At the end of that time he was transferred to the 49th Field Artillery and sent to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he received his honorable discharge, December, 1918. He is now a member of the First City Troop of Philadelphia, and he is also a member of George Nalthowr Post, American Legion, of Norristown. He is well known in club circles, holding membership in the Plymouth Country Club; the Norristown Club; Merion Cricket Club, and the Ersine Tennis Club, of Norristown. He retains his college association through affiliation with the Alpha Delta Phi and the Sigma Phi college fraternities, and his religious affiliation is with the







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First Presbyterian Church of Norristown. Mr. Eastwick is unmarried. He is fond of out-of-door sports, especially of golf and of horseback-riding, and has a host of friends both among his business associates and among those with whom he is associated socially and in civic activities. The concern with which he is identified is one of the well established and important organizations which are the foundation of the economic prosperity of that section of the State, and to the families which have built up such concerns the communities in which they are located and the section of the country which they supply are greatly indebted.

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**WILFRED LUDWIG STAUFFER**—It is believed that all the Stauffers that came to Pennsylvania at an early date had a common origin in the ancient house of Hohenstauffen in Suabia. In the middle of the eleventh century Frederick of Buren (1152-1190) removed from the confined valley of Buren to the plains of Hohenstauffen, built the castle and founded the town of Hohenstauffen. The Hohenstauffen dynasty in the time of the greatest glory of the house claimed descent from the time of Charlemagne. This was not proven, however, but Frederick of Buren, founder of the house, was beyond doubt of French-Alsatian ancestry, one of the noblest of the dukes of Suabia, who for his loyalty and devotion to his King, Henry of Germany, was presented by that monarch with his daughter Agnes as a bride and the duchy of Suabia as a dowry. The dynasty of the Hohenstauffens fell in 1254, and all who might have been claimants fled to other lands. The line is traced as follows: Konrad III, 1138-1152; Frederick I, 1152-1190; Heinrich VI, 1190-1197; Philip, 1198-1208; Frederick II, 1215-1250; Konrad IV, 1250-1254, who was aged eleven when his father, Frederick II, died, and reigned as king four years. His murder ended the dynasty. Several hundred years later, when religious persecution was rife, many of the family who had become Protestants again fled their country and came to America, and no fewer than eighteen by the name of Stauffer came to Pennsylvania, mostly from the Palatinate of the Rhine. This branch of the family begins in Pennsylvania with Hans, son of Daniel Stauffer, a descendant of the ancient house of Hohenstauffen, in Suabia, who was born at Alzheim, near the Rhine, in Switzerland, about 1630, and there died.

(I) Hans Stauffer was born in Alzheim, Switzerland, between 1650-1655. He married, in 1685, a widow, Kinget Heistand, both being Mennonites in religious faith. When persecution for "conscience sake" became too grievous to be borne, they left Switzerland. A diary kept by Hans Stauffer thus reads: "In the year 1709 I, Hans Stauffer, left my own native land, the Schweiz, on the 5th day of November with my wife and children: Jacob, aged thirteen; Daniel, twelve; Henry, nine; Elizabeth, with her husband, Paulus; Fried; and one child named Mary—eight persons in all. After a stormy voyage, on January 26; 1710, we arrived in London." This diary is now in possession of the subject of this sketch. In the spring of the same year, 1710, they crossed the Atlantic, and after a perilous passage, landed in Philadelphia, Pennsyl-



vania, and found a home at Frantz Creek (now French Creek), near now Valley Forge. It is claimed that Hans Stauffer, the founder, is buried in the Mennonite grave-yard near Valley Forge.

(II) Jacob Stauffer, who is mentioned in his father's diary as "aged thirteen" when the family left Switzerland, was born in Alzheim in 1696. He married at Valley Forge then moved to Hereford, in Washington township, where he was one of the first settlers. The grain he raised was carried on horseback to the grist mill below Norristown, twenty miles away. He was a Mennonite and buried in the church cemetery near his farm.

(III) Henry Stauffer, son of Jacob Stauffer, was born August 31, 1725, and died June 19, 1803. He bought a farm in Colebrookdale township, and is buried in the Boyerton Mennonite grave-yard, for which he gave a lot of the land. He married, in 1750, Maria Buckwalter.

(IV) Jacob Stauffer, eldest son of Henry and Maria (Buckwalter) Stauffer, was born May 2, 1754, died March 20, 1839, and is buried in the Mennonite Cemetery at Boyerton. He was a farmer in Colebrookdale township, buying the home farm from the other heirs. He was a private in the Revolutionary War, serving in the 6th Battalion under Captain Adam Roth (Pennsylvania Archives, Series 6, Vol. 3, Page 75). In 1785 he married Susanna Huff.

(V) John Stauffer, son of Jacob and Susanna (Huff) Stauffer, was born July 4, 1792, and died November 28, 1854. He was a judge in Berks county courts, and a leading citizen of Boyerton, where he built a fine mansion. Judge Stauffer married Elizabeth Keely, and they were the parents of twelve children, among them Franklin K. Stauffer, of whom further.

(VI) Franklin K. Stauffer, son of John and Elizabeth (Keely) Stauffer, was born January 29, 1829, and died in July, 1880. He was a coal and lumber merchant of Schwenkville, Pennsylvania, succeeding Reuben Y. Strassburger in business upon the latter's death. He married (first) Harriet Ludwig, born in 1833, to whom was born Wilfred L. Stauffer, subject of this sketch; she died in December, 1857. He married (second) Sarah T. Miller, who died in 1880. To this union were born three children: Emma, Alice, and Kate.

(VII) Wilfred Ludwig Stauffer, son of Franklin K. and Harriet (Ludwig) Stauffer, was born in New Berlin, Union county, Pennsylvania, July 28, 1857. He was educated in the public schools of Boyerton, in Berks county, Pennsylvania; Boys' Academy, Boyerton; Ursinus College, Collegeville, finishing the junior year work. He then began the study of law in the office of his uncle, Abner K. Stauffer, of Reading, Pennsylvania. He did not continue in the law, but after two years as special agent for the Reading Railroad Company in different places, he came, in 1887, to the firm of James Lees & Sons Company (q. v.), of Bridgeport, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, as office manager, and after holding different positions became vice-president when the firm was incorporated in 1895. That position he still holds, his home being in Norristown, Pennsylvania.



Mr. Stauffer is a Republican in politics, and for four years he served the borough as school director. He is a member of Norristown Lodge, No. 714, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; of Montgomery County and Berks County Historical societies; the Norristown Club; the Plymouth Country Club; the Ersine Tennis Club; Union League, of Philadelphia; and St. John's Episcopal Church, of Norristown, which he serves as vestryman.

Mr. Stauffer married, in Schwenkville, Pennsylvania, September 7, 1881 (memorable also as the hottest day there in half a century), Magdalena Strassburger, daughter of Reuben Y. and Elizabeth (Schwenk) Strassburger, her father a lumber merchant of Schwenkville. Mr. and Mrs. Stauffer are the parents of six children: Wilfred Ludwig, born July 29, 1883, died January 5, 1885; Mary Elizabeth, born June 11, 1885, married John Hyatt Naylor, of New York City; Charles R., born April 7, 1887, married Florence Rosella Franey; Paul Strassburger, born February 10, 1889, married Alice Brown Butz, deceased; J. Kenneth, born April 9, 1891, married Sarah Meyers; Wilfred Ludwig (2), a sketch of whom follows.

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**WILFRED LUDWIG (2) STAUFFER**—In a very practical branch of business endeavor Mr. Stauffer is winning success in Norristown, Pennsylvania, his garage being patronized extensively by the motoring public. Mr. Stauffer is a member of a well known family of Norristown, being a son of Wilfred L. and Magdalena (Strassburger) Stauffer (see preceding sketch).

Wilfred Ludwig (W. Ludwig) Stauffer was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, October 29, 1894. His early education was acquired at the public schools of his native place, and he completed his studies at the Chestnut Hill Academy, at Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in due course. Mr. Stauffer began his business career as an agent for a victrola concern, and he continued along this line of activity until 1917, which year he entered the service of the United States army as a member of the 77th Aerial Squad, at Kelly Field, Texas, and served until April 7, 1919. Upon returning to his home in Norristown, Mr. Stauffer established his present business, and has since carried it forward, handling a general garage and repair shop at No. 1120 West Main street, Norristown. He has a spacious plant, well equipped, covering a floor area of about 18,000 square feet, and employs six assistants, all expert automobile workers. He has thus far enjoyed marked success, and is doing a constantly increasing business. Widely acquainted both through his business and as a life-long resident of Norristown, Mr. Stauffer is popular in fraternal circles, being a member of Norristown Lodge, No. 620, Free and Accepted Masons; Norris Lodge, No. 430, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 714. Politically he supports the Republican party, and he is a member of the Episcopal church.

**J. QUINCY THOMAS, M. D.**, a native of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, has been engaged in the practice of his profession within county limits for a quarter of a century, although his first year was as resident physician in the hospital at Norristown, Pennsylvania. He is widely known as a physician of learning and skill, his practice being large and his standing high. Dr. Thomas is a son of John R. and Mary (Hunsicker) Thomas, and a grandson of Garrett Hunsicker, a descendant of Thomas Hunsicker, who came from Wales and founded a family large and numerous in Philadelphia and Montgomery counties, Pennsylvania.

John R. Thomas was born at the homestead in 1844. He spent his active years engaged in farming and as a dealer in live-stock, and then retired to the reward of a well spent life. He married Mary Hunsicker, born in Montgomery county, who died in 1876. To them four sons were born: Wilbur, Allen, Morgan, and J. Quincy, whose name furnishes the caption for this review.

J. Quincy Thomas was born at the homestead of his mother's ancestors in Lower Providence township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, November 22, 1874, and there spent his boyhood, beginning his education in the public school. His father later removed to Norristown, and he continued his schooling in the Norristown schools, going thence to West Chester State Normal School, there completing his non-professional courses of study. Deciding upon the medical profession, he prepared at the University of Pennsylvania, whence he was graduated, and received the degree of Doctor of Medicine, class of 1898. He spent the following year as resident physician at Montgomery Hospital, after which he began a general practice in Conshohocken, which he continued there until 1914. He then took up post-graduate work at various places, first in Philadelphia, then at Harvard University, and then at the New York Polyclinic Hospital. In 1915 he opened an office in Norristown, specializing in diseases of the stomach. In 1919 he purchased the property at No. 414 De Kalk street, where he devotes his entire time to his specialty. The years which have elapsed since his graduation have brought him professional reputation and the substantial rewards of his profession.

Dr. Thomas, in spite of all his many professional duties, has always found time for his civic obligations. He was on the Town Council of Conshohocken for ten years, eight of which he served as president of that body. He was also one of the organizers of the Chamber of Commerce of Conshohocken, and has been its president since 1920. He is a member of the Montgomery County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, the Pathological Society of Philadelphia, the American Medical Association, John D. Dever Society of Philadelphia, the American Congress of Internal Medicine, and has been a trustee of the Norristown State Hospital since 1918. He is also a member of Fritz Lodge, No. 490, Free and Accepted Masons, of Conshohocken, and a member of the Plymouth Country Club, his chief recreation being golf. In political faith he is a Republican, and he is a member of the Episcopal church of Conshohocken.







*Isaac P. Rhoades*

Dr. Thomas married, September 17, 1901, Charlotte S. Trumbower, of Norristown, Pennsylvania, daughter of Dr. Lewis T. and Julia Ann (Troxel) Trumbower, her father practicing at Quakertown and Norristown, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Thomas is the youngest of five children, her brothers being: Elmer, deceased; Howard, Calvin, and Werner. Dr. and Mrs. Thomas are the parents of four children: E. Kathlyn, born July 24, 1902; John Lewis, born April 10, 1904; Nancy, born December 29, 1906; and Charlotte, born July 18, 1908.

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**ISAAC PENNYPACKER RHOADES**—A venerable and interesting figure, still active in the business life of Trappe, Pennsylvania, Mr. Rhoades has been widely known as a surveyor for more than fifty years. A descendant of Pennsylvania pioneers, his forbears were identified in many ways with the early progress of Montgomery county. He is a son of Henry Rhoades, who died in 1847, was a contractor until his death, also owner and manager of the Cedar Hollow Lime Kilns. Henry Rhoades, with Henry Israel Beidler, his father-in-law, and Samuel Pennypacker, father of the former governor of Pennsylvania, built the Mennonite church at Phoenixville, Chester county, and much of the early construction work of this section was done by him or under his hand. The death of this public-spirited and enterprising man at an early age was a great loss to the community. He married Elizabeth Sweetzer, and they were the parents of five children: Louis, a pilot on the Mississippi river, and a veteran of the Civil War; Mary, wife of Dr. Tarr, of New York and Baltimore, Maryland; Elizabeth, who founded Mt. Karl Seminary; Frank, a successful cattle drover and manufacturer, of brick; and Isaac Pennypacker, whose name entitles this review.

Isaac Pennypacker Rhoades was born in Phoenixville, Chester county, Pennsylvania, March 22, 1845. His education was begun in the meeting house at Upper Providence, Montgomery county, and later, for three years, he attended Freeland Seminary (now Ursinus College), at Collegeville. In 1869 Mr. Rhoades began to learn surveying, under the preceptorship of James Warren Sunderland, of Trappe, jointly with J. Warren Royer, also of Trappe, after whom Warren Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of that community, is named. Meanwhile Mr. Rhoades was deeply absorbed by the stirring events of his youth, and while still scarcely more than a boy assisted in the slave running activities which form a part of the history of Pennsylvania of which the State is proud. He volunteered for service in the Civil War, but having been only twenty months old at the time of his father's death, his father had appointed, as his guardian, William W. Taylor, who refused his consent to this enlistment. With his classical and technical education both completed in 1872, Mr. Rhoades at once entered his chosen field of endeavor. In that year and the following he sold certain inherited properties, thereby giving the Phoenixville Iron Company much needed opportunity of expansion, a course against which his father had set his face, but which, with the changed conditions of a new generation Mr. Rhoades felt that his father

would have approved. While still a young man Mr. Rhoades went to Missouri, where he was active in his profession for some years, laying out, in 1873, the towns of Liberal, Georgia City and Joplin. Returning to his native State, he served as borough engineer of Spring City, Chester county, Pennsylvania, for several years, then in 1891 became borough engineer of Trappe, which office he has held continuously since, being still active in this capacity. Mr. Rhoades has always kept broadly in touch with public affairs, although never interested in public office outside of his professional field, his convictions following Independent Republican lines. Fraternally he was formerly a member of the Knights of Pythias of Zeiglersville, but later transferred his affiliation to the St. Louis, Missouri, lodge.

Isaac Pennypacker Rhoades married, at Mt. Kirk, Lower Providence township, Montgomery county, March 22, 1868, Rebecca Longstreth, who was born February 14, 1840, and died May 18, 1923. Mrs. Rhoades was a daughter of John and Catharine (Kline) Longstreth, their children numbering eight: James, Henry, Rebecca, who married Isaac P. Rhodes; Anna; Morris; Samuel; Isaac; and Horace. Mrs. Rhoades' brother Isaac, is the only member of this family now living. Isaac Pennypacker and Rebecca (Longstreth) Rhoades were the parents of five children: Clarine, born February 9, 1869, died September 9, 1885; Sterling L., born November 21, 1872, who became the wife of Clyde Elliott, of Philadelphia, a claim agent of that city; Lillian Ione, born May 19, 1875, who became the wife of the late Theodore L. McDowell, Ph.D., of St. Martin's, Philadelphia, Mrs. McDowell being a writer of ability, having prepared the "Story of Philadelphia" for book publication for use in the public schools; John Harold and Josephine L., twins, born September 22, 1880. John Harold Rhoades married Helen Collins, of Philadelphia, where he now resides, and is active as a claim agent. Josephine L. Rhoades is a school teacher of wide experience, having taught in Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania, and has studied music in Germany.

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**JOHN FABER MILLER**—Since the retirement of Judge Swartz during the present year, 1923, Judge Miller, who, since 1914 had been judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Montgomery county, became president judge, an honor worthily bestowed. He has practiced law in Philadelphia and Norristown since 1886, and was highly rated at the bar of both counties prior to his elevation to the bench in 1914. Judge Miller is a son of William George and Caroline (Roberts) Miller, his father long a merchant.

John Faber Miller was born in Weldon, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, February 18, 1865. His education, begun in Gwynedd Friends' School, was continued in Whitpain Township Public School, Centre Square Seminary, Germantown Friends' School (Germantown, Pennsylvania), Friends' Central School, a graduate of the class of 1883, and the University of Pennsylvania, from which he received the degree of LL.B. in 1886. He was admitted to the Philadelphia bar in 1886 and





Mr. Faber



there practiced law until 1892, being, during that same period, a member of the firm of Miller Brothers, of Philadelphia, wholesale dealers in leaf and manufactured tobacco.

In 1892 Mr. Miller began practice at the bar of Montgomery county, located in Norristown, and there became well known as one of the strong men of that bar. He practiced his profession with zeal and success, 1892-1914, then in the latter year took his seat upon the Montgomery bench, as judge of the Court of Common Pleas. Nine years later he succeeded Judge Swartz as president judge, his present position. He is learned in the law, skilled in its practice, fair and open minded as a judge and as a citizen, progressive and public spirited. He was a director of the Montgomery Trust Company for about ten years, a position he resigned before taking his seat upon the bench. He was also county solicitor for five years, 1909-1914.

Judge Miller is a past master of Hiram Lodge, No. 81, Free and Accepted Masons, of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia; member of the Union League, the Lawyers' Club of Philadelphia, the Norristown Club of Norristown, Plymouth Country Club, and The Whitemarsh Valley Country Club of Chestnut Hill. He is a Republican in politics and in religious faith a member of the Society of Friends, his wife and children Episcopalians.

At Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania, November 20, 1889, Judge Miller married Emma Bush Yeakel, daughter of Daniel and Amanda (Bush) Yeakel. Judge and Mrs. Miller are the parents of four children: Daniel Yeakel, born November 6, 1890, a lawyer of Norristown; married Avis Buckman. Caroline R., born June 18, 1893; married John Y. Huber, Jr. John Faber, Jr., born August 17, 1902; died November 27, 1907. Emma Comly, born November 17, 1904.

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**DAVID S. LUDLUM**—The Autocar Company, Ardmore, Pennsylvania, manufacturers of the Autocar motor truck, David S. Ludlum, president, completed its twenty-fifth year on October 21, 1922. The Autocar Company is one of the few surviving motor truck pioneers. Both the company and its product have been tested in all ways through many years, in good times and bad, in peace, war and reconstruction.

Louis S. Clarke, founder of The Autocar Company, and at present one of its vice-presidents, first became interested in motor vehicles in Pittsburgh, in September, 1890. His attention first centered on an electric vehicle, but about 1895 he turned toward the gasoline engine. In 1897 Mr. Clarke combined his interests with those of William Morgan, who had been carrying on similar experimental work in Pittsburgh, and that combination of interests marked the real beginning of The Autocar Company. The Autocar Company was incorporated under its present name in 1899, and early in the next year moved from Pittsburgh to the present location in Ardmore, Pennsylvania.

When the Automobile Club of America organized the first endurance run from New York to Buffalo, in 1901, The Autocar Company entered



two of its type VI cars. There was so much trouble with chains breaking on the sprocket wheel during that first endurance run that Mr. Clarke decided that chains must be eliminated before the automobile could be adequately developed for general use. As soon as he returned to Ardmore he started designing a shaft-driven car which, only two and one-half months later, was completed and driven by him to the automobile show in New York City. That was the first shaft-driven car built in America and the first of its kind ever exhibited here; it created great comment.

Work on Autocar commercial trucks was begun seriously in 1907. The first commercial car was sold in 1908, and remained continuously in service for three years, until it was traded by its owner for a type 21UF Autocar. The type 21UF Autocar is still in production and in great demand. It and the type 21UG are both equipped with the distinctive Autocar two-cylinder motor. Four different four-cylinder models, ranging from two to six tons capacities, now complete the Autocar line of gasoline trucks, and in addition, there is the Autocar Electric Truck for short hauling and frequent stop work in congested cities.

The Autocar Company now manufactures motor trucks exclusively, and all Autocar trucks are characterized by the distinctive principles which Louis S. Clarke has from the first considered to be absolutely essential in a commercial vehicle, that is, the placing of the engine under the seat so as to provide a short wheelbase, small turning radius and evenly balanced load. Time and progress in motor truck experience are steadily confirming the soundness of Mr. Clarke's original judgment and firm adherence to the short wheelbase design. Not only does this design permit the Autocar truck to occupy less space for a given load in congested traffic, on ferry boats, on elevators, at loading platforms and in all other places where trucks have to operate, but it enables a much greater proportion of the total weight to be carried on the front wheels. New legislation in many states is continually aiming to limit the proportional weight which can be carried on the rear wheels of a truck. Autocar truck owners in many states have found, after such new laws went into effect, that they were able to continue normal operations with their Autocar trucks because of the correct load balance, whereas, the owners of some other trucks had been obliged to reduce their loadings considerably.

In connection with the distinct Autocar design, it is fair to point out that the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, District of Columbia, recently selected the four-cylinder Autocar trucks for permanent exhibition in their transportation section. As a result of this selection, two small-size, working models of four-cylinder Autocar trucks were made by The Autocar Company and presented to the Smithsonian Institution, where they are now on exhibition.

In addition to its manufacturing headquarters at Ardmore, The Autocar Company, at the present time (1923), maintains and operates forty-five direct factory branches, covering the entire country. The Autocar

factory branch at Newark, New Jersey, operates a reconditioning and warehousing department which has in active use a floor space of more than 77,000 square feet and which is necessary to take care of the requirements of Autocar users in the New York metropolitan area. Each of the Autocar branches is a permanent center of expert, personal service, built and maintained by The Autocar Company to make immediately available to Autocar users that ideal of helpful, practical service for which The Autocar Company is widely known.

From the very beginning The Autocar Company has continued to manufacture its own product and has participated in the development of many of the important details by which the present efficiency of automotive transportation has been promoted and achieved. To-day the principal stockholders of The Autocar Company are the same individuals who started the business, and fully ninety per cent of the common stockholders are employees of the company.

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**BENJAMIN IRVIN LATSHAW**—The Latshaws early settled in Chester county, Pennsylvania, coming from Alsace, which was formerly and is now a part of France, but was then in the hands of the Germans. The members of the family were influential in early Chester and Montgomery county affairs, and John Latshaw, who lived in Revolutionary days, carried wagon loads of wheat to the soldiers at Valley Forge.

Benjamin Irvin Latshaw, of this review, is a son of Daniel and Angeline (Bean) Latshaw, and grandson of Jacob Latshaw, who was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, and there spent his early manhood, a successful farmer and landowner. Later in life he became a minister of the Mennonite faith, preaching, however, without pay. He married Mary Heistand, of ancient Pennsylvania family, and they were the parents of sons, Daniel, John, David; and four daughters: Elizabeth, married Abraham Bechtel; Catherine, married William Buckwalter; Mary, married Joel Ebert; and Anna, married Rudolph Stauffer.

Daniel Latshaw, eldest of the sons of Jacob and Mary (Heistand) Latshaw, was born at the Chester county homestead in 1820, and died in the borough of Royersford, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, October 31, 1886, and was buried in Fernwood Cemetery. He engaged as a farmer for the greater part of his life, then, in later years, moved to the opposite side of the Schuylkill river, in Montgomery county, where he became the owner of a large tract, which included the greater part of the borough of Royersford as it was about twenty-five years ago, when the population was twenty-five hundred. This borough, about fifteen miles west and northwest of Norristown, was founded by Daniel Latshaw, who plotted his land into building lots and induced builders to erect homes. He was a Mennonite but broad-minded and liberal, giving to both Methodists and Baptists land upon which later churches of these faiths were erected. He secured for the borough its first factory, a stove foundry operated by Francis & Company, which later became the extensive Buckwalter plant. He gave land for school house sites as well as

to the churches, and he labored diligently for the advancement of the interests of the community he founded. All men esteemed and respected him, and his life was one of usefulness and honor. In 1850 Daniel Latshaw married Angeline Bean, daughter of Samuel Bean, of Limerick, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, and they were the parents of nine children: Samuel B., married Alice Rogers; Milton; Jesse Newton; Jacob; Daniel; Benjamin Irvin, of whom further; John H.; William L., and Ira D., a sketch of whom follows.

Benjamin Irvin Latshaw was born in Royersford, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, October 22, 1862, and there yet resides (1923), head of a prosperous business which he founded and a vital factor in the growth and prosperity of the community in which his entire life has been passed. He was educated in the local public schools, and his out-of-school hours were devoted to the work of the home farm. He continued as his father's assistant for several of his adult years, then formed a partnership with Allan Rogers and Joseph Benjamin, they conducting a prosperous fire brick business, which lasted six years, the business being closed in 1892. Mr. Latshaw then found his capital unemployed and founded his present business, cement, lime and coal, which he has now successfully conducted in Royersford for thirty years, his yards at Fifth and Chestnut streets covering two acres.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Latshaw always public-spirited and progressive, has been of service in the borough council, being now (1923) president of that body in which he has sat as a duly elected member for twelve years. He was formerly chairman of the streets committee and has served on a multitude of regular and special committees and commissions. He is affiliated with Royersford Lodge, No. 585, Free and Accepted Masons; and of the Knights of the Golden Eagle; his religious membership being with the Methodist Episcopal church, he having served as president of the board of trustees of the local church of that denomination ever since its organization.

On May 16, 1887, at East Coventry, Chester county, Pennsylvania, Benjamin I. Latshaw married Ida Emma Eisenberg, daughter of John I. and Mary Ann (Isett) Eisenberg, her father a minister of the German Baptist church at East Coventry. Mr. and Mrs. Latshaw are the parents of five children: 1. Clair W., born February 3, 1888, married Ethel Anderson, of Royersford, and has a daughter, Dorothy Emma, born January 20, 1914. 2. Dorothy L., born September 15, 1889, married Dr. Joseph A. Buckwalter, and they are the parents of two children: Joseph A. (3), born January 4, 1920, and David Irvin, born November 23, 1922. 3. Willard C., born August 27, 1892, and died March 27, 1913. 4. Ray E., born August 17, 1900. 5. J. Linwood, born February 21, 1909.

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**IRA D. LATSHAW**—The manufacturing plant in Royersford, Pennsylvania, which was owned and operated by Ira D. Latshaw is the only one in the United States engaged solely in the manufacture of band tape used by underwear manufactures. The plant has been in operation since







*Vincent J. Deeler*

October, 1921, Mr. Latshaw having previously been engaged in another branch of underwear and knit goods manufacture. Mr. Latshaw was a descendant of a family that early settled in Chester county, Pennsylvania, as previously noted in the preceding sketch of his brother, Benjamin I. Latshaw.

Ira D. Latshaw of Royersford, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, was the youngest son of Daniel and Angeline (Bean) Latshaw and a grandson of Jacob Latshaw. He was born in Royersford, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, July 10, 1876. He was educated in the borough public schools, finishing with graduation from high school. He then pursued a course of special study at Pierce's Business College, at Philadelphia, then returned to Royersford, where he has since been engaged in business. Until 1900 he was engaged as a bookkeeper with the Royersford Glass Company, when he engaged in business at Spring City as a manufacturer of women's ribbed underwear, a business he most successfully conducted until 1918, when he sold his factory and business. In 1920 he began the manufacture of his highly-specialized line, band tape for underwear, in which he was engaged until his death, his being the only plant in this country devoted solely to its manufacture, as above stated. His plant at Royersford runs to capacity, and its product goes to widely separated points in the United States. Mr. Latshaw was vice-president and a director of the Royersford Trust Company, of Royersford, Pennsylvania; of the Keystone Building and Loan Association; and of The Metals Company of Philadelphia. In politics he was a Republican and a member of the Borough Council. His religious preference was for the Methodist Episcopal church, which he attended with his family. He was a member of Royersford Lodge, No. 585, Free and Accepted Masons; of Pottstown Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Nativity Commandery, Knights Templar; Reading Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and also of Rajah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Reading.

Ira D. Latshaw married, December 15, 1889, Jessie B. Langham, daughter of John and Jessie (Irving) Langham, of Royersford. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Latshaw: 1. Christine, a graduate of Royersford High School in 1918, and of Swarthmore College, class of 1922. 2. Beatrice, twin with Christine, also a graduate of the same high school and college, the same years. 3. Grace, a graduate of Royersford High School in 1921, now a sophomore at Swarthmore College. 4. Ira D., Jr., born September 19, 1909. The family home is at the corner of Sixth avenue and Church street, Royersford, Pennsylvania, and here Mr. Latshaw passed away on March 3, 1923, leaving besides his family a host of friends to mourn his demise.

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**VINCENT Z. KEELER, M. D.**—In 1852 Dr. Reinhard K. Keeler began the practice of medicine in Harleysville, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, and there, six years later, his son, Vincent Z. Keeler, was born and there succeeded his father as physician in 1880. For forty-two



years Dr. Keeler has continued practice in the town of his birth, and while he is but just in the prime of his splendid powers, he is the oldest man living who was born in Harleystville and now resides there. Dr. Keeler is a grandson of Reinhard Keeler, and maternal grandson of Jesse Ziegler. His parents were Dr. Reinhard K. and Sarah S. (Ziegler) Keeler.

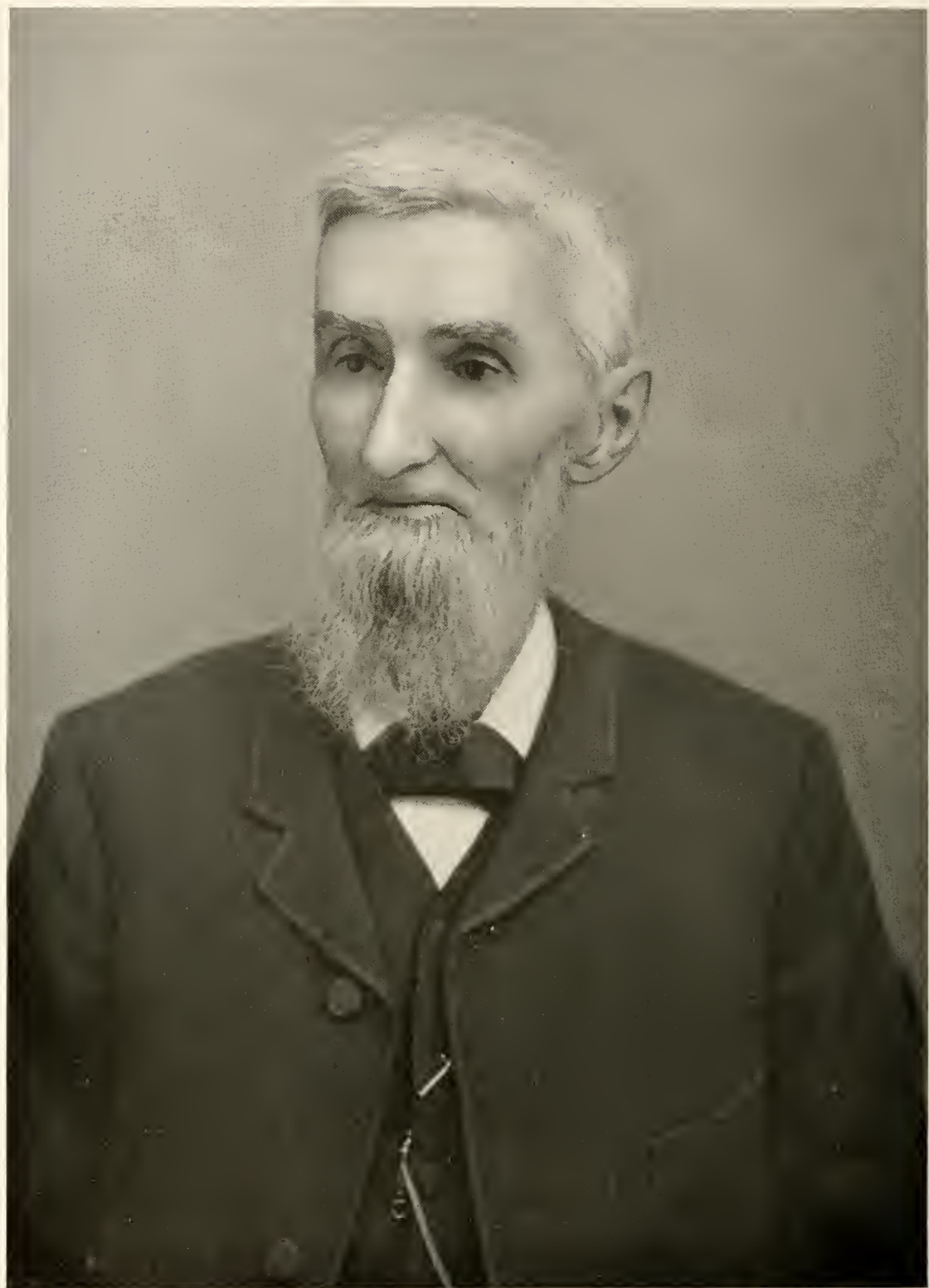
Vincent Z. Keeler was born in Harleystville, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, January 30, 1858. He was educated in the public schools, and in Washington Hall, a preparatory school of Trappe, Pennsylvania, where he was a student for two years. He then read medicine for one year under his father's directing care, completing his professional education at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine, from that institution, March 13, 1880. He began practice in Harleystville, where he succeeded his father and yet continues in active practice.

Dr. Keeler has always been active in town affairs and has given much of his time to community life as expressed in the different organizations and societies. He is a director in the Harleystville National Bank; president of Harleystville Beneficial Association, and Harleystville Building and Loan Association; was superintendent of the Reformed church Sunday school thirty years before resigning; is a member of the building committee of Harleystville National Bank, and was mainly instrumental in securing the erection of a new chapel for the Reformed church, of which he is a member. He is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Montgomery County Medical Association, and the Pennsylvania and American Medical Society.

Dr. Keeler married, in Harleystville, Pennsylvania, May 10, 1881, Alice G. Raudenbush, daughter of Charles S. and Hannah (Hillebeitel) Raudenbush. Dr. and Mrs. Keeler are the parents of two sons: Dr. Russell R., of further mention; and Dr. Harold R., who was born February 27, 1894, and is a graduate of Lansdale High School, Lafayette College, and the University of Pennsylvania Medical College, class of 1921, and is now (1923) serving as interne at the latter college.

Dr. Russell R. Keeler was born in Harleystville, Pennsylvania, May 12, 1889. He was educated in Perkiomen Seminary and the University of Pennsylvania Medical College, class of 1912. When the United States declared war against Germany, Dr. Russell R. Keeler volunteered his services, and on August 11, 1917, was commissioned a lieutenant of the Medical Reserve Corps of the United States and assigned to duty at Washington, D. C. A little later he was sent overseas and assigned to duty at a Base Hospital in Dublin, Ireland, where he remained six months. He was then ordered to duty in France, going thence to Genoa, Italy, being assigned to duty with the British Army. He saw hard service in those last months of the war, being at the very front with an emergency hospital which was under fire, and saw war in all its horrors. After the fighting was over Dr. Keeler was appointed to accompany the commission that under the escort of one hundred and twenty soldiers





*Reinhard K. Keeler M.D.*





*Russell R. Keeler*



brought relief to the starving children of Vienna. He was commissioned captain February 17, 1919, and was honorably discharged June 2, 1919. He then returned to Harleysville, where he is engaged in the practice of medicine.

This review of the activities of three members of the medical profession, all practicing in Harleysville, son, father and grandfather, reveals a devotion to the profession and love of location most unusual. Since 1852 Harleysville has had its Dr. Keeler and a part of that time has had two skilled members of the profession bearing the name.

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**JOHN AUGUSTUS HARROLD**—Building a hotel at Conshohocken, Pennsylvania in 1873, John Augustus Harrold began his career as a hotel man and has continued in that line for nearly a half century. He is known throughout Montgomery county and has been an influential member of the Town Council for forty years. He is the son of William Harrold, a native of County Cork, Ireland, who came to America in 1880 and to Conshohocken five years later, and who died in November, 1893. His mother was Eliza (Lavery) Harrold, who passed away on December 10, 1892. They were the parents of five children: Mary; Elizabeth; John A., of whom further; Augustus; and Henry, a Civil War veteran.

John Augustus Harrold was born at Wilmington, Delaware, July 5, 1850, and coming to Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, when five years of age, was educated in the public schools of that city. His first work was in the Bullock Woolen Mills, where he spent the greater part of six years. He left this industry, however, in 1878, and had constructed a modern hotel building at Nos. 114-16 West Elm street, where he has carried on his thriving business ever since.

While a Republican in National politics, in local affairs Mr. Harrold is an independent. In 1873 he was chosen the first police officer of the city by the Town Council. In 1883 he was made a member of the council, and is now (1923) chairman of the railroad, police and street committees. Mr. Harrold is a communicant of St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church.

At Norristown, Pennsylvania, on June 5, 1889, Mr. Harrold was married to Anna Tuite, daughter of the late John and Anna Tuite of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Harrold are the parents of three children: Donald, Anna, and Muriel.

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**WILBUR M. FRANTZ**—The Lansdale School of Business, of which Wilbur M. Frantz is principal and Walter E. Wireback business manager, was opened for students April 1, 1918, in the First National Bank building, Lansdale, Pennsylvania. The founders of the school, who regard it as an educational rather than a business enterprise, have made commercial instruction their life work and have successfully served one of the best known business schools in the United States. The value of the modern courses of instruction and methods is reflected in the quality



of the graduates of the school who have gone out into the business world, where they have given such satisfaction that a demand has been created for other sons and daughters of the institution.

The day sessions of the school begin with the first week of September and continue until the last week of June. The night sessions begin with the second week of September and close with the last week of April. A special summer course begins the first week of July and continues six weeks. The curriculum includes a complete business course, a shorthand course, a secretarial course and special courses may be arranged for. These courses are complete and cover all the requirements of an office or secretarial position. The aims of the school are high and each department is in the hands of experienced men and women, the teachers being chosen carefully with due regard to the past records of efficiency and experience.

The school's annual enrollment averages two hundred students, and its alumni, now occupying positions of trust and responsibility in the business world, are numerous.

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**JOHN F. LEDERACH**—For thirty-seven years Mr. Lederach has been engaged in general merchandising in the village of Lederach, Pennsylvania, entering the business long conducted by his father, John Taylor Lederach, at Lederachville, then a little trading point at the crossing of three roads at the terminus of the Hurleyville and Lederachville turn-pikes. The hamlet owed its origin to Henry Lederach, a blacksmith, who lived in the first house built there, his shop being on the other side of the road. Henry Lederach worked at his trade, while his wife, Ann (Garges) Lederach, kept a tiny store in their home, a large table holding all the stock at first, there being no shelves. Gradually, however, the stock was increased, shelves added, and in time a very respectable stock was carried. But prosperity brought competition, and Henry and his wife built a large building that later became a tavern, and there they kept the store and later the tavern, but the store was in the hotel building several years before the tavern was opened. John Taylor Lederach kept the store until his death, then it passed under the management of the present owner, John F. Lederach.

The ancestor of this family was Andrew Lederach, a shoemaker, who came to Pennsylvania at an early day, and on September 2, 1718, bought of David Powell a tract of land which was supposed to contain about one hundred acres. The tract was later accurately surveyed and found to contain one hundred and thirty-two acres, with the usual six per cent. allowance for roads. This land was patented to Andrew Lederach on July 23, 1735, and on this tract the greater part of the village of Lederachville was built, and there Andrew Lederach lived for forty-one years, or until his death in 1759. He left his wife, Magdalena; a son, Henry; and daughters, Magdalena and Esther. Henry Lederach, the son, was the blacksmith and first storekeeper of Lederachville, previously mentioned, who was born on the old farm, and died in the village December 24, 1799,

aged about eighty. His wife, Ann (Garges) Lederach, preceded him to the grave twenty-three years, dying in 1776. They were both buried on the old tract. They were the parents of seven children: Molly, Magdalena, Elizabeth, Henry, Catherine, Anna, and John, of further mention.

John Lederach, of the third generation, son of Henry and Ann (Garges) Lederach, was born January 23, 1775, and received the old farm by virtue of his father's will. He married Mary Kolb, and lived on the old homestead until about 1834, when he laid off nineteen acres of the tract and on it built a residence, in which he died in 1848. He was a deacon of the Mennonite church, and after being left a widower, he married a second wife, Mary Clemmer, daughter of John Clemmer. John Lederach sold eighty-six acres of the farm to his son Henry, this including the old homestead, and later it passed out of the family name. John F. Lederach, of the fifth generation, became the owner of forty acres of the original tract. John and Mary (Kolb) Lederach were the parents of three sons: Henry; John Taylor, of whom further; and Jacob. The latter passed away in 1825, at the age of fifteen.

John Taylor Lederach, son of John and Mary (Kolb) Lederach, built a house back of the hill in the village in 1845, and there died, a merchant. He married Deborah Fettrol, and they were the parents of John F. Lederach, of whom further.

John F. Lederach, son of John Taylor and Deborah (Fettrol) Lederach, was born in the village of Lederach (ville), Lower Salford township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, January 17, 1866. He was educated in the public schools, and at the age of nineteen succeeded to the general merchandising business formerly operated in Lederach by his father. As he grew in years and experience he extended his lines, and now (1923) he reviews a business life of honor and success. He is a member of the old Mennonite faith, and a man of industry, integrity and ability.

John F. Lederach married, in Lederach, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, in December, 1888, Elizabeth T. Kulp, daughter of Samuel S. and Amanda (Frick) Kulp. Mr. and Mrs. Lederach are the parents of four children, all born at the family home in Lederach: Eva K., born March 22, 1891. Mark, born January 26, 1893. Willis, born July 1, 1896. John, born January 24, 1898.

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**DAVID B. COOLEY, M. D.**—Although but eight years have elapsed since his coming to Pottstown, Pennsylvania, the name of Dr. David B. Cooley is already familiar, and most favorably so, to a majority of residents of this borough. Dr. Cooley combines with his professional activities those of a public-spirited citizen, and during these few years has thoroughly identified himself with the progressive element of the town which he has chosen as his field of endeavor.

David B. Cooley was born in Auburn, New York, March 3, 1884, the son of S. Curtis and Florence (Barnes) Cooley, the former, until the time of his death, which occurred in 1920, being a mason contractor in

Auburn. Dr. Cooley attended the public schools of Auburn, and after graduating from the high school in that city, in 1905 entered Colgate University, receiving from this institution the degree of Bachelor of Science after four years of conscientious study. He then entered the New York Homeopathic Medical College in New York City, and in 1913 was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. The following year he spent in Flower Hospital, and the second year in Reading Homeopathic Hospital, after which he came to Pottstown and established himself in practice. As a specialist in gynecology and obstetrics he has attained an eminent position, and is one of the successful men in the oldest of professions, having gained the confidence of a large clientele and won the regard of his brethren of the profession, who accord him full recognition.

In August, 1918, Dr. Cooley enlisted in the Medical Corps of the United States army and was commissioned first lieutenant. He was ordered to Camp Crane, Allentown, Pennsylvania, for two months, then to Washington, D. C., in charge of Infirmary, Chemical Warfare Service, Experimental Station, American University, for five months; and was discharged March 15, 1919.

Dr. Cooley is affiliated with St. Paul's Lodge, No. 124, Free and Accepted Masons, of Auburn, New York; Loyal Order of Moose; the Order of Owls; Beta Theta Pi fraternity of Colgate College; Phi Alpha Gamma of New York Homeopathic College; and commander of George A. A. Mole Post, No. 47, American Legion. He is a member of the staff of Pottstown Homeopathic Hospital, and a member of the Tri-County Homeopathic Medical Society. He is also a member of the Trinity Reformed Church of Pottstown. In politics he is a Democrat.

On May 1, 1915, at Reading, Pennsylvania, Dr. Cooley was united in marriage with Ida Portz, daughter of Charles and Regina (Sheitrumpf) Portz, the former for many years an engineer on the Pennsylvania & Reading railroad, but now deceased. Dr. and Mrs. Cooley are the parents of one child, Jeanne, born August 29, 1916. Dr. Cooley is interested in all out-of-door sports, especially hunting. The family home is at No. 223 King street, Pottstown.

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**CHESTER WILLIAM KNIPE**—After five years connection with metropolitan journalism, Mr. Knipe began, in connection with county newspapers, an important branch of journalism in which he has met with success. He is now Lansdale's only newspaper owner and editor, having merged the three former papers of the town into one, to the benefit of all. He is a son of George Crouthamel and Emma (Beisel) Knipe, his mother a daughter of William G. and Ellen (Gordon) Beisel, the former born in Germany, the latter of Scotch-Irish ancestry. William G. Beisel was born April 6, 1833; his wife, Ellen (Gordon) Beisel, in 1837. He was a Lutheran in religion, and a Democrat in politics. Emma (Beisel) Knipe was the fifth of their children, the others being: Ross, Fannie, Erwin, Hassler, Emma, and Elmer.



George Crouthamel Knipe was born June 10, 1868, and was a skilled woodworker, being for thirty years superintendent of a planing mill at North Wales, Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Lutheran church, and in politics a Republican. He married Emma Beisel, born February 26, 1872, and they were the parents of seven children: Lloyd H.; Chester William, of further mention; Erwin G.; Helen M.; George W.; Gordon B.; and Gladys M.

Chester William Knipe was born in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, May 26, 1892, and was educated in the public schools of North Wales, Pennsylvania. He learned the printer's trade, and later, spent five years in metropolitan journalism and advertising work. He assisted in founding the "North Penn Review" at North Wales, in December, 1915, and continued with that paper until January, 1918. He effected a merger of the "North Penn Review" and the Lansdale "Republican" and continued as editor and manager until May, 1920. He then purchased both papers and changed the merged paper from a weekly to a semi-weekly, later to a tri-weekly. In March, 1923, he bought the Lansdale "Reporter" and merged that paper with the "Republican" and "Review," giving Lansdale one strong paper. On May 1, 1923, he added the "Twin County Tribune" to the "Review" and "Reporter," giving him the largest and most influential newspaper in the North Penn Valley.

Mr. Knipe is a director of the Home Building and Loan Association of Lansdale, is a Lutheran in religious preference, and a Republican in politics. His fraternal memberships are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Malta, Loyal Order of Moose, and the Woodmen of the World.

Mr. Knipe married, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 23, 1918, Edith Virginia Lenhart, born February 28, 1894, daughter of John E. and Kathryn Lenhart, her father a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Knipe are the parents of three children: Pauline Marie, born November 30, 1918; Chester W., Jr., born April 26, 1920; and Doris Isabell, born January 13, 1922.

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**F. KENNETH MOORE** has practiced law for a decade, and nine of those years have been spent in practice at the Montgomery county bar, located in Norristown. He is well established in public confidence, and serves his clientele satisfactorily. He is a son of Samuel M. Moore, also a native son of Norristown, a man prominent in the business life of his city. Samuel M. Moore was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, in January, 1851. He engaged in different business enterprises in Norristown, principally real estate, serving the Norristown Trust Company as a director, and other local enterprises. He married Savilla P. Umstead, and they were the parents of three children: Herbert U., a lawyer of Norristown; Meta, who married G. Carroll Hoover; and F. Kenneth, whose name furnishes the caption of this review.

F. Kenneth Moore, son of Samuel M. and Savilla P. (Umstead) Moore, was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, January 25, 1889. He

was educated in the public schools, finishing high school in 1907; the University of Pennsylvania, A. B., class of 1911, and the law department of the University, Bachelor of Laws, class of 1913. He was associated with Horace M. Rumsey of the Philadelphia bar for one year, then established offices in Norristown, where he has practiced his profession until the present (1923). He is a member of the county and State bar associations, a member of the Masonic order, the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and of the First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Moore married, August 21, 1915, in Philadelphia, Helen Wynkoop, daughter of Cornelius Wynkoop. Mr. and Mrs. Moore are the parents of a daughter, Beatrice, born October 10, 1916. The family home is at No. 1231 West Airy street, Mr. Moore's office at No. 415 Swede street, Norristown.

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**JONATHAN CLEAVER**, who has been identified with his father's contracting and heating business since his graduation from Drexel Institute in 1916, is descended from an old German family, which has been among the staunch members of the Society of Friends in practically every generation in this country, and which traces its ancestry to Peter Klever (as the name was originally spelled), immigrant ancestor, who was among the group of German immigrants from the Lower Rhine. The Shoemakers, Lukenses, Conrads, and others were among the group which arrived soon after Pastorius and others settled in Germantown, and it was in this group that Peter Klever came, settling in Bristol township, Philadelphia county, adjoining Germantown, where he died in 1727. He is on record as having been naturalized in 1691. His children were: 1. Isaac, who owned land in Cheltenham and probably removed to that township. 2. John, who succeeded his father on the farm in Bristol township, and was the father of six children: Elizabeth, Peter, William, Sarah, John, and Hannah. 3. Peter, Jr. 4. Derrick. 5. Agnes. 6. Christiana, who married a Mr. Melchior. 7. Eve, who married a Mr. Adams. Many of the descendants of these have remained in Montgomery county, among them being the ancestors of Jonathan Cleaver.

Jonathan Cleaver, son of Jonathan and Kate (Shephard) Cleaver, was born in Conshohocken, September 24, 1894, and received his education at Plymouth Friends, Plymouth Meeting; at Franklyn Institute, which he attended for three years; and at Drexel Institute, from which he was graduated in 1916. After his graduation, he became associated with his father in the heating and contracting business, and in 1917, upon the death of his father, took entire charge of the business. Since that time he has most efficiently conducted the business, which has been extremely prosperous and which is known for its excellent work and dependable methods. The business is located at No. 1068 Fayette street. Along with his business responsibilities, Mr. Cleaver has found time to take an active part in the affairs of his community. Politically he gives his support to the Republican party. Upon the outbreak of the World War he enlisted September 18, 1917, in the 79th Division, 314th Infantry,

Company K, and after being stationed at Camp Meade for a time, sailed for France on the Leviathan, July 8, 1918, arriving at Brest July 15th. He participated in eight major engagements, being promoted to the rank of sergeant, and was discharged on Memorial Day, 1919. Fraternally, Mr. Cleaver is a member of the Knights of Pythias of Conshohocken, and his religious affiliation is with the Friends' Society.

On December 3, 1917, Mr. Cleaver married Helene Caine, daughter of Edward and Anne Caine.

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**EMANUEL H. BRENDLINGER**—The forty-seven years that represent the life span of Emanuel H. Brendlinger were quietly spent in devotion to home and business, but his passing left a deep sense of loss in the community, and caused sincere sorrow among his many friends and associates. As a successful farmer, and later as a hotel proprietor, he demonstrated his ability to win success in two lines of activity, and in the routine of daily life contributed his share to the development of the community. The history of the Brendlinger family in this country dates back to 1737.

Elias Brendlinger, father of Emanuel H. Brendlinger, was a farmer and huckster of Frederick township. He married Elizabeth Hunsberger, and they were the parents of nine children: Mary, who married Emans Oberholtzer; Jacob, deceased; Emanuel H., of further mention; Samuel; Elizabeth, deceased, who married John Mensch; Katherine, deceased, who married Jacob Boyer; Morris; Abram; and Missouri, who married Emans Steadler.

Emanuel H. Brendlinger was born in Frederick township, March 27, 1857, and died August 9, 1904. He received his education in the public school of his district, and when school days were over engaged in farming, first in association with his father, and later for himself. That occupation he followed for many years, and then gave up the life of the agriculturist to engage in business as a hotel proprietor. He successfully conducted the Hotel Leverington in Roxboro for a period of thirteen years, and then took charge of Hardranf Hotel, in Norristown, which he continued to manage until the time of his death in 1904. He was widely known and highly esteemed both as a business man and as a progressive citizen, as well as a valued friend and associate. He had few interests outside his home and his business, but to these he devoted his energies, giving his social and genial nature full expression in the various connections and associations of his business life. Patrons valued those qualities which gave to the hotel accommodations something of the spirit and atmosphere of the home, and most of those who came for a second time to his hostelry, came with an expectation of friendly welcome, which anticipation was always realized. Politically Mr. Brendlinger gave his support to the candidates and the principles of the Republican party, and his religious affiliation was with Lutheran Grace Church of Norristown.

On February 28, 1880, at Sumneytown, Montgomery county, Penn-



sylvania, Emanuel H. Brendlinger married Lovina Leidy, daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Krause) Leidy, the latter the parents of seven children: Ephriam and Valera, both deceased; Emma Eliza, who died in infancy; Ella Mina, who died in infancy; Samuel, died in infancy; Lovina, who married Emanuel H. Brendlinger; and Eva, deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Brendlinger were the parents of two children: Elizabeth B., who married Norvin S. Wile, general manager of the Dill Company of Norristown; and Emanuel L., vice-president of the Dill Manufacturing Company, who married Margaret Niley of Norristown, and has one child, Elizabeth Louise Brendlinger.

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**FRANK ZIEGLER KEHS**—One of the well known business men of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, is Frank Ziegler Kehs, who since 1906 has been owner and manager of the marble and granite-cutting business formerly owned and conducted by George E. Baer.

Mr. Kehs was born in Schwenkville, Pennsylvania, June 20, 1874, son of Nathaniel and Sarah Ann (Ziegler) Kehs, the former of whom was the owner of the buttonhole factory at Schwenkville, which is now used as a fire house. Frank Z. Kehs received his education in the public schools of his native district, and when his school training was completed, became associated with his father in the buttonhole manufacturing business, which connection he maintained until 1893. He then made a change and apprenticed himself to George E. Baer, who was engaged in the marble and granite-cutting business. He remained in Mr. Baer's employ from 1893 to 1906, and then purchased the business, which he has continuously operated from that time to the present (1923). He is well known in the county, and is esteemed as a public-spirited and progressive citizen as well as a successful business man, as was his father before him, the latter having served in the Civil War. Politically Mr. Kehs gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Republican party, and fraternally is affiliated with Warren Lodge, No. 31, Free and Accepted Masons, of Collegeville, in which order he is a member of the Philadelphia Consistory (thirty-second degree); of the Reading Shrine; and of Spring City Forest, No. 34, Tall Cedars of Lebanon. He is also a member of Pottstown Lodge, No. 369, Loyal Order of Moose; of the Patriotic Sons of America, Camp No. 387, of Schwenkville; Perkiomen Valley Citizens' Association; Schwenkville Fire Company; and of the Cemetery Association of the Reformed Churches of Schwenkville, which he serves as vice-president. His religious affiliation is with the Lutheran Reformed church of Schwenkville, of which he is a member of the board of deacons.

On February 25, 1899, at Schwenkville, Pennsylvania, Frank Z. Kehs married Flora Kratz, daughter of Franklin W. and Susanna L. Kratz. Mr. and Mrs. Kehs are the parents of eight children: Susanna, born in 1899; Edgar, born in 1900; Franklin, born in 1903; Ralph, born in 1905; Leonard, born in 1907; Dorothea, born in 1909; Charles, born in 1911; and Elmer, born in 1917.





Wm. H. Gegenheimer.



**WILLIAM HENRY GEGENHEIMER**—Until 1913 William H. Gegenheimer, now a garage owner and proprietor of Ambler, Pennsylvania, was a merchant of Philadelphia, the city of his birth. He was successful as a merchant and has continued that success in Ambler, although in so entirely different a line that one is led to the opinion that success is more a matter of the man than of his business.

William Henry Gegenheimer is a son of William Gegenheimer, born in Germany in 1846, who was brought to the United States by his parents when eight months of age, the family making their home at the corner of Lawrence and Jefferson streets, Philadelphia. There were twelve sons in the family, all of whom became butchers. William Gegenheimer enlisted in the Union Army, June 17, 1863, being then sixteen years of age, serving until the close of the Civil War in Company F, 20th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry. He fought at Rudds Hill, May 14, 1864, and was in all the battles of the Army of the Potomac in which the cavalry were engaged, from that date until the surrender at Appomattox, in April, 1865. After marching in the Grand Review in Washington, D. C., May 23, 1865, he was mustered out with an honorable discharge, July 13, 1865, his discharge papers being in the possession of his daughter, Mrs. Wilhelmina Grant, of Philadelphia. After his discharge from the army he returned to Philadelphia and there was engaged in the butcher business until his death in 1908. William Gegenheimer married Wilhelmina Henry, in Germany, in 1846, who died in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1916; they were the parents of six children, all born in Philadelphia: Louis P.; Wilhelmina, widow of James C. Grant; Matilda, deceased; William Henry, of further mention; Carolina, married W. T. Clark; Linda V., married David McMullen, of Ambler, Pennsylvania.

William Henry Gegenheimer, fourth child and second son of William and Wilhelmina (Henry) Gegenheimer, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 12, 1873. After completing grammar school courses in 1889, he entered the family business (meats) and became a retail dealer at No. 2111 North Seventeenth street, Philadelphia, there continuing from 1889 until 1896. He then sold his business and bought a store at No. 3012-3014 Ridge avenue and there dealt in meats, both wholesale and retail, until 1913, when he sold his interests and moved to Ambler, where he established a garage and vulcanizing plant at Mount Pleasant avenue and Spring Garden street and there continues a prosperous business. For three years prior to his leaving Philadelphia he was vice-president of the Keller Restaurant & Baking Company, and for two years was vice-president of Central Philadelphia Building and Loan Association.

During the war period, 1917-1918, Mr. Gegenheimer left his business to the care of others and volunteered his services to the government to be used in anyway, anywhere. He was assigned to duty at the Midvale Gun plant as overseer and while there the plant turned out the first center piece for the first sixteen-inch gun ever built by the government. He was slated for promotion to the position of manager of the plant, but the signing of the armistice prevented further promotions, and there

being no further need for his services he returned to his business in Ambler.

In politics Mr. Gegenheimer is a Republican, in religious faith a Lutheran. He is affiliated with Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 449, Free and Accepted Masons; Columbia Chapter, No. 91, Royal Arch Masons; Corinthian Commandery, No. 53, Mounted Knights Templar; and of Philadelphia Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree.

He married, in Philadelphia, June 28, 1900, Lulu V. Mast, daughter of Charles L. and Louisa (Seidel) Mast, her father a manufacturer of woolen goods, who died in Philadelphia in 1892; her mother of German birth, now (1923) a resident of Atlantic City, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Gegenheimer were the parents of three children born in Philadelphia: Catherine L., born May 1, 1901; William Vernon, born March 12, 1904, a high school student; Jackson, born August 12, 1908, now in grammar school. Mrs. Gegenheimer died suddenly at her residence in Ambler, on April 17, 1923.

The family home is in Ambler, Pennsylvania, where the children of the third generation are enjoying the blessings of the government their grandfather fought to preserve and which their father in a later war "did his bit" to establish as a world power.

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**WILLIAM A. SPRAGG**—Formerly a landscape gardener, and at present engaged in business as the proprietor of a general store, Mr. Spragg is of English birth and parentage. He was born in the South Kensington district of the city of London, October 2, 1874, son of James and Elizabeth Spragg. His father was a landscape gardener, and from him Mr. Spragg undoubtedly inherited his skill as a horticulturist. Mr. Spragg's parents were both English, and he spent his boyhood and early youth in England, coming to the United States in 1895.

Mr. Spragg received his education in the London schools, and began his business career by learning the art of landscape gardening. He early came to the conclusion, however, that he would find a better opportunity for the exercise of his abilities in the New World, so came to the United States at the age of twenty-one, determined to achieve success and to make a place for himself in the business world of America. Already skilled as a gardener, he had no difficulty in forming an advantageous connection, and began his life in America as gardener on the Davison estate at Devon, Pennsylvania. Here he had charge of the landscape work and supervised the management of the greenhouses. Mr. Spragg found his connection very agreeable, and spent the next thirteen years at Devon. Under his care the gardens were maintained in a state of order and beauty and attracted favorable comment from visitors of all classes. In 1908, however, he decided to avail himself of an opportunity to establish a general store at Gulph, believing that he would find an independent establishment of his own a better field for the exercise of his business sense. He therefore resigned his position as gardener, to the regret of his employers and associates, and came to Gulph, where he

has since made his home. His new venture at that place was immediately successful, and he has ever since continued as proprietor and manager of the Spragg general store. A natural discrimination in the selection of his stock, insistence upon a fresh and attractive arrangement of goods, and the maintenance of the highest standards of quality and service soon brought Mr. Spragg a host of customers and won for him a secure place in the business world. His trade has increased steadily since the establishment of the store, and the yearly volume of his sales is now equal to that of many larger establishments in towns of greater size than Gulph, and he is everywhere regarded as a progressive and far-sighted business man.

In politics Mr. Spragg is a Republican, having become a naturalized citizen of the United States, and he takes a firm stand on the side of constructive legislative policies. He belongs to the Woodmen of the World, holding membership in the Norristown Lodge of that order, and to the Knights of Pythias, in the activities of which he takes a great interest. In religious faith Mr. Spragg belongs to the church of his fathers, being an active member of the Episcopal church at Gulph.

On November 27, 1901, Mr. Spragg married, at Philadelphia, Emily Campbell, daughter of John and Henrietta Campbell. Mr. and Mrs. Spragg have four children: Henry, Arthur, James, and Georgie.

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**GEORGE ASMUS**—In this section of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, the members of the Asmus family have been well known and prosperous residents for several generations, and the farm which George Asmus now occupies has been owned by his people for over fifty years. It was on this farm in Hatfield township that Mr. Asmus was born, November 1, 1866, a grandson of George and Lena (Dewiler) Asmus, and a son of Louis and Catherine (Durand) Asmus. His parents both lived to be very old, indicating the great strength and vitality of the family. His father, who died in 1907, was eighty-one, and his mother, whose death occurred in 1921, attained the advanced age of ninety-one. George Asmus was the second child in a family of five, his brother's and sisters' names being Charles, Emma, Amelia and Lena.

The home farm which Mr. Asmus now owns contains one hundred and fifty acres of land, and in his operations he specializes in high-grade cattle with famous antecedents. Throughout his life Mr. Asmus has been a leading citizen of Hendricks and the surrounding section, possessing extensive property interests, and devoting a generous share of his time to matters of public concern. He is a director in the Valley National Bank of Green Lane, and serves his community as superintendent of roads, as well as in non-official capacities. In his political affiliation he adheres to the principles of the Democratic party. In religious affairs he believes in the tenets of the Evangelical denomination, of which church he is an active member. Mr. Asmus also maintains prominent connections in fraternal circles and is a leading member of Perkio-men Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Green Lane Lodge, Improved Order of Red Men.



**WILLIAM JOSEPH MALLEN**—A genial and forward-looking spirit, interested in all the affairs of the community of which he was for many years a resident, William J. Mallen was one of those men who take a quiet but constructive part in the advance of their day and time and leave the world better than they find it. For nearly a decade his face has been missing from the circles where he was so familiar, but his memory is still cherished by his many friends. Of distinguished Irish ancestry, Mr. Mallen's family history is of interest in this record.

Francis and Katherine Mallen, grandparents of William J. Mallen, were married at St. John's Cathedral, County Armagh, Ireland, in 1800, and they came to the United States as young people, locating in Chester county, Pennsylvania. They were the parents of John Mallen, who was born in Phoenixville, Chester county, Pennsylvania, and for a good many years was employed at the Phoenixville Iron Works, where he rose to the position of superintendent of the rolling department. A veteran of the Civil War and a highly respected citizen, he spent the latter part of his life in Conshohocken, where he died. He married Mary Brophy, daughter of Lieutenant James and Mary Brophy, her father a lieutenant of infantry in the Mexican War.

William Joseph Mallen was born in Phoenixville, Chester county, Pennsylvania, May 10, 1857, and died in Conshohocken, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, April 18, 1913. The family removing to Conshohocken in his boyhood, it was in St. Matthew's Parochial School that he received his education. As a youth he learned the trade of harness-making, and for twenty years conducted a harness shop and store at No. 916 Fayette street, Conshohocken. He then became active in the hotel business, purchasing the McClean Hotel, at the corner of Elm and Poplar streets, and personally managing it for a period of ten years. He retired from this activity only about one year prior to his death, which occurred at his home at No. 105 West Third avenue, Conshohocken. Mr. Mallen was a man of broad interests, keeping always informed of the general progress, whether in his own field of endeavor or along other lines of advance. In a wholly disinterested way he worked for civic and political progress in local affairs, supporting the Republican party, but never accepting or desiring official honors. He was a director of the Fayette Building and Loan Association, and was a member of the Conshohocken Chamber of Commerce. A member of the Sons of Veterans, he was made an honorary member of the George Smith Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and was an enthusiastic worker for the interest of this organization. He was a devoted member of St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Mallen married, in Conshohocken, on September 13, 1880, Alice Carney, daughter of James and Mary Carney, highly respected farming people of Ulster, Ireland, and Mrs. Mallen still survives her husband, residing in Conshohocken. Their children are as follows: John, deceased; John (2), also deceased; Mary; Eleanor, deceased; Evelyn; Arline; George; Joseph; and Francis.

The death of William Joseph Mallen removed from this community a man whose thought was ever for others in civic and commercial activities, and also in the social circles in which he was so highly esteemed. He is remembered by all as one of those men who are an active force for good, and although he is gone, the spirit which inspired him to generous effort still lives in the record of what he did for his friends, for the public generally, and for the welfare and progress of the borough of which he was for so many years a resident.

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**THOMAS FRANCIS McCoy**—Thirty-five years ago, or to be exact, on December 8, 1888, Thomas F. McCoy, pharmacist, started in business at No. 49 Fayette street, Conshohocken, Pennsylvania. There he remained about five years, when in 1893 he purchased the drug business of Harry Kroh at Second avenue and Fayette street on the post office side of the block, and there remained until 1898. He then bought of H. G. Hallowwell the building at the corner of Fayette street and Fourth avenue, and the same year moved his drug business from Second avenue to the new location. He has now occupied the corner at Fayette street and Fourth avenue for a quarter of a century, and this store, like its proprietor, is firmly established in the confidence of the community in which both were born. Mr. McCoy made a notable addition to his activities in 1903, when he bought the building and drug business at No. 241 East Hector street from James H. Steen, which he has since conducted as a branch.

Thomas F. McCoy, son of Patrick and Mary McCoy, who settled in Conshohocken in 1853, was born in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, January 13, 1867. His brothers and sisters were: Cornelius J. and David McCoy, both deceased; and Isabel M. McCoy and Mrs. Ellen Mulholland. Thomas F. McCoy attended school at St. Matthew's Parochial School and gained his professional education at Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, whence he was graduated, class of 1888. He began business as a pharmacist on December 8, 1888, at No. 49 Fayette street, Conshohocken, as previously stated, and yet continues in the drug business, prosperous and esteemed.

Mr. McCoy is president of the Matson Ford Building and Loan Association; a director of the Security Building and Loan Association; director of the First National Bank; treasurer of the Conshohocken Realty Corporation; treasurer of the Conshohocken Community Center and a member of the executive committee; treasurer of St. Vincent de Paul Society; member of St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church, and of the Knights of Columbus; and a former district deputy of the Twenty-third district.

Mr. McCoy married, in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, August 30, 1899, Elizabeth O'Neill, daughter of James and Elizabeth O'Neill. Mr. and Mrs. McCoy are the parents of two children: Agnes Elsie, and Thomas Francis, Jr.

**JAMES JOSEPH GORMAN**—Among those who are contributing a valuable share to the great work of training and developing the powers of the young men of the country is James Joseph Gorman, who as assistant treasurer of athletics in the University of Pennsylvania is not only helping to build strong bodies and develop physical skill, but is also exerting a wholesome moral influence among the students of the university.

Born in Plymouth Meeting, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, son of James and Ellen Gorman, the former associated with the Pennsylvania and Reading Railroad Company as track foreman, Mr. Gorman received his early education in St. Matthew's School at Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, and then became a student in Schissler's Business College at Norristown, Pennsylvania. He later became assistant manager of athletics at the University of Pennsylvania, and in that capacity has been rendering efficient service. Fraternally Mr. Gorman is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and now occupies the office of district deputy of the Twenty-third District of Pennsylvania, which has jurisdiction of councils located at Ardmore, Conshohocken, Norristown, Phoenixville and Pottstown, Pennsylvania. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Norristown, Pennsylvania; of the Young Men's Athletic Association of Conshohocken; and of the Conshohocken Chamber of Commerce. His religious affiliation is with St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church.

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**FRANCIS WILLAUER WACK**—One of the best known men in Schwenkville, Pennsylvania, is Mr. Wack, whose public benefactions and aggressiveness in fostering local improvements have brought him the esteem of his fellow-citizens. The public high school in this borough is the result of his efforts, aided by F. H. Beltz, H. B. Kratz, Daniel Miller, William Bromer and Rev. M. F. Schultz. Highland Park, consisting of twenty-five acres, is a part of the one hundred and ten acre farm purchased by him and set aside for the use of the borough.

Francis F. Wack, a butcher, married Mary Willauer, and their children are: Emma, wife of Christian Drissell, of Lansdale, Pennsylvania; Katherine, a milliner in Lansdale; Edith, wife of Carl Zartman, of Cleveland, Ohio; Anna, who died in 1875 at the age of three; Wilson and William, twins, both of whom died when three months old; and Francis W., of further mention.

Francis Willauer Wack was born at Mainland, in Lower Salford township, June 6, 1879. He began his education in the rural schools, and later entered Perkiomen Seminary, attending only the spring terms, teaching school the balance of the year. He first attended the seminary in 1896 and began teaching at Lederach the following year. In 1900 he left the seminary and took a two-year course at West Chester Normal School, graduating in 1902 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. The year he entered the Normal school his relations with the Lederach school were severed, and when he graduated from the former he taught in a school at Marble Hall, near Plymouth Meeting, for two years. Then





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he established the high school at Schwenkville in 1904, and taught there until 1914. The next year he entered the real estate and insurance business. In 1920 he built the Schwenkville water works and has recently completed a line to supply the outlying rural districts. The Frederick Water Company was also formed by him, and in each of the two he holds the office of president. On the remainder of the Highland Farm which he purchased, he has erected the first modern hotel building in this section and improved the property generally.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Wack was elected justice of the peace in 1909 and actively carried on the office in 1914, which he still retains. During the World War he served as instructor at Ursinus College at Collegeville, and was a member of the advisory board, assisting in questionnaire work. Fraternally he is a member of Warren Lodge, No. 310, Free and Accepted Masons, in Collegeville; the Schwenkville branch of the Patriotic Order Sons of America; Knights of Friendship, of Zieglersville; Improved Order of Red Men; a charter member of Lederach Lodge; Acacia Club, of the Free and Accepted Masons of Collegeville; also a member of the Perkiomen Valley Business Men's Association. In religion he is a deacon of the Reformed church at Schwenkville. His favorite form of recreation is baseball.

Mr. Wack married, June 2, 1906, Florence Wismer, a daughter of Henry (deceased), who was a Civil War veteran, and Mary (Weirman) Wismer, also deceased. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Wismer were: Mary, wife of Clayton Isett of Philadelphia; Annie, wife of Harry Keller, of Bucks county; Elizabeth, wife of Dr. Allen Keeler of Philadelphia; Jennie, wife of Walter Slonacker of Philadelphia; Alma, wife of Dr. Herman Nailer of Philadelphia; Florence, who married Francis Willauer Wack, above mentioned; Ella, wife of Abram Ruth of Franconia; John, living in Schwenkville; Harry, engaged in the post office department at Collegeville; and William, who died in 1920. Mr. and Mrs. Wack are the parents of the following children: Henry, born September 19, 1909; Curtis, born August 10, 1912; Francis W., Jr., born September 17, 1917; and Elizabeth, who was born July 24, 1922.

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**DANIEL ROBERT ARNOLD**—A well known business man of Kulpsville, Pennsylvania, who in earlier years gained an extended reputation for his achievements in the athletic field, is Daniel Robert Arnold, since 1919 a general merchant here. Mr. Arnold was born October 4, 1886, at Dublin, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, a son of Frank D. and Marietta (Accar) Arnold, the former a wheelwright and carriage builder of Dublin, where he also owns a barber shop. He is the oldest of a family of eight children, the names of his brothers and sisters being, in order of their age: Claude, Luther, Leon, Stanley, Maude, Ethel and Mabel, all of whom are living but Mabel, who died when she was seven years old.

Daniel R. Arnold attended the schools of his home community as a young boy, and assisted his father in the barber shop until eighteen years of age. He then secured employment in the steel mills at Bethlehem,



and worked there for six years. Mr. Arnold possesses a splendid physique and has always been interested in athletics, and his efforts in that line having been crowned with much success, he decided at the end of that period to take up athletic work as a profession. As a result he soon became known as one of the best athletes in Montgomery county, and won the amateur foot racing championship by running nine miles in the record time of one hour and five minutes. For several years Mr. Arnold acted as instructor in athletics for various organizations, then decided to settle down in the mercantile business, and came to Kulpsville in 1919, opening the store he now conducts.

Mr. Arnold is well known as a public-spirited citizen, active in the various phases of community life. In political matters he is a believer in Republican policies. He holds membership in a number of prominent clubs and organizations, including the Century Club of Souderton; Perkasio Lodge, Woodmen of the World; Souderton Lodge, No. 12, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Souderton Lodge, No. 6, Patriotic Order Sons of America. His religious affiliation is with the Lutheran church.

On November 11, 1913, at Perkasio, occurred the marriage of Mr. Arnold to Hazel Clarina McGargol, a daughter of Isaac Newton and Annie (Robinson) McGargol. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold have a family of three children: Anna Mabel, born March 1, 1915; Dorothy Hazel, born November 28, 1917; and Robert F., born September 13, 1921.

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**CLARENCE F. GAST**—The young business men of Ambler, Pennsylvania, are an inspiration and example to all in its commercial life, and one of the most energetic and farsighted is Clarence F. Gast. Although in 1922 he had not celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his birth, he had established a taxicab business that was a complete success, and was looking forward to an immediate increase in his cars and chauffeurs. Wide awake, popular, quick to see opportunity, and with the courage to take advantage of it, he is making rapid strides toward prominence and prosperity. He is the son of Jacob and Iola Gast, his father a painter, and has two brothers, Edward and Albert, and two sisters, Evelyn and Myrtle.

Clarence F. Gast was born at Langhorne, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, July 15, 1898. He was graduated from the grammar school of Ambler in 1916, and attended high school until he left to go in business with A. Heath in a garage on Main street. The partnership was continued for a year and a half with marked success, but recognizing the need of a better taxi service in Ambler, Mr. Gast, in March, 1919, bought cars and hired chauffeurs, and struck out by himself. The venture proved profitable from its inception, and he has added to his equipment and force from time to time, with headquarters on Butler avenue. Mr. Gast is a member and actively interested in the Ambler Building and Loan Association. He cast his first presidential vote with the Republican party, and is a close follower of political events. Religiously he is an adherent to the Methodist Episcopal faith.

**EMILY D. (BUCKWALTER) LACHMAN**—For many years the people of Collegeville have honored and esteemed Mrs. Emily D. (Buckwalter) Lachman, who has been a resident of this community since her marriage, and during the fifteen years of her widowhood has devoted her time to her daughters and their families, and to the many good deeds of neighborly kindness and Christian charity which it is her pleasure to do. Mrs. Lachman is a daughter of David and Sarah (Favinger) Buckwalter, also long residents of Collegeville, who are the parents of eight children: Benjamin, Charles, Emanuel, David, Mary Ann, Katharine, Emily D., of further mention, and Berlina.

Emily D. Buckwalter was born at Yerkes, near Phoenixville, Chester county, Pennsylvania, May 15, 1849. She attended the public school at the Mennonite Meeting House at Upper Providence township until the age of fifteen years, after which she resided at the home farm with her parents until the year 1868. On June 29, 1868, Miss Buckwalter became the wife of Samuel Lachman, the ceremony taking place at Mount Kirk, Lower Providence township, in this county. Mr. Lachman was a son of Samuel C. Lachman, a wheelwright by trade, and a resident of Fruitville, Pennsylvania, until the time of his death. The mother, Mary (Ceber) Lachman, is also long since deceased. Samuel Lachman learned the trade of wheelwright under his father's instruction, and in the year 1861 established his own business at Collegeville, carrying the interest forward until his death, which occurred in 1907. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Norristown, of the Knights of Pythias of Collegeville, and by political affiliation was a Democrat. Samuel and Emily D. (Buckwalter) Lachman were the parents of two daughters: 1. Flora L., who was born December 21, 1869, and attended Sunderland's Female College at Trappe, and Ursinus Academy. She became the wife of Clement E. Fry, of Graterford, Pennsylvania, who has been a customs inspector at the port of Philadelphia for the past twenty-eight years. During the World War he served in the Quartermasters' Corps, from 1917 until 1919, stationed at Camp Zachary Taylor, at Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Fry have had four children: Mildred, now deceased; Helen; Emily; and Flora. 2. Elizabeth B., who was born April 28, 1885; she was educated at the Collegeville public and high schools, being graduated from high school in the class of 1902, also spent two years at Irving College (1902-03) after which in 1905, she entered Combs Conservatory of Music, at Philadelphia, and was graduated from that institution in the class of 1908. She studied music under such famous professors as Dr. Hugh H. Clark, Gilbert Reynolds Combs, Stanley Addicks, Russell King Miller and Preston Ware Orem. Giving much time to theoretical work, and receiving special training in the Normal department of the school, Miss Lachman became an instructor of rare ability, and, opening a private conservatory of music, has won a high position in musical circles in the East. On August 14, 1920, Elizabeth B. Lachman became the wife of Frederick H. Santer, an estimator for the Link Belt Company of Philadelphia. Since her marriage Mrs. Santer has continued her conservatory.

**HARRY N. LANDIS**—One of the men of foresight and initiative of Elroy, Pennsylvania, is Harry N. Landis, who is probably best known for his untiring endeavors to secure better roads for his locality. A successful agriculturist, he has seen what good roads mean to his own as well as all classes, and has entered vigorously in all movements that aimed at the improvements of these connecting links between town and farm.

Harry N. Landis, son of Benjamin and Sara (Nace) Landis, was born on July 6, 1865, in Franconia township, Pennsylvania. He attended the local schools up to the time of his having to go to work on the farm, and for a number of years was a tiller of the soil. He has also been a mail carrier, and knows his part of Montgomery county as do few others. He has the honor of being president of the road board, and is supervisor of roads, and much of his time is taken up in painstaking, conscientious work, doing the important duties of his offices. Mr. Landis is a communicant of the Reformed church.

On April 24, 1909, Mr. Landis was married to Katie Sellers, daughter of Samuel and Mary Hunsicker Sellers. Mr. and Mrs. Landis are the parents of three children, as follows: Henry, born August 5, 1910; Ella May, born July 22, 1912; and Allan, born June 13, 1917.

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**ALBERT RUDOLPH SKIBBE**—One of the younger set of business men who is coming to the fore in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, is Albert Rudolph Skibbe, the superintendent of Mill No. 3 of the Rambo & Regar Company. He is the son of Albert Charles Skibbe, a contractor, who lost his life in an accident in 1908 when fifty years old, and of Agnes (Cayser) Skibbe, now living in Conshohocken. They were the parents of five children: Charles Louis; John George; Elsie Caroline, who is married to Harry Davis; Mary Deborah, who married Connie Coyle; and Albert Rudolph Skibbe, who was born at Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, on April 10, 1891. His education was gained in the grammar and high schools of his native place, and he at an early age began to contribute to his own support.

Mr. Skibbe started as an errand boy in the singeing room, but soon was given charge of a singeing machine, and was later made stock clerk. He then entered upon a contract for three years as a knitting apprentice, and was in line for the further promotion that came in 1917 as superintendent of Mill No. 3 of the Rambo & Regar Company, manufacturers of hosiery. His career to date has been one of rapid development and success with every evidence of attaining greater heights in the years that lie before him.

Mr. Skibbe is associated with several fraternities, among which are: The Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 239; Patriotic Order Sons of America, No. 114; and the Junior Order United American Mechanics, No. 82; all of Norristown, Pennsylvania. His church membership is with St. John's Episcopal Church.

On June 5, 1912, at Norristown, Pennsylvania, Mr. Skibbe married



Nellie May McDonald, daughter of William and Louisa (Boswell) McDonald. Mr. and Mrs. Skibbe are the parents of two children: Gerald Albert, born August 31, 1914, and Edith Louise, born July 17, 1917.

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**M. B. SCHRACK**—For many years a resident of Upper Providence township and now of Trappe, both communities in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, Mr. Schrack has spent a long and useful life in agricultural pursuits, meeting the misfortunes of life with courage, and bearing a part in the general welfare. He is now retired from active work, but is still contributing to the continued advance of this section through his connection with the world of finance and his public service. Mr. Schrack is a son of Michael and Mary (Buckwalter) Schrack. His father was a plasterer and in later years conducted a farm to which his son succeeded upon his death. They were the parents of three children: M. B., Daniel, and Laura, widow of Jacob Lewis.

M. B. Schrack was born in Upper Providence, October 16, 1857. He received his education in the rural schools of his native place and then attended business school at Trappe, for one term. He worked on his father's farm until 1882, when he started for himself on a forty-seven acre farm, where he remained until 1903. In 1901 a disastrous fire destroyed his house and all records and documents. He rebuilt, but later sold out and removed to Trappe. Mr. Schrack is interested in all civic and State affairs and strongly believes in every advance for the betterment of the community. He is a staunch Republican and for eighteen years (1904-1922) was a member of the Town Council. He is also the organizer and president of the Trappe Fire Company. In his recreative interests he seeks the out doors, for he is a great lover of nature. He is also a member of the Lutheran church of Trappe.

Mr. Schrack married, in December, 1882, Dora Hoyer, daughter of Jonothan and Mary (Goodwin) Hoyer, who was born in Upper Providence, in 1861, and died in August, 1903. They were the parents of two children: 1. Elmer, who was born August 31, 1883; married Bertha Benderald, of Royersford, Pennsylvania, where he now resides. He is employed by the Buckwalter Stove Works. 2. Mary, who was born July 10, 1886; now living at home.

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**PATRICK JOSEPH O'BRIEN** was one of the solid, industrious citizens of Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, whose death left the city and his friends the poorer for his departure. An honest, friendly, big-hearted man, he had a host of friends. Always helpful, a shrewd advisor, a lover of his home and family, there are many who realize the good in their lives and character that is owing to his good offices.

The son of Joseph and Mary (Goff) O'Brien, Patrick J. O'Brien was born in Dublin, Ireland, on May 5, 1846, but later came to this country, where he died August 8, 1897, at the age of fifty-one. His earliest education was received from the grammar schools of his native city, and he was a graduate of Dublin Academy. He emigrated to this country,

and locating at Conshohocken, went to work in the A. J. March quarries. His ability and hard work won him promotion, and for some time previous to his death he had been the able superintendent of the quarries.

Mr. O'Brien always believed in the views of the Democratic party and cast his vote regularly for its nominees. His fraternal affiliation was with the Ancient Order of the Hibernians, No. 6, and he was a communicant of the St. Matthew's Catholic Church of Conshohocken.

Mr. O'Brien was survived by his wife, Mary O'Brien, daughter of John and Anna (O'Brien) Brennan, whom he married at Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, September 6, 1873. They were the parents of six children: Jennie, Mary, Catherine, Elizabeth, William, and Sadie G.

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**CHARLES YELLES CASSEL**—Every community owes much to those who are no longer numbered among its citizens, to those who have contributed their best to the advancement of the welfare of those among whom they lived, and have passed on to the Great Beyond, leaving their influence to live and grow long after they themselves have passed beyond our ken. One of the citizens of Montgomery county who completed his work nearly three decades ago, is Charles Y. Cassel, who was engaged in farming throughout the entire period of his active life.

Mr. Cassel was born in Lower Salford, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, January 16, 1844, and died February 16, 1896, at the comparatively early age of sixty-nine. He was a son of Abraham H. Cassel, a well known farmer and cattle dealer of the Lower Salford township, and of Elizabeth (Rhoads) Cassel, both of whom are deceased. He received his early education in the public schools of Lower Salford, and then completed his training in Perkiomen Seminary. When his seminary course was completed, he returned to Lower Salford and went to work on his father's farm, where he remained until his marriage. He then purchased his father's farm near Harleysville, and there he was successfully engaged in farming throughout the remainder of his active life. He was widely known in Lower Salford and throughout the township, and though he has for more than twenty years been among those who have left the scene of their early labors in Lower Salford, he is still remembered and highly esteemed by a large group of those with whom he was associated during his life. Politically he gave his support to the Republican party, but he was a man of independent views and insisted upon the right to cast his vote for those local officials whom he considered best prepared to efficiently discharge the duties of the office. He was a member of the German Baptist, or Dunkard, church.

On February 10, 1866, near Harleysville, Mr. Cassel married Sarah Harley, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Johnson) Harley. Mr. and Mrs. Cassel are the parents of five children: Edwin, who was born January 22, 1867; Henry, born October 1, 1868; Samuel, born March 26, 1870; Elizabeth, born November 20, 1873; and Abraham, born February 2, 1882.

**LEIGHTON F. HACKER**, one of the best known men of Hatfield, Pennsylvania, is a native of Lansdale, and after courses in the grammar and high schools struck out for himself and became a printer. He is the son of John W. and Laura M. Hacker. His industry and ability is bringing him a standing in the community, and a prosperity thoroughly merited. He is now the publisher of the "Inter-Borough Press," of Royersford and Spring City, Pennsylvania. He is associated with the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Loyal Order of Moose, and the O. S. Club, of Lansdale, Pennsylvania. He is a communicant of the Reformed church of Lansdale.

On November 18, 1920, at Lansdale, Mr. Hacker married Clara D. Shellenberger, daughter of Leidy H. and Mary D. Shellenberger, the latter a well known citizen of Hatfield. Mr. and Mrs. Hacker are the parents of a son, Leighton C., Jr., and a daughter, Ruth M.

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**CHARLES BAUER, JR.**—The son of a pioneer who came to this country from Germany in the notable tide of emigration that set towards these shores from that country in the years that followed the political events of 1848, Charles Bauer, Jr., was born at Norristown, Pennsylvania, April 10, 1884. His ancestors were Bavarians, and landed proprietors at Württemberg in the old country, and his father, Charles Bauer, Sr., was born in that city in 1848. Emigrating to America in 1866 when he was a lad of eighteen, Mr. Bauer's father settled at Norristown, leasing the twenty-acre tract upon which the Adam Scheidt Brewery Company now stands. A practical dairyman, with an instinctive knowledge of the best dairy methods and the best cattle, he established himself as a dairyman, having his own route for his milk in Norristown and Bridgeport. He was extremely successful in this enterprise and, in a day of large dairy farms, demonstrated anew the theory of increased production by means of intensive improvements as a scientific dairyman. He was not content to remain a dairyman, however, and his restless energy soon found an outlet in business. Having learned the carpenter's trade in the old country and having served as millwright for Deans & Mitchell of Norristown, and later for the Bolten Lumber Company, and still later the Grater Bodey Company, he decided to establish himself as a contractor and builder. He became a dominating factor in the business life of Norristown, and many of the best structures in the city were built under his direction. Although he has retired from active participation in business affairs and is now living at ease in his residence at No. 658 Astor street, in the city of Norristown, the elder Mr. Bauer is still keenly interested in municipal affairs and is ever on the alert to promote measures designed to advance the welfare and prosperity of the community, of which he has been for so many years a vigorous and progressive member. Charles Bauer, Sr., has been twice married, both marriages taking place in the United States. His first wife, Rebecca Bauer, was the mother of four children: Emma, who married Westly Diehl, a locksmith, and who is now a resident of Philadelphia; Jacob,



who is a butcher, and now a resident of Philadelphia; and John and Charles Bauer, both of whom died in infancy. After the death of his first wife Charles Bauer, Sr., married a widow, Barbara (Albert) Eaton, who died in 1909, age fifty-nine years, having been born in Germany in 1850. The children of the second marriage are Clara E., who resides with her parents at Norristown; John George, who is a carpenter, employed by Frank Hebner, of Norristown, and is himself a resident of Norristown; Charles, Jr., of whom further; and Bessie Barbara, who resides with her parents at Norristown. The daughters are all shirt-makers, which goes to show that the Bauers are all the proud possessors of trades.

Charles Bauer, Jr., received his education in the public schools of Norristown and East Norriton township. His boyhood was spent on his father's farm, and beyond taking a hand in some of the minor occupations about the place, he did no work until he was fourteen years of age, when he entered the employ of Deans & Mitchell to learn the spinning yarn business. He remained here a short time and then entered Gresh's cigar factory as a salaried worker. He remained in this establishment from 1898 to 1900 and then, notwithstanding the fact that he had become a very skillful operator and a good judge of all the raw materials used in the plant and that his ultimate promotion to a position of great responsibility was assured, Mr. Bauer became convinced that his abilities were more suitable for the work of handling machinery. Of an extremely mechanical and inventive turn of mind, and ardently desiring a closer connection with the complicated power apparatus upon which the success of modern industry depends, he determined to study practical mechanical engineering and to acquire the trade of a machinist and, in accordance with this decision, he joined W. H. Rittenhouse, of Norristown, and spent four years with him, becoming, under his expert direction, a skilled machinist. In 1904 he entered the Reading Screw Works at Norristown and spent six months in the service of this house as a master machinist. He left the Reading Screw Works in order to accept a position with the Wildman Manufacturing Company of Norristown. This position proved very agreeable and the relations between Mr. Bauer and his employers were particularly cordial and friendly. Mr. Bauer entered Wildman's in 1905, the year he became of age, and brought a fund of undiminished energy and a great deal of enthusiasm to his tasks. His attitude towards his work and his superior ability, especially in the matter of making delicate adjustments without creating losses by undue delay, was greatly appreciated. His general influence on the life of the shop was likewise a factor in his success, being invariably exerted in favor of harmony and goodfellowship throughout the works. He gave his best services to the Wildman Manufacturing Company for a period of five years, and left them in 1910, not because he wished to enter the service of any other firm, but because he wished to establish himself as the proprietor and owner of an independent business, a venture for which his character and demonstrated ability well fitted him. At that

time there were only two public garages in Norristown, and Mr. Bauer, foreseeing the rapid expansion of vehicular motor traffic and the need that would arise for increased garage facilities on the main traveled roads of the country, decided to establish a general service station and automobile repair shop. His first location was at the corner of Marshall and Chain streets, in Norristown, but in 1912 he moved his business to East Norriton, where he now owns a one-acre plot, with improvements, consisting of two garage buildings, each two stories high, with a floor space of thirty-five hundred square feet each, and a small store for the sale of motor supplies and accessories. Mr. Bauer also sells cigars and candies in his store, and the excellence of these goods is greatly appreciated by passing motorists. In addition to his other activities, Mr. Bauer is an independent manufacturer of roller skates. He began this branch enterprise of his business in a small way during his employment as a machinist at the Reading Screw Works and has carried it on as a side line ever since. He manufactures skates of a very superior quality, and finds a ready market for his entire output, which by now reaches a very substantial yearly total. A young man of great constructive energy and vision, possessing superlative skill and a fine business record, Mr. Bauer well deserves the success that has come to him. He is an outstanding example of a man who succeeds by adjusting himself to his environment and by giving his own home locality the best there is in him. In the business and commercial circles of Montgomery county he is held in high esteem and he has never failed to meet the obligations of success by taking an interest in local affairs and endeavoring, to the best of his ability, to preserve the business and social harmony which is a marked feature of Montgomery county life.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Bauer keeps himself well informed in regard to the major political questions of the hour. During the World War he invested heavily in Liberty bonds. He is a member of the East Norriton School Board and acts as chief of the East Norriton Fire Company. He is also a contributing member of Norristown Engine Company No. 1, and likewise a contributing member of Montgomery Engine Company No. 1. He is a member of the State Firemen's Association, and also of the Montgomery County Firemen's Association.

A great believer in the conservation of natural resources, Mr. Bauer is a member of the Montgomery Fish and Game Association, and lends his support to all legal measures calculated to increase the diminishing of wild life in Pennsylvania. The fact that he is a keen sportsman and that hunting and fishing are his favorite forms of recreation does not conflict with his interest in the conservation of game and fish, since it is well understood that all true sportsmen believe in the protection of wild life and have done a great deal through their organizations to educate the general public in regard to the necessity for observing closed seasons and enforcing the law against offenders.

In religious faith Mr. Bauer is a member of Grace Lutheran Church, at Norristown, and takes the greatest interest in all the religious and

humanitarian activities of the parish. He is a Mason, and belongs to Norristown Lodge, No. 620, of the Free and Accepted Masons; Norristown Chapter; Philadelphia Consistory; Lu Lu Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Norristown Forest, No. 31. He also holds membership in the Loyal Order of Moose, belonging to Lodge No. 513 of that order at Norristown.

On September 6, 1911, Mr. Bauer married, at Norristown, Vina B. Hunsicker, only daughter of Nari and Sarah (Bergey) Hunsicker, of Skippack, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Bauer's mother died some years ago, and her father married a second time. Mr. and Mrs. Bauer have three children: Eleanor H., John G., and Charles N.

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**HARVEY H. BLANK**—In various branches of commercial and industrial activity Mr. Blank has become prominent in Montgomery county and vicinity, and is widely known as one of the successful and enterprising men of Pennsburg. He is a son of William and Annie (Hunsecker) Blank, who were the parents of nine children: Elizabeth; Harry; William; Oliver; Abraham; Harvey H., of further mention; Gurney; Minnie; and Charles.

Harvey H. Blank was born at Souderton, Pennsylvania, July 27, 1877. Acquiring his education in the local schools, he worked on the farm until the age of fifteen years, after which he learned the cigar making trade. Working at this trade for some eighteen years, Mr. Blank then invested his savings in business activities, including the manufacture of ice cream, with main office at Souderton, which business he discontinued in 1908. For the following two years he conducted a creamery at Mainland. In 1910 he returned to Souderton and erected a block of houses, and in 1912 returned to the creamery business and continued along that line until 1917. He then entered the furniture business at East Greenville, which he sold out in 1921. In these varied lines of endeavor Mr. Blank has been successful, his executive ability and genius for organization and administration keeping each separate interest moving and steadily progressing. On December 3, 1921, he established, in association with Warren Moyer, what is called the most up-to-date motor transportation service in Montgomery county. They run five buses from Pennsburg through Allentown, to Boyerstown, each trip averaging sixty miles. This enterprise is known as the Perkiomen Valley Bus Company, and meets a long felt need of the people of this section, who patronize it accordingly. With these many interests commanding his attention, Mr. Blank has never been at liberty to accept public responsibility, but keeps in touch with the general progress. He is a member of the Lutheran church of Souderton, and served on the building committee through which the new edifice came into existence.

Mr. Blank married, in Souderton, November 13, 1897, Eleanor Reeder, daughter of Levy and Amy (Ott) Reeder. Mr. and Mrs. Blank have six children: Leroy, Stewart, Emma, Levy, Randall, and Warren.



**HORACE H. SMITH**—Active since boyhood in the planing mill of which he is now sole owner, Mr. Smith has placed himself among the leaders in the construction world of Montgomery county, both in his immediate field and in the production of blue prints for the use of contractors, his work in this line being that of the expert. Mr. Smith's family has long been identified with the progress of this county, and his father, Henry J. Smith, was a pioneer in Montgomery county in two branches of effort, founding the first lumber business in Pennsburg, and also achieving wide renown as a weaver. In the latter connection he became famous as the originator of the autograph blanket. Henry J. Smith was a man of deep public spirit, and for thirty-three years served as justice of the peace of Pennsburg. He died April 19, 1909, mourned by all who knew him, for his high character and friendliness towards all. He married Anna Hebner, and they were the parents of two children: Kate and Horace H., of whom further.

Horace H. Smith was born in Pennsburg, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, December 22, 1878. His early education was acquired in the local public schools, and he completed his studies at Perkiomen Seminary. Beginning life as shaving boy in the planing mill in which his father was heavily interested, the young man progressed rapidly in his endeavors, and eventually became the owner of this mill and now, also, has a branch mill in Pennsburg. Coming constantly in touch with the construction activities of the community, through the nature of his business, Mr. Smith came to be interested in the making of blue prints. So many contractors of his acquaintance having difficulty in obtaining good work in this field, Mr. Smith soon made it a branch of his regular business, and has for years been considered one of the foremost experts in this part of the State. He does this work to a certain degree for the general trade, but almost wholly for construction work. Counted among the widely successful men of the community, Mr. Smith was long ago brought forward into the public service. He has now been treasurer of the borough of Pottstown for thirteen years, and has also for years been justice of the peace. Broadly interested in all phases of public advance, he is a charter member of the volunteer fire company and long its financial secretary. Fraternally Mr. Smith holds membership in Perkiomen Lodge, No. 595, Free and Accepted Masons; and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 449, in which latter order he has been through all chairs. His religious affiliation is with St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Mr. Smith married (first) May 3, 1906, Mary Truban, daughter of Howard Truban, of Pennsburg, who died, leaving one daughter, Marian, born in 1908. Mr. Smith married (second) March 20, 1915, Elizabeth Hunsicker, daughter of Daniel and Katie Hunsicker.

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**WILLIAM B. JOHNSON**—In the town of Pennsburg, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, Mr. Johnson has established a thriving business, and is known by everyone in the community in which he lives as a highly esteemed business man. He is the son of Morris and Elizabeth

(Bahl) Johnson, and has four brothers: Edwin, Nicholas, Warren and Morris. The father was engaged in farming, but is now retired.

William B. Johnson was born in Boyertown, Pennsylvania, April 29, 1878. He received his education in the public schools there. After he left school he went with H. J. Bower, of Boyertown, who conducted a business in harness making, to learn the trade, and spent the following three years with him. He then established a business of his own in the town and continued it for one year. Later he went to East Greenville, Pennsylvania, to work for Thomas Leh & Son, where he remained for seven years. He finally established himself in the harness business in Pennsburg, in 1916, and in 1921 added a full line of motorcycles. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of Pennsburg Lodge, No. 486, Woodmen of the World; and of the Harleysville Beneficial Society. He is a member of the Gossenhoppen Reformed church.

Mr. Johnson married Masie Biery in Pennsburg, May 21, 1902, who is the daughter of David and Elmira (Kulp) Biery. Two children were born of this marriage, Harold D., born May 21, 1905, and Charles William, born August 30, 1908.

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**STELLA CATHERINE (UNGER) SNYDER**—In the beautiful Perkiomen Valley, about fifteen miles north of Valley Forge, and about thirty-five miles northwest of Philadelphia, lies the borough of Schwenkville, a quaint, attractive little old-fashioned country town with a population of about five hundred people. It is a bright, prosperous little village, with two general stores, a drug store, several ice cream and refreshment parlors, a National bank, and three churches. As you swing round the gentle curve of the Perkiomen branch of the Reading railroad just before entering the town you may see on your right, across the Perkiomen river, the old mill and home of the late Samuel W. Pennypacker, the estate known since the Revolution as Pennypacker Mills, the place to which George Washington, with his shattered army, retreated after the battle of Germantown, and where he organized before going into winter quarters at Valley Forge. As you alight at the station at Schwenkville, and your attention is drawn to the beautiful wooded hill known as Spring Mountain, rising first gradually and then precipitously to a height of five hundred feet above the level of the river which curves round its base, you may see, if you look carefully along the west side of the hills, the roof of a large building surrounded by a grove of poplars. It is the roof of the Perkiomen Inn, and many who come into Schwenkville, weary of toil in the crowded cities, turn eager eyes toward that particular spot in the beautiful countryside. To them it means rest, recreation, good food, attractive surroundings, out-of-door sports, and, in short, all that makes a vacation worth while. It is a large four-story frame building with a two-story annex, containing, in all, sixty-six rooms, besides bath and toilet rooms and private baths, equipped with all modern conveniences, and most skillfully and efficiently managed for







*Charles Unger*

the comfort and pleasure of its guests by Stella Catherine Snyder, its owner and general manager.

Stella Catherine (Unger) Snyder was born in Sanatoga, Pennsylvania, January 5, 1897, daughter of William F. Unger, who was born in Württemberg, Germany, March 26, 1870, and came to America with his parents in 1876. Politically Mr. Unger gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Democratic party, though he is not active in political affairs. He married, at Schwenkville, March 26, 1892, Kate Spaide, who was born at Norristown, August 1, 1864, and they are the parents of two children: Charles Spaide, formerly associated with his sister in the management of Perkiomen Inn, who died November 24, 1921; and Stella Catherine, the present proprietor and manager of the inn.

Stella Catherine (Unger) Snyder received her early education in the public schools of Schwenkville, and then entered Perkiomen School, from which she was graduated in 1916. She then became a student in West Chester Normal School, from which she was graduated in 1918. After teaching in Sanatoga for a period of two years, she, in association with her brother, Charles Spaide Unger, purchased of G. M. Carl, in 1919, the Perkiomen Inn, which they continued to operate jointly until the death of the brother. Since that time she has been owner and general manager of the establishment.

The Perkiomen Inn has the natural advantage of high and dry location, and the adjoining farm produces all kinds of fruits and vegetables, with which the table is abundantly supplied, as well as fresh milk, eggs, poultry, etc.

Mrs. Snyder is a member of Trappe Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and her religious affiliation is with the Heidelberg Reformed Church of Schwenkville.

Charles S. Unger, brother of Stella C. (Unger) Snyder, was reared in the borough of Schwenkville, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania. He received his education in the local school and graduated in the Borough High School. He then taught school for several years, and graduated at Ursinus College. During his boyhood days he displayed ambitious tendencies that later on bore remarkable fruit. He, with Raymond Beltz, started the present Perkiomen Transit Company, which to-day is one of the most noted bus lines in the State. During the World War, he entered the service at Camp Meade. Owing to a certain physical disability he might have been discharged from the service, but, owing to his patriotism, he asked for a minor operation, which proved successful, so that he could be allowed to remain in the service. When volunteers were asked for the Tank Service, he was there and undertook one of the most dangerous offices of the war. He was in action on the Somme Offensive, Canal Tunnel, Bony, LaSalle River, Brancourt, and Bois L'Eveque. He served in Company A, 310th Tank Corps, and he escaped unwounded, although his tank was blown up. He saw severe service at the front. After his discharge from the army, he lost no time in becoming again active in business and local affairs. He purchased the Perkiomen



men Inn, Schwenkville, Pennsylvania, one of the most noted summer hotels in Eastern Pennsylvania, and met with remarkable success. However, his severe service began to tell on him and he died on November 24, 1921, at the age of twenty-seven years, two months and one day. He was a member of the Roy Leidy Post, No. 203, American Legion; Warren Lodge, No. 310, Free and Accepted Masons; Tall Cedars of Lebanon; and was deacon of the Heidelberg Reformed Church, Schwenkville.

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**WILLIAM BROMER**—After a considerable period of time devoted to a manufacturing interest, Mr. Bromer has more recently become identified with a banking institution, but at no time has he ceased to maintain an active part in civic affairs.

He is a son of Albert and Katharine (Shepherd) Bromer. The father was a native of Kehl, Germany, coming to this country and settling in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1852, and from 1864 to 1888 he managed a clothing manufacturing plant at Schwenkville, Pennsylvania, where he also aided in organizing a bank. Born September 1, 1837, he died in 1906. The mother, also born in Germany, came with her parents to Philadelphia at the age of two years. Albert and Katharine Bromer were the parents of eleven children: Elizabeth, wife of I. S. Schwenk, of Schwenkville; Susan, widow of Sam Weller, of Camden, New Jersey; William, of whom further; Albert, pastor of a Reformed church in Philadelphia; Edward, a Reformed preacher at Lancaster; Frank, a Reformed preacher at Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Jacob, owner of a garage at Schwenkville; Katharine, wife of Abner Hunsicker, of Eckert, Colorado; Minerva, wife of Jonathan A. Logan, of Toronto, Canada; Ralph, a physician in Philadelphia; Cordelia, wife of Frank Fell, of Mt. Clare, Pennsylvania.

William Bromer was born at Schwenkville, Pennsylvania, November 6, 1864. He began his education in the public schools of his native place, and later attended Perkiomen Seminary for one year, and the Philadelphia Commercial College for nine months. In 1881 he entered the clothing business with his father at Schwenkville, and upon the retirement of the latter continued the business alone until 1907 and then sold out. After disposing of his clothing factory he remained in retirement until 1917, and then began his present employment, October 4, 1917, as cashier of the bank in that town. He is a Republican in politics, and was a member of the Borough Council from its incorporation until recently, when he resigned to devote his spare time to the school board, on which he was also serving. He is a director of the Schwenkville National Bank. He is president of the Cemetery Association of Reformed and Lutheran Churches of Schwenkville, others associated with him being J. B. Pennepacker, F. H. Beltz, treasurer, representing the Reformed church; F. S. Koons, secretary; F. K. Zpehs, vice-president; and Harry Whitman, of the Lutheran church. In the Reformed church in Schwenkville Mr. Bromer is an elder.

Mr. Bromer married, October 16, 1888, at Schwenkville, Pennsylvania,







Charles Evans

Mary Katharine Williard, born October 26, 1864, who has two brothers, Percival, of Trappe, Pennsylvania, and Chester, living in Philadelphia. Her parents are Philip Williard, who prepared for the ministry, but on account of throat trouble went into business with the Excelsior Coal Company at Shamokin, Pennsylvania, and Anna Elizabeth (Prizer) Williard. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Bromer are as follows: Ruth, born July 10, 1892, wife of Raymond Beltz, of Schwenkville; Albert Williard, born September 30, 1895, a graduate of Yale University, 1920, and entered University of Pennsylvania the same year to become a physician; Edward Harold, born October 3, 1899, studying electrical engineering at Cornell University with the class of 1924.

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**CHARLES CLEAVER EVANS**, owner and manager of the Montgomery Riding Academy, Norristown, Pennsylvania, was born in that city, April 23, 1886, son of William Amos and Emma J. (Davis) Evans. William A. Evans was a school teacher, and later a real estate dealer of Norristown, serving several years as justice of the peace. He married Emma J. Davis and they were the parents of six children: Mabel L., married Charles H. Gotwals; Anson B.; Charles C., of further mention; Breta, married Clarence I. Moore; Frank, deceased; William Amos, Jr.

Charles C. Evans was educated in the public grade and high schools of Norristown and Schissler's Business College, attending the latter for two years. His first position was as bookkeeper and stenographer with the Central Trust and Savings Company of Philadelphia, reaching the position of manager of the loan department. He remained with that company until 1920, then resigned his position to devote his entire time to the Montgomery Riding Academy. That academy Mr. Evans started in 1918 in association with J. Raymond Chamberlain, but the partnership was dissolved in 1920, Mr. Evans then becoming sole owner and manager.

The Montgomery Riding Academy is located on a farm of 117 acres on which there is a half mile race track and ninety acres under cultivation. Fifteen horses are owned by the academy, which has accommodations for seventy-five, and a horse boarding department is maintained. Races are held at the track, and the academy is very popular with equestrians and all lovers of the horse. Mr. Evans is an enthusiastic sportsman and takes a deep interest in athletics. For twelve years he was president of the Junior Athletic Club of Norristown; was manager of base ball and foot ball teams; and for five years was manager of the Young Men's Christian Association basket ball team. He holds two Young Men's Christian Association records for the one-quarter mile run and high diving, and has a collection of thirteen medals won in athletic contests.

In politics Mr. Evans is a Republican, and holds a notary's commission. He is a member of Lodge No. 190, Free and Accepted Masons; Norristown Lodge, No. 714, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Riders' and Drivers' Association of Philadelphia; Alexis Club of Port Indian, Pennsylvania; the Perkiomen Valley Hunt Club; and Calvary Baptist Church.



Mr. Evans married, in Norristown, June 15, 1915, Naomi R. Ritter, youngest daughter of David H. and Catharine (Baker) Ritter. Her sisters are Isabella, wife of Walter Gaumer, and Joanna, wife of Frank Getty.

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**SAMUEL HUNSICKER BOLTON**—In various branches of useful endeavor Mr. Bolton has long borne a part in the general progress of Montgomery county, and is counted among the progressive and enterprising men of this section. Descended from old settlers of Pennsylvania through both paternal and maternal lines, he is a son of Jacob and Hannah (Hunsicker) Bolton, his father throughout his lifetime a farmer of Zieglersville, Pennsylvania.

Samuel Hunsicker Bolton was born in Skippack township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, October 16, 1877. Gaining a very practical education in the public and high schools of his native township, he was active in the work of the homestead farm until the age of nineteen years, meanwhile, in 1891 taking a trip through the Western States to California. In 1893 Mr. Bolton became active in Collegeville as a cattle dealer, and the following year entered the livery business, which superseded the first venture. With his headquarters at the Perkiomen Bridge Hotel, in Collegeville, he carried forward the livery business very successfully for about fifteen years, after which he was persuaded to take over the management of S. W. Stearley's farm, in Trappe, and has been thus engaged since. A practical man, highly skilled in the field of endeavor to which he is devoting his attention, Mr. Bolton has won the esteem and good will of all who know him. Markedly successful, he is counted among the prosperous men of the day in this section, and is a stockholder in the Schwenkville Water Company. Supporting the Republican party in affairs of both local and wider import, he nevertheless takes no personal interest in political matters beyond that of the forward-looking citizen of the day. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Collegeville, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Norristown.

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**IRWIN RICHARD** has had a long experience in the manufacturing line, and since 1907 has been the successful proprietor of a broom factory in Red Hill, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania. As a citizen and as a successful business man he is highly esteemed in the township, and is taking an active part in the affairs of the borough.

Mr. Richard was born in New Hanover, January 27, 1881, son of George Washington and Emma (Houck) Richard, and received his education in the public schools of his native district. When his formal school training was completed, he began his business career as salesman for the International Harvester Company, which connection he maintained for a period of four years. At the end of that time he made a change, and learned the art of making cigars, in which line he continued to be employed for several years. By 1907 he had accumulated some



*Irvin Richard*





capital, and in that year he engaged in manufacturing for himself, establishing a broom factory at Red Hill, Pennsylvania. He began in a small way, working by himself in a room eight by ten feet. As his business increased, he moved into larger quarters and employed first one workman, then more as the demand for his product continued to grow. Since that time the business has continued to grow and prosper until at the present time (1923), it is housed in a modern factory containing 19,700 square feet of floor space and requiring the services of a number of operators. From a total output of six brooms per day, the daily production has increased to 4,000 brooms daily, only the best and medium quality brooms being made. In addition to his interests as owner of a large manufacturing plant, Mr. Richard is a member of the board of directors of the Valley National Bank.

Politically he gives his support to the Democratic party, and he has always taken an active interest in the affairs of the borough in which he lives and in which his business is located. He is a burgess of the borough, and in every possible way gives his aid to those projects which are planned for the public good. Fraternally he is affiliated with Perkio-men Lodge, No. 595, Free and Accepted Masons, and he is a member of the Patriotic Sons of America. His religious connection is with the Lutheran church.

At Red Hill, Pennsylvania, Irwin Richard married Carrie Reminger, daughter of Solomon and Catherine (Cale) Reminger, and they are the parents of nine children: Benea, Florence, Clarence, Claude, Nelson, Paul, Alice, Beatrice, and Sanford.

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**ABRAHAM H. NYCE**—Just a few days before the news was carried to the world that Abraham Lincoln had been elected president of the United States, Abraham H. Nyce was born in Franconia township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, his parents, William P. and Sarah Nyce, his father a farmer. The more than sixty years which have since elapsed have brought prosperity and honor to Mr. Nyce, who has never left his native county but has been one of the important factors in the growth and development of the section in which he made his home and located his factory in 1898—at Vernfield. He is responsible for the founding of that village and for its growth, his coming with his business creating a demand for a post office, which was established in 1898, and for a general store which he opened. The coming of the Nyce Manufacturing Company, makers of clothing, brought prosperity to Vernfield, and there Mr. Nyce has resided since his retirement from business in 1912, the business now being conducted by his eldest son.

Abraham H. Nyce was born on the home farm in Franconia township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, October 24, 1860, and there attended the district public school until he had completed its courses. He then was successively a student for one session at Huntington College, one session at Westchester College, and six weeks at Muhlenberg College. After his own study term was over he taught for three years in the

district public school in Franconia, which he had himself attended as a pupil, then entered business life as a manufacturer of clothing, locating his plant at Morwood. He was successful in his business enterprise and remained in Morwood until 1898, then sought a new location which he found at Vernfield, Montgomery county. There he erected a factory and opened a general store, conducting both until 1912, when he retired. Vernfield as a post office dates from his coming in 1898, and Mr. Nyce was the first postmaster of the village, an office he long held.

The upbuilding of a community is a most worthy work, and in Vernfield Mr. Nyce has a monument to his enterprise and public spirit which will ever endure. His usefulness has not, however, been confined to that village, but he is responsible for the building of the road from Mansfield to Schwenkville, for the concrete bridge thereon, and for the establishing of a mail route from North Pennsburg to Perkiomen road. In religious faith he is a German Baptist, in political faith a Republican.

Abraham H. Nyce married, in February, 1885, in Franconia township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, Leona F. Godshall, daughter of Jacob F. and Barbara (Meyer) Godshall. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Nyce: William, born December 13, 1888; Werner, born September 5, 1895; Lincoln, born July 12, 1898. The family home is at Vernfield, Pennsylvania.

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**WILLIAM SUMMERS**—Within the long span of William Summer's life there was no historical work concerning the Montgomery county district, whether relating to men and women as individuals or in the mass, in which he did not bear a part. His love for historical and genealogical pursuits gave him a vast store of accurate and dependable information, and he had no greater pleasures than those which came from having wakened the public interest in recognition of scenes wherein were enacted some of the most memorable events in the life of the nation, insuring their existence as shrines for future American generations. Thus it is peculiarly appropriate that here honored place is given the record of his life, passed in useful, honorable service and the constant regard of his fellows; and it is also fitting that it should be prefaced with his ancestral line, representing diligent labor on his part in its compilation.

(I) The American founder was Hans George Summers (Sommer in German), who, with his wife Elizabeth and children Johannes, Hans Martin, George, Peter and Margaretha Elizabeth, arrived in Philadelphia from Germany, on September 22, 1752, on the ship "Brothers," captain, William Muir. Philip and Henry, also sons, arrived September 22, 1754, on the ship "Edinburg," James Russel, master. Hans George Summers resided in Lower Dublin township in 1769. Issue: 1. Philip, of whom further. 2. Johannes, born in 1737, married, January 24, 1764, Elizabeth Reidennauer. At the date of his marriage his residence was near New Hanover. (There was a John in Moreland in 1774). Issue: John, born February 24, 1765. 3. Hans Martin, born in 1740, died in March, 1804; married, July 6, 1769, Anna Barbara Geiss. Issue: Philip; Henry;

and Elizabeth, who married Loedwyk Sharp. Hans Martin lived in Lower Dublin in 1769. He was an employee in the United States mint from its organization to 1804, as were some of his descendants down to 1899. He served in the Revolution as a private in Captain Ezekiel Lett's Company, and was on the muster roll of August 25, 1779. 4. Peter, died November 24, 1783; married, August 3, 1769, Catherine Maenchen. Issue: Ernest; Margaret; and Catherine. He lived in North Ward, Philadelphia, in 1774. He served in the War of the Revolution, filling the following positions in the 4th Pennsylvania Regiment: ensign, second lieutenant, first lieutenant and quartermaster. 5. Margaretha Elizabeth, born in 1743; arrived in Philadelphia from Germany, September 22, 1752, with her parents. 6. George, born March 5, 1745, died October 10, 1825; had wife Ann, born in 1752, died March 16, 1829. Issue: John; Eli; David; and Martin. George was a drummer in the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment, in the War of the Revolution. He resided at the time of his death, in Warrington township, Bucks county. He and his wife are interred in the churchyard of Upper Dublin Evangelical Lutheran Church, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania. In 1899 the church was enlarged, necessitating the removal of the bodies of George Summers and his wife, Ann, and their son, John, to a part of the cemetery adjacent to the rear wall of the church. A bronze tablet to their memory was dedicated by William Summers on the inside of the building at this point. 7. Henry, died in October, 1798; married, May 6, 1766, Catherine Desinger. Issue: Mary, married Daniel Linker; and Elizabeth, who married Squire Clevenger. Henry was enrolled as a private in Captain Isaac Cooper's Company, muster roll dated November 2, 1778, War of the Revolution. He resided in the city of Philadelphia.

(II) Philip Summers, son of Hans George and Elizabeth Summers, was born October 2, 1728, and died May 2, 1814. His home was successively in Douglass, Cheltenham, and the Manor of Moreland (1769), and on November 24, 1774, he purchased a farm of 165 acres in Horsham township, Philadelphia (now Montgomery) county, from Charles Steadman. Here he resided until March 29, 1796, when he sold his homestead to Job Spencer and removed to Philadelphia. He and his wife are interred in the churchyard of St. John's Lutheran Church, on Race street, Philadelphia. Philip Summers was enrolled as a private in Captain David Marpole's (Marple's) Company, 1777-1780; his name is on the depreciation pay roll (Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. XIII, page 721), and he is believed to have held a lieutenant's commission. His sword was a highly prized possession, and one of his two-horse pistols, inscribed with the initials "P. S.," was owned by William Summers. The latter loved to tell a story that illustrated some of the terrors of the Revolutionary days when all the available males were in service. He said a number of soldiers found the men-folk were absent from Philip Summer's farm in Horsham township and promptly made the barn a loafing-place, much to the annoyance and fear of his young wife and children. One day these soldiers were seen making a hasty departure in all directions, and the



relief and delight of the family were great when they found that the exodus was due to an officer riding up the lane, and that this officer was the husband and father. Philip Summers married, February 24, 1764, Salome Reibel, born in 1739, died May 20, 1817, daughter of Nicholas and Susanna Reibel, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor of St. Michael's and Zion's Lutheran Church, Philadelphia. Issue: 1. Martin, of whom further. 2. George, born April 8, 1766; married Elizabeth Dotts. Issue: John; George; Jacob; Henry; Samuel; Mary; and Elizabeth. 3. Nicholas, born October 21, 1767, died March 24, 1854; married Ann Hoover, born November 8, 1776, died August 8, 1827. Issue: John; Sarah; Isaac; and Enos. 4. Philip, born September 30, 1769, died July 3, 1834; married Catherine Hurst, born December 18, 1772, died June 18, 1827. Issue: Henry; John; Philip H.; William; Anna; Mary; Jesse; and Charles. 5. John Summers, born in 1770, died April 10, 1846; married Catherine Kneedler, born in 1777, died February 12, 1835. Issue: Jacob; John; and Elizabeth. 6. Anthony, born in 1773, died August 22, 1816, unmarried. He enlisted, May 4, 1812, for five years in the 4th Regiment, United States army, and died at Creek Agency. 7. Henry, born in 1775; married (first), January 17, 1796, Maria Magdalena Shearer, who died May 24, 1802. Issue: Elizabeth; Henry; and Samuel. He married (second) Susanna Johnson. Issue: Elizabeth; and Elijah. 8. Peter, born in 1778, died March 12, 1865; married Susanna Schwenk, born July 24, 1770, died March 10, 1865. Issue: Eva Maria; Sarah; and Noah.

(III) Martin Summers, son of Philip and Salome (Reibel) Summers, was born December 5, 1764, and died July 27, 1845. His place of residence was first in Horsham township, second in Gwynedd township, third in Providence township (1803), fourth in Norriton township, where he purchased, April 5, 1810, a farm of 104 acres from John Brown. He was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, North Wales (known as the Yellow Church), and was elected a deacon thereof, November 16, 1796, his residence at that time being in Gwynedd township. He married (first) Elizabeth Houpt, born August 4, 1766, died November 4, 1822; (second), December 11, 1823, Mrs. Anna Elizabeth (Houpt) Sterigere, born June 1, 1770, died June 21, 1853, widow of Peter Sterigere and sister of his first wife. His second wife is buried beside her first husband in Puff's Upper Dublin Lutheran Cemetery, and he and his first wife are interred in the churchyard of St. John's Episcopal Church, Norristown. Issue (of first marriage): 1. Sarah, born February 25, 1788, died January 20, 1868; married George Bossert, born September 28, 1790, died October 27, 1866. 2. George, born October 1, 1789, died April 7, 1862; married Sarah Hilkherd. 3. Martin, born February 6, 1792, died June 2, 1820; married Elizabeth Freed, born March 19, 1792, died February 14, 1820. 4. Anna Margaret, born December 7, 1793, died June 5, 1873; married Nicholas Gouldy, born in 1793, died February 5, 1861. 5. Philip, born June 13, 1798, died November 13, 1871; married Ann Shut, born October 31, 1801, died April 25, 1861. 6. Elizabeth, born April 20, 1802,

died May 11, 1863; married Andrew Keel, born November 8, 1800, died February 13, 1885. 7. Samuel, of whom further. 8. Hannah, born June 6, 1807, died December 30, 1862; married Philip Shambough, born February 28, 1797, died November 13, 1847.

(IV) Samuel Summers, son of Martin and Elizabeth (Houpt) Summers, was born in Providence (now Upper Providence) township, September 27, 1804, and died July 18, 1881. He married, March 22, 1832, Rev. George Wack officiating, Eliza Whitby, born March 22, 1809, died November 16, 1898, daughter of Anthony and Mary (Berkheimer) Whitby. They resided in the borough of Norristown and are interred in Montgomery Cemetery, Norristown, Pennsylvania. Issue: 1. William, of whom further. 2. Martin, born November 2, 1836, died May 12, 1872; was a soldier in the Civil War, Company G., 114th Pennsylvania Regiment. 3. Charles, born December 2, 1839, died January 14, 1874. 4. Anna Elizabeth, born January 7, 1843, died March 27, 1915. 5. George M., born July 19, 1845, died November 12, 1872; was a soldier in the Civil War, Company D, 95th Pennsylvania Regiment. 6. Albert, born April 24, 1848.

(V) William Summers, son of Samuel and Eliza (Whitby) Summers, was born in Norristown, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, May 30, 1833, there attending the public schools and spending his youthful years, although for the greater part of his life his home was four miles eastward, in Conshohocken. At the age of eighteen years he became a clerk in a general store of that place, then recently incorporated as a borough, under the Indian name of Edge Hill. From that time there was no period when he was not distinctively identified with the growth and prosperity of the community, and his diligence, thrift and ambition soon brought him to the place of a proprietor of an independent enterprise. He was known as a general merchant from April 15, 1858, until his retirement in 1900, and upon this long record of commercial activity there rests no shadow of departure from principles of the strictest integrity. After his retirement he devoted his time to his private interests and to the scholarly pursuits in which he won notable prominence.

William Summers was a man of strong and positive convictions, which he made no attempt to force upon his fellows, and his quiet manner, ready concurrence in proposals for the general welfare, and unfailing good citizenship brought him numerous official honors. He was elected to membership in the Town Council for the terms of 1869 to 1872, inclusive, and in 1883 and 1884, while in 1875 and 1876 he filled the office of burgess of Conshohocken. For more than eighteen years he was a public school director, and it is a matter of record that frequently when the treasury was without funds he advanced sums sufficient for the salaries of the teachers. He was a charter member of Washington Fire Company, No. 1, the first organization of its kind in the borough, and he was an original subscriber to the Conshohocken Gas and Water Company, holding membership on its board of directors. The business perspicacity and wise judgment, reinforced by civic and unswerving honesty were instruments of broad benefit to his fellows.

Mr. Summer's interest in family and local history dated from the early days when he was first able to appreciate the generations of upright and patriotic ancestors whose revered memory was his heritage, and from his first instruction in the historic lore in which the district abounded. It was incomprehensible to him that one could live within passing distance of Valley Forge and its sacred traditions without feeling the inspiration to add to his knowledge of former times and to use every means within his power to honor his forbears who had a part therein. He was a boyhood and lifelong friend of William McDermott, prominent as a church worker and banker and as a contributor to the journals of Norristown and Conshohocken, and through association with Mr. McDermott he became an active member of the Historical Society of Montgomery County, February 22, 1897, assuming life membership May 26 of the same year, and throughout his lifetime he was one of its most consistent and zealous supporters. In this society, of which he was elected librarian on February 22, 1902, being reelected until his death, his declining years and activities were centered. He made donations of his means and service to its upbuilding, and important contributions resulting from close and long-prosecuted historical and genealogical research. Not the least in value of the latter, particularly in view of the absence of enforced vital statistics, is his compilation of his marriages and deaths extracted from the newspaper files of the "Norristown Register," 1803-1845; "Norristown Free Press," 1829-1837; and the "Lafayette Aurora," of Pottstown, 1825-1827, a painstaking and laborious exaction upon patience and eyesight. He also accumulated a list of marriages performed by justices of the peace in Montgomery county.

A most interesting reprint appeared in the "Conshohocken Recorder" of July 11, 1913, the result of his examination of the "Norristown Register" of July 7, 1813. It set forth that "The officers of the 51st Regiment of Pennsylvania Militia and a respectable number of 'Democratic Republicans'" sat down to dinner at the house of Colonel Thomas Humphrey, Centre Square, and after the Declaration of Independence was read, amidst the firing of cannon and with music, responses were made to no less than eighteen toasts (titles carefully recited) of the most patriotic character. And, that on July 5, 1813, a like celebration, likewise with toasts, was held on Barbadoes Island, where also, May 17, 1804, had been held the celebration, according to Mr. Summers, of the acquisition of the territory of Louisiana. These and many other articles of patriotic value and example he enthusiastically revived lest the public forgot "the blood of our fathers and the tears of our mothers."

His contribution of obituary notices collected from Montgomery county papers and published in the "Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography," Vol. XXXVIII, page 443, has been of extreme value to descendants of soldiers of the Continental Line and Pennsylvania Militia during the Revolution. In addition to the organizations previously mentioned, Mr. Summers was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Pennsylvania-German Society; the Pennsylvania Library



Club; Pennsylvania Society, Sons of the Revolution; and the Summers Family Association, to which last-named he gave hearty coöperation from the time of its organization.

Mr. Summers' travels took him from Maine to Florida, to the Columbian Exposition in Chicago, and the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, but he made no journey that had such rich rewards for him as one to Illinois. He was the possessor of the original land warrant granted "unto (his grandfather) Martin Summers, Brother, and the other heirs of law of Anthony Summers, deceased, late Private in the Hooks Company, Fourth Regiment of Infantry," dated January, 1819, and signed by James Monroe when commissioner of the General Land Office, and by its president, Josiah Meigs. When a favorable opportunity offered he visited the 160 acres included in this grant, located in the southwest quarter of Section 25, of the Township N in Range Four W., in the tract appropriated by act of Congress, May 6, 1812, for military bounties in the territory of Illinois (recorded Volume XXXII, page 221 E). In the same reverential spirit he advocated memorials and markers for historic sites and personally erected a new tablet to take the place of the weather-beaten slab in St. John's Lutheran Churchyard, Fifth and Race streets, Philadelphia, where lay his Revolutionary forbear, Philip Summers, and his wife, Salome (Reibel) Summers.

To many noted writers and genealogists Mr. Summers was known, and through personal conference and correspondence they drew upon the vast resources of his information and exchanged items of importance. He was a contributor to the Yost and other family histories, attended many annual reunions, and his gentle, kindly, whimsical manner won him the coöperation and aid of even those most indifferent to the work he found so absorbing. His patience in aiding those who sought information regarding their families was unfailing, and his mail dealing with such matters was remarkably large.

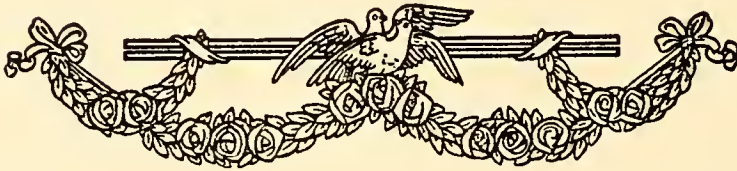
Mr. Summers married, October 10, 1858, Henrietta Yost, born March 26, 1833, died May 18, 1887, daughter of Abram and Maria (Christman) Yost, member of a long-established Pennsylvania family. Abram and Maria (Christman) Yost were the parents of: William C.; Peter C.; Charles; Henrietta, previously mentioned, married William Summers; George Washington; Mary; Isaac C.; Sarah. Mr. and Mrs. Summers were the parents of three children: William E., deceased; Clara E.; married John B. Murray, deceased; and Lillian E.

"William Summers was rarely absent from the popular 'outings' of historical sites and places, of the Historical Society of Montgomery County. Upon these occasions, the writer looked forward to his companionship, not only because he had inducted him into that society but by reason of their close friendship. It was also our habit to foregather on each Memorial Day, in Montgomery Cemetery, Norristown, where, amidst the illustrious dead of the vicinity, appropriate ceremonies are held. And here, where many of my people lie, and with his family, William Summers found his last resting place. His last request that he

be quietly and unostentatiously laid away was reverently complied with on May 3rd, save that he was borne there by the loving hands of his friends—members of the Historical Society of Montgomery County, and the Sons of the Revolution. No greater tribute could the friends of William Summers pay his memory than that he gave unto them in full those noble qualities summed up by Jeremy Taylor,—‘By friendship, I suppose you mean the greatest love, the greatest usefulness, and the most open communications, and the most exemplary faithfulness, and the severest truth, and the heartiest counsel, and the greatest union of minds, of which brave men and women are capable.’ ”\*

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\*The biographical material concerning Mr. Summers is largely taken from an article by Walter Ross McShea, and the concluding paragraph is fully quoted therefrom.



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## NORRISTOWN EVENING REGISTER.

Just before this volume went to press it was announced by a coterie of well known county newspapermen, that the name of a newspaper that for over a century was a household word in Montgomery county, but which for some years had been engraved on a journalistic tombstone, would again represent an entity, when publication of a new daily journal in Norristown, to be known as the "Norristown Evening Register," would be begun in the early autumn of 1923.

The "Norristown Register" was established in 1800 and had for over a hundred years led a successful career, and made an influence in the community. After the death of Albrecht Kneule, who for over half a century had guided its career, it gradually waned in influence and finances, and eight years ago peacefully suspended publication.

After the sale of "The Norristown Times," the leading daily of the county, early in January, 1923, to R. B. Strassburger, who had a short time before bought the "Norristown Herald," leaving Norristown with only one daily where it had for many years supported three, it was felt that there was an opening for a new journal, and they decided to revive the familiar name of "The Register" rather than offer the public a new name.

These men were Gilbert S. Jones, an executive of wide experience and recognized ability, who had been general manager of the Herald Company at the time of the purchase of "The Times"; Clifton S. Hunsicker, an editor and feature writer, who had served his apprenticeship on New York newspapers and who for twenty-three years had been actively engaged in promoting the interests of "The Times"; N. B. Wamsher, also a journalistic executive, who had for many years specialized in circulation promotion with various large dailies; and Elwood S. Moser, author of several books on metaphysical topics and for nearly half a century the editor and proprietor of the "Collegeville Independent," one of the most influential and widely circulated of the county weeklies. A temporary office was established by this quartette, and on July 19, 1923, a temporary organization was effected by the election of the following: President, Gilbert S. Jones; vice-president, Norman B. Wamsher; secretary, Clifton S. Hunsicker; treasurer, E. S. Moser.

It was decided to capitalize the new company, to be called the Register Printing Company, at \$75,000, and the president was directed to secure an attorney and apply to the State Department for a charter. It was announced that the founders of the company had purchased two old four-story stone houses at Nos. 57 and 59 East Penn street, in the heart of the business section, as a site for the publication plant, and that after the buildings were razed, a modern three-story and basement newspaper building would be erected on the site in accordance with plans drawn by Harry Gordon McMurtrie, a leading local architect. It was also announced that practically the entire printing plant had been purchased and would be ready for installation as soon as the building was completed.

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- Curren, page 196, Joseph A. Curren is a director of the Norristown Brick Company;  
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- Kirkpatrick, page 92, 18th and 20th lines, Pierce's Business College should be Peirce's;  
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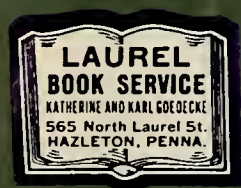








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