

farming until about 1870, at which time he located at Horseheads. He remained at that place until 1893 and two years later established a creamery business in Elmira at Grand Central Avenue and Division Street. For a time the creamery was known as the W. G. Atwater Company, and later as W. G. Atwater & Sons. After the death of the father the business was reorganized as Atwater Brothers. Until 1915 no sweet milk was sold by the Atwater concern, the creamery business consisting of butter, cheese and buttermilk. In 1915 Atwater Brothers bought out the local business of the Horseheads Creamery Company and the El-Cor Dairies of today was inaugurated. From the time the concern took up the sale of sweet milk the business increased by leaps and bounds.

Willis Atwater was a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. There were five children born to Willis and Catherine (Snyder) Atwater: 1. Frank D., who is treasurer of the El-Cor Dairies. 2. Snyder P., who is vice president of El-Cor Dairies. A sketch of him appears elsewhere in this history. 3. Duane, who died in 1893 while a medical student at Northwestern University. 4. Clara Vanderzee, who died in 1930, buried at Trumansburg, New York. 5. Floyd A., the subject of this sketch.

Floyd A. Atwater attended a district school at Horseheads and also was a student at Grade School No. 4, in Elmira. He spent two years at Elmira Free Academy but due to ill health was obliged to forsake a desire to take up the study of medicine at Cornell University. As mentioned, he became interested in business with his father as founders of the present El-Cor Dairies. In 1926 a plant at Corning was built and the Elmira and Corning branches were incorporated as the El-Cor Dairies.

In 1899 Mr. Atwater married Miss Leona Kohn, of Elmira, the daughter of John Kohn, a native of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Atwater are the parents of five daughters: 1. Alta L., born in 1900, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy. She married Glenn H. Young, of Elmira and they have four children: Elizabeth, born in 1922; John, born in 1924; Marguerite, born in 1927; and Glenn H., Jr., born in 1931. 2. Dorothy, born December 31, 1901, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Rochester Dental School as a

dental hygienist. She married J. Norman Young, of this city, and they have a son, William Albert, born September 23, 1932. 3. Catherine A., born in 1903, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Rochester Dental School as a dental hygienist, now assistant to a dental surgeon at Patchogue, Long Island, New York. 4. Ermina, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, is now owner and proprietor of the "Book Nook," a book and stationery store at Patchogue, Long Island. 5. Bernice M., born November 17, 1912, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, now employed in the offices of El-Cor Dairies.

Mr. Atwater is a Republican and he served seven years as a commissioner of the Board of Health. He and his family are active members of Lake Street Presbyterian Church, and he is affiliated with Union Lodge, No. 95, F. & A. M., Past Master in 1912; Elmira Chapter, No. 42, R. A. M.; trustee of Masonic Temple; and member of Southern Tier Lodge, I. O. O. F., Past Grand, and Chemung County Milk Dealers Association.

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**F. E. Sackett.**—One of the substantial citizens of Elmira, F. E. Sackett, also one of the city's leading financiers, has been identified with the banking interests here since 1888, and since 1916 has served as cashier of the Chemung Canal Trust Company. He was born at Elmira, July 22, 1855, the son of Caleb W. and Clarissa A. (Swartwood) Sackett.

Caleb W. Sackett was born at Spencer, Tioga County, July 24, 1819, and died March 9, 1869. His wife was a native of Cayuta, Schuyler County, born February 18, 1835. She died in 1907. Both are buried in Elmira. Throughout his life Mr. Sackett had various business interests in Central New York. He was a resident of Elmira from 1833 until the time of his death. He was a Democrat and a member of the Methodist Church. The only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Sackett was F. E., the subject of this sketch.

The Sackett family came to the United States from Bristol, England, in 1630, and settled in Central New York. The Swartwood family is of Holland Dutch descent and located in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania about 1630.

F. E. Sackett has always lived in Elmira. He is a graduate of the local public schools and until 1872 was employed as a clerk in the grocery store of H. Hitchcock. He then spent a year with the Pittston & Elmira Coal Company, and in January, 1873, began his banking career with the Second National Bank in a clerical capacity. In June, 1888 he became identified with the Chemung Canal Bank as a teller and when the bank was merged with the Elmira Trust Company in 1910, the institution was reorganized as the Chemung Canal Trust Company. As mentioned above Mr. Sackett became cashier in 1916. The bank removed to its present location at 129 East Water Street in 1920.

On November 3, 1878, Mr. Sackett was united in marriage with Miss Emma Brown, of Varna, Tompkins County, who died August 25, 1930. She was the daughter of Jacob C. and Helen (Goodwin) Brown. Mr. Brown was born at Hector, New York, April 23, 1835, and died in 1905. His wife was a native of Ludlowville, Tompkins County, and died in 1870. Their children were: 1. Emma Sackett, born July 15, 1857. 2. J. Henry, born April 16, 1861, lives in Tompkins County. 3. Carrie Melissa, born January 13, 1864, died November 24, 1864. To Mr. and Mrs. Sackett was born a daughter, Nellie born August 30, 1879. She is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and married Henry Benjamin Cleveland, who is a descendant of Grover Cleveland. Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland are the parents of three daughters: 1. Virginia Sackett, born in 1902. 2. Margaret Sackett, born March 13, 1910, died July 5, 1930. 3. Mary Eleanor, born January 7, 1915.

Mr. Sackett is a Democrat and served as alderman of the 11th Ward from 1898 until 1901. He was the Democratic candidate for treasurer of Chemung County in the year of President McKinley's election, but was defeated for that office by 129 votes. He was also the unsuccessful candidate for city chamberlain on two occasions. Mr. Sackett is an Elder of the First Presbyterian Church and has held membership in the Century Club of Elmira for thirty years. He lives in the family residence at 825 West Water Street.

**Randolph E. Decker**, widely known realtor and builder, with offices at 1462 West Water Street, is one of the substantial citizens of Elmira. He was born at Burlington, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, December 15, 1886, the son of James B. and Frances (Johnson) Decker.

James B. Decker and his wife were born in Bradford County, Pennsylvania, and spent their lives in that section. He died in 1912 and his wife died in 1888. They are buried at Burlington. Mr. Decker was a Republican, and held membership in the Methodist Church. He had served throughout the Civil War as a member of Company D, 161st New York Volunteer Infantry and was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. There were seven children in the Decker family: 1. Minnie, married J. Lee McKean, lives at Elmira. 2. Curtis, who died in 1881. 3. Cortland H., builder and contractor, lives at Elmira. 4. Cora, who died in 1895. 5. Wilmot. 6. Ella, the widow of Jerome Alexander, lives at Elmira. 7. Randolph E., the subject of this sketch.

Randolph E. Decker grew up in Bradford County and attended the public schools at Burlington for several years. He also was a student at the Soldiers Orphans School, at Hartford, Pennsylvania and Soldiers Orphans School, at Uniontown, Pennsylvania. For a number of years he conducted a business at East Bloomfield, New York, and during the World War was employed by the Curtiss Airplane Company at Hammondsport, New York. In the latter part of 1918 he located at Elmira and spent one year in the shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Mr. Decker then became interested in the building business and also developed several important allotments in the city. His latest undertaking is Decker Parkway, which is located on the site of the old Federal prison. He has built more than 300 of the city's finest residences and has also completed contracts for several churches, schools, and business blocks. In 1931 he was also interested in the development of gas wells at Wayne, New York, where he owns three producing wells at the present time. In 1925-26 Mr. Decker developed an allotment at St. Petersburg, Florida.

Mr. Decker married (first) in 1906, Miss Ada Ward, of East Troy, New York, the daughter of William and Dorliska (Gam-

mage) Ward. Both are deceased. To Randolph E. and Ada (Ward) Decker were born three children: 1. Helena F., born in 1909, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Cazenovia Seminary. She married Theodore Wynne, of Canton, Pennsylvania, and they have a daughter, Elizabeth Jean. They live at Williamsport, Pennsylvania. 2. Ellsworth W., born in 1910, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Cazenovia Seminary. He also studied engineering through the International Correspondence Schools and is now identified with his father's business interests in Elmira. He married Miss Gracia Sherman, of Elmira. 3. James, who died in infancy. Ada (Ward) Decker died in 1916, and is buried at East Bloomfield, New York. Mr. Decker married (second) in 1917 Miss Florence Becker, of East Bloomfield, New York, the daughter of Joseph and Emma (Bates) Becker. Mr. Becker resides at Canandaigua, New York. His wife died in 1928.

Mr. Decker is a Republican, a member of the Centenary Methodist-Episcopal Church, and belongs to Elmira Heights Lodge, F. & A. M.; Queen City Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Kiwanis Club; Brooklyn Club; Elmira Gun Club; and Association of Commerce.

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**Henry P. Brill.**—Active and progressive in Elmira is Henry P. Brill, who is manager of the Westinghouse Electric Supply Company, Inc. He was born at Rochester, New York, October 25, 1900, the son of Henry F. and Caroline (Elias) Brill.

Henry F. Brill was born in Germany and is now a resident of Rochester, New York. His wife is a native of Holland. Mr. Brill is a lithographer and has followed that trade in the city of Rochester for many years. He is a Republican, and holds membership in the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Brill were born two sons: 1. Arthur J., a World War veteran, served in France as a sergeant at Base Hospital No. 19, Vichy, France. He is now identified with the New York City offices of the Westinghouse Electric Supply Company, Inc. 2. Henry P., the subject of this sketch.

Henry P. Brill was reared and educated at Rochester, and as a young man entered the offices of the Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation. Two years later he went with the Rochester Electric Supply Company and remained in that company's employ for thirteen years. He traveled as a salesman for the company from 1918 until 1927, and in the latter year was appointed manager of the radio wholesale sales department. On January 1, 1929, the company purchased the interests of the Southern Tier Electric Supply Company, and the business was reorganized as the Elmira Electrical Supply Company, with Mr. Brill as vice president and manager. The firm was taken over by the Westinghouse Supply Company, in March, 1930, and has since been known as the Westinghouse Electric Supply Company, Inc. In the latter year Mr. Brill was re-appointed manager. Main offices of the company are at 150 Varick Street, New York City.

On June 30, 1931, Mr. Brill was united in marriage with Miss Mary Linehan, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the daughter of John and Mary (O'Hearn) Linehan. The father is deceased and the mother resides in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. To Mr. and Mrs. Brill one child was born, Thomas Henry Brill, born August 6, 1932.

Mr. Brill is a member of the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, and is affiliated with Rochester Lodge No. 943, F. & A. M., B. P. O. Elks of Rochester, Elmira Country Club, and Association of Commerce. He is also a member of the executive committee of the Radio Retailers Association, and belongs to the Electrical League of Elmira.

Mr. and Mrs. Brill live at 1722 West Church Street, Elmira.

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**Edwin Andrews Thomas**, who has engaged in business in Elmira for more than thirty years, as the proprietor of a monumental works at 1116 Walnut Street, is recognized as one of the city's progressive and dependable merchants. He was born in Schuyler County, New York, April 14, 1866, the son of Loren G. and Clara (Ideson) Thomas.

Loren G. Thomas was born at North Reading, New York. He was a graduate of Starkey Seminary and attended college at

Lima, New York. He then became a clerk in the law offices of Smith, Boardman & Fassett, of Elmira, and after his admission to the bar he became interested in the newspaper business for three years. Mr. Thomas died at Watkins Glen, New York, in 1884, and his wife died April 20, 1925. He was independent in politics and for many years served as school commissioner of Schuyler County. He was a member of the Universalist Church. There were two children in the Thomas family: 1. Edwin Andrews, the subject of this sketch. 2. Lola, the widow of William J. Corwin, lives at Newark, New Jersey.

Edwin Andrews Thomas was reared and educated at Watkins Glen. He later went west for a time and located in Elmira in 1892. At that time he became a salesman in the employ of A. W. Ayers & Son, monument dealers. He remained with that concern for six years, and in 1898 established a business of his own in this city.

Politically Mr. Thomas is independent. He is unmarried.

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**Walter Scott Weismann.**—Among Elmira's representative citizens is Walter S. Weismann, who is manager of the National Biscuit Company in this territory, with offices at 604 William Street. He was born in New York City, December 2, 1883, the son of Louis F. and Emma Cecelia (Kiddle) Weismann.

Louis F. Weismann was born in New York City, and died there January 9, 1932. He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Brooklyn, New York. His wife, also a native of New York City, died August 11, 1929. He was educated in the public schools and became a registered pharmacist. His father, Augustus F. Weismann, had established the first German drug store in New York City, located at Broome and Orchard streets. The son later became the proprietor of three drug stores, and also was extensively interested in the real estate business. He built the first apartment building there and it was located at West End Avenue, Broadway and 106th Street. Mr. Weismann retired in 1918 and removed to Spring Valley, New York. He was a Republican, and

a prominent member of the Episcopal Church. He also was affiliated with the Masonic Lodge. His wife was organist for many years in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Both were accomplished artists and widely known in musical circles. To Louis F. and Emma C. (Kiddle) Weismann were born three children: 1. Harry L., merchant, lives at Trenton, New Jersey. 2. Amy C., lives at Spring Valley, New York. 3. Walter Scott, the subject of this sketch.

Walter Scott Weismann attended the public schools of New York City and for ten years was associated with Herter Bros., interior decorators, 5th Avenue and 35th Street. He then in 1908 became identified with the National Biscuit Company as a special sales representative out of the New York City office. Later, he was transferred to Elmira in a sales capacity and in 1914 was made manager of the local office, in which office he served until October, 1929. At that time he was promoted to sales supervisor in charge of sales in Elmira, Binghamton, Olean, Jamestown, New York, Erie, Pennsylvania and Oil City, Pennsylvania. On June 1, 1931, the position of sales supervisor was abolished by the company and Mr. Weismann had the opportunity of becoming assistant district manager in several cities or manager of the Elmira offices. He chose the latter due to the fact that his home and family had been established in this city.

On October 14, 1910, Mr. Weismann was united in marriage with Miss Nellie D. Lihou, the daughter of Peter and Nellie (McGroaty) Lihou, the former a native of the Isle of Guernsey and the latter of St. Paul, Minnesota. He lives retired at Brooklyn, New York, and his wife died in 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Weismann have two sons: 1. Walter Scott, Jr., born December 29, 1911, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, now a student at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut. He is a member of Psi Upsilon fraternity, and has been awarded a scholarship. 2. Kenneth, born May 25, 1915, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, class of 1933.

Politically, Mr. Weismann is a Republican. He is a member of Hedding Methodist Church, and is a charter member of the Kiwanis Club.



Henry F. Kiddle, maternal grandfather of Mr. Weismann, was a prominent pioneer citizen of New York City, and widely known as an author. He revised Anderson's History of the United States, as well as Brown's English Grammar. For several years he was superintendent of schools in New York City.

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**Dennis J. Reagan.**—One of the representative and highly successful business men of Elmira and Central New York is Dennis J. Reagan, who is identified with Walsh & Reagan's Furniture Store, at 139 East Water Street. He was born at Elmira, January 24, 1871, the son of Thomas and Margaret (Hurley) Reagan.

Thomas Reagan was a native of Ireland, as was his wife. He emigrated to this country in early youth and located at Elmira, where he spent many years in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He died in 1890 and his wife died in 1917. They are buried in Elmira. They were members of the Catholic Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Reagan the following children were born: 1. John H. 2. Patrick. 3. Dennis J., the subject of this sketch. 4. Mary, died in 1924, was the wife of Charles Zimmerman. 5. Nellie, married Richard Verian, lives at Elmira.

Dennis J. Reagan grew up in Elmira, where he received his education. He spent the first ten years of his business career in the store of Albert Samuels, carpet and rug dealer, of Elmira, and then was associated for five years with Hylan & Brown, rugs and carpets. When the latter firm retired from business W. Fish purchased the stock and Mr. Reagan continued with him for seven months. He then went with J. P. & M. Sullivan for two years, and during the following four years was associated with the Reynolds Bros. Department Store in Elmira. He subsequently returned to the store of Albert Samuels as buyer and in 1914, upon the death of Mr. Samuels, he purchased the business in partnership with Michael J. Walsh, and the firm continued until the death of Mr. Walsh in November, 1928. In that year Mr. Reagan became sole owner of the business although he retained the firm name. The

store is the finest furniture store in this section of Central New York and handles high grade merchandise exclusively. They are also dealers in rugs, linoleum, shades, etc. An annex is located at 314-20 Carroll Street, with warehouse facilities at 72-78 Pennsylvania Avenue. The company's business extends within a radius of 100 miles of the city and the store is also patronized widely in the city.

In 1917 Mr. Reagan was united in marriage with Miss Ellen Yenger, of Elmira, the daughter of Bertram Yenger, a native of Germany. He died in 1927 and his wife died the following year. Mr. and Mrs. Reagan have two daughters: 1. Helen E., born in 1918, attends Elmira Free Academy. 2. Kathryn M., born in 1920.

Politically, Mr. Reagan is a Democrat. He is a member of the Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Elk and Eagle lodges, Association of Commerce, and Business Men's Association. The family lives at 378 West Church Street.

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**C. Harry Gilfether.**—One of the better known business men of Elmira is C. Harry Gilfether, who is general agent in this district for the Union Central Life Insurance Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio. He is a native of Pennsylvania, born at Avoca, Luzerne County, November 17, 1888, the son of James Edward and Mary (Reed) Gilfether.

James Edward Gilfether was born at Pittston, Pennsylvania. During his early life he lived at Syracuse and Cohoes, New York, and for twenty years successfully engaged in the furniture business at Scranton, Pennsylvania. He died there March 9, 1921. Mr. Gilfether was a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. His widow was born at Pittston and now resides at Allentown, Pennsylvania. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gilfether: 1. Ida Lloyd, who died December 24, 1900. 2. Nellie, married Conrad S. Watson. She died April 22, 1932 and he is also deceased. 3. Marion, died in infancy. 4. Mrs. A. C. Haight lives at Los Angeles, California. 5. Mrs. Charles Crandall, lives at Allentown, Pennsylvania. 6. Mrs.

Harry Koch, lives at Allentown, Pennsylvania. 7. Mrs. Cora Evans, lives in New York City. 8. Mrs. M. A. Lloyd, lives at Allentown. 9. C. Harry, the subject of this sketch. 10. Mrs. R. D. Jones, lives at Newton, New Jersey.

C. Harry Gilfether attended the public schools of Wyoming, Pennsylvania. He spent four years as an apprentice plumber at Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania and in 1912 went to New York City to attend the New York Trade School, where he studied sanitary engineering and drawing. He then located at Corning, New York as a master plumber. On February 22, 1915 he became an agent for the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company at Corning, New York. May 9, 1916 he came to Elmira and with P. E. Young, at that time was general agent for the Union Central Life Insurance Company. On September 25, 1917, Mr. Gilfether enlisted for service in the World War and was sent to Camp Dix, New Jersey. Later he was transferred to Camp Gordon, Georgia, and then to Camp Upton, Long Island. His company sailed for overseas duty May 1, 1918, and participated in many important engagements of the war, including the Battle of St. Mehiel, Meuse-Argonne Drive, and Toule defensive. He was honorably discharged from the service May 29, 1919, as a corporal and in June resumed his connection with the Union Central Life Insurance Company. Upon the death of Mr. Young on February 26, 1926, Mr. Gilfether assumed the duties of general agent.

On September 5, 1925, Mr. Gilfether married Miss Florence Brough, of Hammondsport, New York, the daughter of Arthur E. and Mina (McCoy) Brough. Mr. Brough and his wife were born in Canada. He died in 1912 and she resides at Hammondsport. Mr. and Mrs. Gilfether have no children. She is a graduate of Columbia University, class of 1922, and was a member of the faculty of Elmira College for two and one-half years, being a teacher of Home Economics. She is president of Elmira Sorosis Club.

Mr. Gilfether is a Republican and is a former county committeeman. He is a prominent member of Lake Street Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Rotary Club, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Association of Commerce. His

lodge affiliations are: Montour Lodge, No. 168, F. & A. M., Painted Post, life member; Corning Chapter, No. 190, R. A. M., Corning Council, No. 53, R. & S. M., Corning Consistory 32nd degree, A. A. S. R., Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. and B. P. O. Elks, No. 1071. He is also a director of the Salvation Army and is a director of the Y. M. C. A.

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**Henry L. Schott.**—A substantial citizen, highly esteemed in the community, is Henry L. Schott, who is manager of Armour & Company, 508 State Street, Elmira. He was born at Rochester, New York, December 25, 1873, the son of John and Mary Louise Schott.

John Schott and his wife were natives of Germany. He emigrated to this country shortly after his marriage and the family settled at Rochester, New York, where Mr. Schott followed his trade as a cooper. In 1875 he removed to Gates, near Rochester, and owned and operated a farm there during the remainder of his life. He died in 1901 and his wife died in 1896. They are buried in Rochester. Mr. Schott was a Republican and held membership in the German Evangelical Church. There were nine children in the Schott family, as follows: 1. Charles, who died in 1918. 2. Lena, the wife of Jacob Kern, lives in Rochester. 3. George, retired, lives at Detroit, Michigan. 4. Alice, who died in 1923. 5. Louise Archer, lives at Rochester. 6. Mrs. Nettie Dietrich, lives at Rochester. 7. Carrie, lives in California. 8. Edward, who died in California in 1918. 9. Henry L., the subject of this sketch.

Henry L. Schott attended the public schools of Gates, New York and assisted his father in his farming and cattle interests. As a young man he entered the employ of Armour & Company in Chicago as a delivery boy. Later, he was connected with the company's branches at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Norfolk, Virginia, Richmond, Virginia, and Chester, Pennsylvania, in a sales capacity. He then spent almost four years as manager of the branch at Chester, Pennsylvania, and in August, 1905, he returned to Elmira as manager, in which capacity he now serves.

In 1897 Mr. Schott married (first) Miss Lulu Joslin, of Rochester, who died in 1904, and is buried in Riverside Cemetery, Rochester. She was the daughter of J. H. and Mary Anne Joslin, natives of England, both now deceased. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Schott: 1. Stella Irene, born in 1898, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, married John A. Rouch, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and they have three daughters: Ruth, born in 1925; Stella Joan, born in 1931; and Martha Jane, born in 1929. They live at Hot Springs. 2. Ruth Virginia, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, married A. T. Cummings, lives at Mexico City, Mexico. 3. Henry L., Jr., a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, lives at Elmira. He married Miss Margaret Neilan, and they have two sons, Henry Louis, III, and Charles Everett.

Mr. Schott married (second) in 1905 a sister of his first wife, Violet Joslin, of Rochester. To this union were born eight children: 1. John Joslin, born 1907, deceased. 2. Viola L., born in 1908. She is a graduate of South Side High School, and Arnot Ogden Hospital, Elmira. 3. Alice Elaine, born in 1909. She is a graduate of South Side High School, Elmira, and Arnot Ogden Hospital. She married Manley Thompson, and lives at Elmira. 4. Everett W., born in 1912, a graduate of South Side High School, attends college. 5. Charles J., born in 1914, a graduate of South Side High School. 6. Robert O., born 1916. Deceased. 7-8. George E. and Simeon H., twins, born in 1918.

Mr. Schott is a Republican, a member of the First Church of Christ Disciple, and is affiliated with Ivy Lodge F. & A. M., and Cashmere Grotto. He also belongs to the Chemung County Rod and Gun Club.

Mr. Schott and his family live at 207 West Hudson Street, Elmira.

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**Burt E. Sweet.**—Numbered among the widely known and dependable business men of Elmira is Burt E. Sweet, who is vice president and treasurer of Sweet & Van Houten Company, Inc., wall paper and paint dealers, located at 210 West Gray Street. He was born at Rutland, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, September 14, 1879, the son of Edward and Elizabeth (Soper) Sweet.

Edward Sweet and his wife were born in Tioga County, Pennsylvania. He was a harness maker by trade and located in Elmira in 1881, where he was employed as a cabinet and pattern maker. He is still a resident of this city. Mr. Sweet is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. He was one of the founders of the carpenters' union in this city in 1899. His wife died in 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Sweet had two children: 1. Burt E., the subject of this sketch. 2. Kathryn, who died in 1890.

Burt E. Sweet is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, class of 1898, and in the same year he enlisted in the U. S. Army and served as a member of Company L, Third New York Infantry, during the Spanish-American War. After his discharge Mr. Sweet returned to Elmira and was employed in the offices of the Standard Accounting Company, now the American Sales Book Company, and he remained with that firm for two years. He then entered the Second National Bank in 1902 as a bookkeeper, later became teller, and remained with that institution until 1911, at which time he organized the F. C. Lewis Company, Inc., in partnership with F. C. Lewis. They were dealers in paints and wall-papers and also did sign and bulletin work. After ten years Mr. Sweet became sole owner of the enterprise and soon after formed a new partnership with Charles H. Van Houten, under the firm name of Sweet & Van Houten Company, Inc. The officers are: Fred LeValley, president; Charles H. Van Houten, secretary; and Mr. Sweet vice president and treasurer.

Mr. Sweet was married (first) in 1902 to Miss Minnie E. Fuller, of Elmira, who died in 1905. She was the daughter of Fred and Mary E. (Eaton) Fuller, of Elmira. The former died in 1902 and the latter resides at Elmira. Mr. and Mrs. Sweet had no children. Mr. Sweet married (second) Miss Helen E. Maltby, of Corning, New York, the daughter of Jerome B. and M. (Muir) Maltby, natives of New York. Mr. Maltby died in 1912 and his wife died in 1885. They are buried in Corning. To Burt E. and Helen E. (Maltby) Sweet were born two sons: 1. Jerome E., born in 1916, attends Elmira Free Academy. 2. Edward M., born in 1920.

Mr. Sweet is a Republican, a member of the First Baptist Church, and belongs to the Rotary Club, Association of Commerce, and Chemung County Rod and Gun Club. His lodge affiliations are: Ivy Lodge, No. 397, F. & A. M.; Elmira Chapter, No. 42, R. A. M.; Southern Tier Council, No. 16, R. & S. M.; St. Omars Commandery, No. 19, K. T.; Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Binghamton; and Cashmere Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R. He also holds membership in E. M. Hoffman Post, Spanish War Veterans Camp No. 40.

The Sweet family lives at 1236 West Water Street, Elmira.

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**Major Hubert E. Snyder**, who is Vice President and General Manager of the Shelt Company, is among Elmira's successful business men, and is a veteran of the World War. He was born at Sharpsburg, Maryland, April 28, 1885, the son of Jacob and Annie E. (Nichols) Snyder.

Jacob Snyder was born on a farm near Sharpsburg, and died there in 1924. He was a carpenter by trade and became successful as a building contractor. Mr. Snyder was a Democrat and a member of the Reformed Church. His widow was born at Brownsville, Maryland, and lives at Hagerstown. They had two sons: 1. Harry R., lives at Hagerstown. 2. Hubert E., the subject of this sketch.

Hubert E. Snyder is a graduate of the public schools of Sharpsburg and attended Shepherd College, at Shepherdstown, West Virginia. After his graduation he entered the University of West Virginia, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1909. The following year he was sent to the Canal Zone, Panama, as general foreman of construction on the Gatun Locks, and remained there until March, 1913. He then located at Logan, West Virginia, as a mining engineer, and on September 2, 1917, entered the army for service in the World War. He served as a captain in the engineering corps and was stationed in Washington, D. C., until the time of his discharge, March 1, 1919. Later he reentered the Reserve Corps of the Army

and holds a commission in the grade of Major Engineer Reserve. Major Snyder then located at Parkersburg, West Virginia, as division engineer for the State Highway Department, and in December, 1929, completed his work in that capacity. He came to Elmira in April, 1930, as treasurer of the Shelt Company, manufacturers of corrugated metal pipe. In November, 1930, he was made vice president and general manager. Offices and plant are located at 739 Baldwin Street. Major Snyder is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Society of American Military Engineers.

On March 20, 1913, Major Snyder married Miss Lydia Alice Beeler, of Bluffton, Indiana, the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Heckathorn) Beeler. Mr. Beeler died in 1899, and his wife died in 1928. They are buried at Bluffton. To Major and Mrs. Snyder have been born three children: 1. Robert Clerc, born April 24, 1915, attends Elmira Free Academy. 2. Elizabeth Anne, born July 21, 1916, attends Elmira Free Academy. 3. Mary Alice, born November 14, 1917, attends Elmira Free Academy.

Major Snyder and his family are members of Trinity P. E. Church, and he holds membership in the Masonic Lodge. In college he was a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. He is a Democrat.

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**Robert J. DeLaney.**—One of the successful young business men of Elmira is Robert J. DeLaney, who is identified with the DeLaney-Reynolds Company of 158 West Third Street. He was born in this city, January 28, 1905, the son of William J. and Alice L. (Mahoney) DeLaney.

William J. DeLaney and his wife are natives of Elmira. He was educated in public school No. 3 and began his business career as a bookkeeper in the offices of the International Harvester Company. A few years later he became general manager of the T. Briggs & Co., and served in that capacity for fifteen years. He then purchased the interests of the Elmira Oil Company, with which he was identified until his retirement in 1927. Mr. DeLaney



is a Democrat and for a number of terms has served as alderman of the First Ward. He and his wife are members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and he belongs to the Knights of Columbus and Elks Lodge. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. DeLaney: 1. Robert J., the subject of this sketch. 2. Marion, a graduate of Rosemont College, Philadelphia, now is employed by the Board of Education of Elmira.

Robert J. DeLaney is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, spent one year at Mercersburg Academy, and for three years was a student at Cornell University. He then located in New York City with the Bradstreet Company, and four years later returned to Elmira. At that time he became associated with Frank B. Reynolds in the organization of the DeLaney-Reynolds Company. They are dealers in heating equipment, oil burners, and electrical refrigerators. Their business extends throughout seven counties in Southern New York and Northern Pennsylvania.

In April, 1930, Mr. DeLaney married Miss Dorothy Brand, the daughter of John Herbert and Bertha (Baker) Brand, of Elmira. They have two children, Robert J., Jr., born February 3, 1931, and Barbara Brand, born June 3, 1932.

Mr. DeLaney is a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and belongs to B. P. O. Elks, Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, Elmira Minute Men's Club, Association of Commerce, and Cornell Alumni Association, Elmira Golf and Country Club.

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**Robert Roy Schmidt, D. D. S.**—During the thirty years that he has been established in practice at Elmira, Dr. Robert R. Schmidt has proven his skill and ability as a dental surgeon. He was born at Ilion, New York, November 22, 1876, the son of John V. and Katherine (Seibert) Schmidt.

John V. Schmidt was born in Germany and at the age of eighteen years emigrated to this country and settled at Newark, Ohio, in 1855. After several years he located at Ilion, New York, and became identified with the banking interests of that city as vice president of the Ilion National Bank. He was serving in that

capacity at the time of his death in 1914. Mr. Schmidt was a Republican and held the office of trustee and president of the Village Board. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a thirty-second degree Mason. His wife was born in Germany and died in 1912. They are buried at Ilion. To Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt were born ten children: 1. Louise, the widow of Dr. R. W. Warner. 2. Frederick, who died in infancy. 3. Charles, who died in 1886. 4. Dr. John, a dentist, who died in 1922. 5. Edward, who died in 1884. 6. William, mechanical engineer, graduate of Cornell University, class of 1890. 7. Frank, lawyer, and vice president of the Ilion National Bank, graduate of Cornell University. 8. Robert Roy, the subject of this sketch. 9. Theodore, publisher. 10. Fatanitza Bennett. All are residents of Ilion with the exception of Mrs. Bennett who lives at Albany.

Robert Roy Schmidt acquired his early education in the public schools of Ilion and was graduated from Ilion Academy in 1894. He then entered the University of Buffalo, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1899. He spent four years as an associate of Dr. D. O. Merrick, at Blossburg, Pennsylvania, and located in Elmira in 1903. He maintains his office at his residence, 272 Baldwin Street, which has been occupied by members of the dental and medical profession continuously since its erection in 1827.

On May 15, 1900, Dr. Schmidt married Miss Vera Crandal, of Blossburg, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Dr. G. D. and Anna (Hoyt) Crandal, natives of Pennsylvania. Dr. Crandal died in 1911, and his wife died in August, 1931. Doctor and Mrs. Schmidt have three children: 1. Robert Crandal, born August 15, 1901. He is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Bowman Technical School at Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He is engaged in the jewelry business at Penn Yan. He married Miss Eunice Wallace of Mt. Morris, New York. 2. Katherine Vera, born in 1904, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, and attended Wilson College at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. She is a graduate of Leland Powers School at Boston, Massachusetts. She married Dr. Edward H. Rockey, dentist, who is a graduate of Harvard University, and they have a son, Edward H., Jr. They live at Forest Hills, New

York. 3. Louise Pauline, born in 1907, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, and Loretto Academy at Niagara Falls, Ontario. She is a graduate of the nursing school at Clifton Springs Sanitarium and has taken graduate work in the New York Polyclinic Hospital, and the Toronto General Hospital.

Doctor Schmidt is a Republican, a member of Park Congregational Church, and belongs to Ivy Lodge, F. and A. M., and Xi Psi Phi fraternity. He also belongs to the American Dental Association. The family has a summer home at Glenora, Yates County, where Doctor Schmidt has served as treasurer of the water board.

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**William D. Lockwood**, who is proprietor of the Silver Dollar Dry Cleaners, of 214 West Gray Street, is a veteran of the World War. He was born at Brooklyn, New York, April 6, 1892, the son of Joseph D. and Florence E. (Armstrong) Lockwood.

Joseph D. Lockwood was a native of Brooklyn and his wife was born at Long Eddy, New York. He was educated in the public schools and for several years was employed in New York City as a bookkeeper. He later located at Miami, Florida, and remained for twenty-four years in the employ of the Florida East Coast Railway Company. At the time of his death in 1928 he was living in Elmira. He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Brooklyn. Mr. Lockwood was a Republican, a member of the Baptist Church, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge and Woodmen of the World. His widow lives at Elmira. Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood had two sons: 1. William D., the subject of this sketch. 2. Charles A., lives at Elmira.

The education of William D. Lockwood was received in the public schools of Brooklyn. As a young man he was employed by Browning, King & Company, New Amsterdam Casualty Company, William S. Kinzey & Co., of New York City, and Eastern District Savings Bank, of Brooklyn, New York. He later located at Binghamton, where he spent twenty-six years in the restaurant business. Since June, 1929, Mr. Lockwood has been a resident of Elmira and at that time established his present business.

Mr. Lockwood enlisted for service in the World War, October 7, 1917, and was sent to Camp Sherman, Ohio. He was later transferred to Camp Dix, New Jersey, and soon after sailed for overseas duty. He took part in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive in September, 1918, and at the close of the war served in Germany with the Army of Occupation. He received his discharge July 9, 1919.

On November 11, 1922, Mr. Lockwood was united in marriage with Miss Edna Schoonover, of West Pittston, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Franklin J. and Margaret B. (Jay) Schoonover. They are natives of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, respectively, and reside at Kirkwood, New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood two sons have been born: 1. William D., Jr., born in September, 1925. 2. Franklin J., born in June, 1927. Both are talented young musicians. Mrs. Lockwood is a graduate of Moody Institute at Chicago, and is an accomplished musician. She is actively identified with the junior choir of the First Baptist Church, Elmira.

Mr. Lockwood is a Republican, a member of the Baptist Church. He belongs to the Lions Club and the American Legion.

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**Harry D. Woolf.**—Among the enterprising and progressive business men of Elmira is Harry D. Woolf, who is treasurer of the Harris, McHenry & Baker Company, lumber dealers. He is a native of this city, born April 21, 1885, the son of Orlando C. and Ella M. (Baker) Woolf.

Orlando C. Woolf, who died in 1915, was a native of Chemung County. Throughout his life he was interested in the hardware business, being associated with the firm of Wagner & Woolf, at Lake and Water streets, Elmira. He was a Republican and held the office of game warden in this section. Mr. Woolf was a member of Ivy Lodge, No. 397, F. and A. M.; Elmira Chapter, No. 42, R. A. M.; St. Omar Commandery, No. 19, K. T. His wife was born at Elmira and died in 1915. Both are buried in this city. They had two sons: 1. Louis H., lives at Elmira. 2. Harry D., the subject of this sketch.

Harry D. Woolf is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, class of 1904. He then entered the employ of the Harris, McHenry &

Baker Company as an office boy, later became a stenographer, and in 1912 was elected treasurer of the company.

In 1915 Mr. Woolf was united in marriage with Miss Mabel E. Phillips, of Lewiston, Pennsylvania, the daughter of George W. and Eva (Woolf) Phillips. The former, a native of Wales, resides in Elmira. The latter was born in this city and died in 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Woolf have two children: 1. Phyllis A., born February 18, 1919. 2. Harvey Raymond, born December 2, 1921.

George Raymond Phillips, a brother of Mrs. Woolf, served as an aviator in France during the World War, and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for valor at the front. He was killed in an air plane crash in Texas in 1920, while serving in the U. S. Army. He is buried in Elmira.

Mr. Woolf is a Republican and is a member of the City Planning Commission. He holds membership in Park Congregational Church, Ivy Lodge No. 397, F. and A. M., Cashmere Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R.; Chemung County Rod and Gun Club, and Association of Commerce.

Mr. Woolf and his family live at 814 Maple Avenue, and also have a summer home on Keuka Lake, near Penn Yan.

The Woolf family were pioneers of the Chemung Valley. The first of the Woolf family settled here immediately after Colonel Hendy, who had a regiment in the Revolutionary War.

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**Rev. Myron J. Smith**, who is superintendent of the Elmira Home for the Aged, has long been identified with institutional work in Central New York, where he is widely known. He was born in Wyoming County, Pennsylvania, October 29, 1868, the son of Amaziah A. and Rebecca (Gordinier) Smith.

Amaziah A. Smith, who died in 1907, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Massachusetts and spent his early life there on a farm. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted and served with a company of the Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Later he purchased a farm in Wyoming County, Pennsylvania, and in 1892 removed to Binghamton, New York, where he spent

the remainder of his life in the employ of the D. L. & W. Railroad. He was a Democrat and a member of the Methodist Church. He also belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Grand Army of the Republic. His wife was born at Sullivan County, Pennsylvania, and died in 1890. They are buried at Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born four children: 1. Leslie, retired, lives at Los Angeles. 2. Myron J., the subject of this sketch. 3. Mrs. W. D. Mace, lives at Binghamton, New York. 4. B. L., lives at Binghamton.

Myron J. Smith was reared on a farm near Binghamton and attended the district schools. As a young man he became interested in the Y. M. C. A., and spent several years as assistant secretary at Binghamton. He then came to Elmira in the same capacity for five years, after which he engaged in religious work as an evangelist. He managed a tabernacle and conducted meetings in this city for fifteen years, and during the World War became associated with the Central Y. M. C. A. here as dormitory secretary. Four years later he was appointed assistant pastor of Hedding Methodist Church under Rev. E. E. Meering, and remained in that office for seven years. Since September, 1930, he has been connected with the Elmira Home for the Aged as superintendent. He is also secretary and treasurer of the Elmira Ministers Association.

Rev. Smith was married (first) in 1892 to Miss Anabel Stalker, of Binghamton, who died in 1925. She was the daughter of William H. and Alice (Riley) Stalker, natives of Dutchess County, New York, and England, respectively. They are deceased. Reverend and Mrs. Smith's only child is Anna R., born in 1895. She is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Methodist Hospital Training School at Brooklyn, New York. After fifteen years as a general nurse in Elmira she is now taking a graduate course in Orthopedic nursing in Brooklyn.

Rev. Smith married (second) in September, 1929, Alma (Rousie) Hillman, of Elmira, who died on March 13, 1930. She had been identified with the Elmira Home for the Aged as matron for twenty-one years.

Rev. Smith is a Republican. He is a member of the official board of Hedding Methodist Church, and for a number of years has been a member of its male quartette.

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**Malcolm J. Wilson** is well and favorably known in Elmira, where he was formerly secretary of the Association of Commerce and is secretary of the Rotary Club and Elmira Traffic Club. He was born at Deposit, Broome County, November 11, 1883, the son of John M. and Donna (Kelsey) Wilson.

John M. Wilson was born in Delaware County and his wife was a native of Broome County. She died in 1909 and is buried at Deposit, New York. He was a carpenter for many years and also served as chief of police at Deposit, New York, as well as deputy sheriff of Delaware County. He is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Red Men. Mr. Wilson lives retired in Elmira. The only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson was Malcolm J., the subject of this sketch.

The boyhood of Malcolm J. Wilson was spent at Deposit, where he attended the public schools. After his graduation from high school he spent two years at Syracuse University, where he specialized in the study of fine arts. Mr. Wilson then was interested in advertising and was identified with the following magazines: "Outing," "Textile Manufacturers Journal," "Literary Digest," and "Associated Farm Publications." During eight years in the newspaper and advertising field, Mr. Wilson lived at Deposit and New York City. He then entered the services of the Ansco Company, of Binghamton, as a sales representative. During the World War Mr. Wilson went to France as a Y. M. C. A. secretary, and after his discharge he returned to his former employment with the Ansco Company as recreation and welfare director. In 1921 he came to Elmira as secretary of the Association of Commerce, resigning July 1, 1932.

On June 3, 1916, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage with Miss Hope Irene Miller, of Elmira, the daughter of Nelson A. and

Emily (Davidson) Miller, the former a native of Quebec, Canada, and the latter of Elmira. They are now residents of Buffalo, New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were born two children: 1. Barbara Janet, born September 22, 1921. 2. Malcolm J., Jr., born October 3, 1923.

Mr. Wilson is a Republican, and holds membership in Park Congregational Church, Rotary Club, Y. M. C. A., Boy Scouts of America, and Red Cross. He is affiliated with Olsenigo Lodge No. 435, Binghamton Chapter R. A. M., and Malta Commandery K. T., and Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Binghamton. He also belongs to the Elmira Country Club.

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**John H. Causer** is popular throughout Central New York as the successful manager of Langwell Hotel in Elmira. He was born in this city, January 9, 1872, the son of Joseph and Margaret (Freeborn) Causer.

Joseph Causer was born in England and his wife was a native of Ireland. He was brought to this country by his parents in early infancy, and was educated in the public schools of Elmira. He spent thirty years in the employ of the Elmira Rolling Mills, and in 1888 became identified with the Elmira House as manager. He served in that capacity until 1895. Mr. Causer was a Republican and for six years was superintendent of the Board of Public Works. He was a prominent member of the Episcopal Church and belonged to the Masonic Lodge. He died in 1923 and his wife died in 1913. They are buried in Elmira. To Mr. and Mrs. Causer were born the following children: 1. James A., who is manager of the Ithaca House at Ithaca. 2. John H., the subject of this sketch. 3. Isabel, married Albert Bundy, lives at Elmira. 4. Joseph, Jr., who died in 1924. 5. Freeborn, who died in 1912. 6. Fred, lives at Elmira.

John H. Causer attended the grade and high schools of Elmira and is also a graduate of Warner's Business College. He was identified with his father in the hotel business for a time, and in January, 1896, became manager of the Langwell Hotel, which was



built during that year. He was also interested in the management of the Ithaca Hotel in association with his brother, James A. Causer, until 1919, at which time the partnership was dissolved.

On August 24, 1896, Mr. Causer was united in marriage with Miss Catherine French, born in Watkins Glen, New York, the daughter of Mark S. French, a native of Mansfield, Pennsylvania, who died in 1923. Mr. and Mrs. Causer have a son, Jack H., born May 21, 1897. He is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and as a youth became interested in the hotel business as clerk of the Langwell. In 1913 he was made steward, became manager in 1918, and in 1929 was made a partner in the business. He enlisted in 1918 in the U. S. Naval Reserve Corps at Pelham Bay, New York, as an apprentice seaman and after a year in the service was discharged. He is a member of the New York Hotels Association, Greeters of America, American Hotel Association, Finger Lakes Association, Elmira City Club, Cold Brook Club, Elmira Country Club, Keuka Club, and Chamber of Commerce. He also holds membership in the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Causer was married in 1917 to Miss Iva Hamilton, of Elmira, and they have a daughter, Nancy Lucille, born August 9, 1919.

John H. Causer has always been a Republican in politics. He and his wife are members of the First Presbyterian Church, and he is a member of B. P. O. Elks, Elmira City Club, Elmira Country Club, Lake Club, Cold Brook Club, Mansfield (Pennsylvania) Country Club, Rotary Club, and Association of Commerce.

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**Herbert Sidney Snodgrass.**—As vice president and general works manager of The American LaFrance & Foamite Company, Herbert Sidney Snodgrass is one of the well known industrial leaders in the city of Elmira. He was born at Vancouver, Washington, May 14, 1892, the son of Frederick H. and Eva (Woodruff) Snodgrass.

Frederick H. Snodgrass was born at Seattle, Washington, and received his early education in the public schools there. He was a graduate of Washington State College, where he received the

degree of Bachelor of Arts. He died in 1895 and is buried at Vancouver. His widow resides in Chicago, where she was born. Their only child was Herbert Sidney, the subject of this sketch.

Herbert Sidney Snodgrass is a graduate of the Chicago public schools, Cluster Springs (Virginia) Military Academy, and Armour Institute. In 1908 he had entered the employ of the Denison Mfg. Company in Chicago, with whom he remained until 1913. He then became a sales representative of the Stewart-Warner Corporation of Chicago, and three years later assumed the duties of superintendent of production for the Holt Caterpillar Company of Peoria, Illinois. He left that concern in February, 1919, to become purchasing agent of the Moline Plow Company of Moline, Illinois, and in 1923 held the same position with the American Car Foundries Motor Company at Kent, Ohio. During 1925-27 Mr. Snodgrass was purchasing agent for the latter corporation at Detroit, Michigan, and in 1927 he came to Elmira to enter the employ of the American LaFrance & Foamite Corporation. In the following year he became general works manager, and since 1931 has also been vice president of the company.

On April 15, 1911, Mr. Snodgrass married Miss Aurora Valo, of Chicago, whose parents were natives of France and Vermont, respectively. The former died in 1907 and the latter in 1921. They are buried in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Snodgrass have a daughter, Vernetta Frances, born March 17, 1916. She attends Elmira Free Academy.

Mr. Snodgrass is a Republican, a member of Park Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge, Elmira Country Club, and Association of Commerce.

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**Homer E. Brotzman** is treasurer of Linn-Chapel Company, Inc., 1040 Caton Avenue, and is active in the business life of the city of Elmira. He was born at Troupsburg, Steuben County, August 16, 1897, the son of William J. and Jennie (Tew) Brotzman.

William J. Brotzman lives retired at Canisteo. He was born and reared at Troupsburg, New York, and as a young man as-

sisted his father in farming. He later owned a farm in Steuben County, which he successfully operated until the time of his retirement in 1928. During the following three years he conducted a retail meat business at Canisteo. Mr. Brotzman is a Republican, and served as clerk of Troupsburg, tax collector, and school trustee. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he served as Sunday School superintendent for a number of years, and he is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was president of the Dairymen's League in Steuben County at one time. Jennie (Tew) Brotzman was born at Troupsburg and died in 1923. She is buried at Woodhull, New York. They had three sons: 1. Homer E., the subject of this sketch. 2. Lloyd H., farmer, married Miss Mildred Hotaling, lives at Woodhull. 3. Eldon E., lives at Hornell, New York.

The boyhood of Homer E. Brotzman was spent at Troupsburg and Woodhull, and he received his education in the district schools. He remained on the home farm until 1918, and at that time came to Elmira as a telegraph operator in the employ of the Erie Railroad Company. Soon after he was transferred to Fairview, New Jersey, as station agent, and later was station agent there. He came to Elmira in 1923 as a clerk in the employ of Linn-Chapel Company, and on January 1, 1925, became a partner in the business. At its incorporation in 1925 the following officers were elected: Linn Chapel, president; Carrie E. Chapel, vice-president; Homer E. Brotzman, treasurer, and James R. Beecher, secretary. Mr. Brotzman is also president of the Elmira Coal Merchants Association, and a director of the New York State Builders Supply Association.

On December 8, 1922, Mr. Brotzman was united in marriage with Miss Vera B. Hay, of Ansonville, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Thomas and Ethel (Wright) Hay. The former was born in England and died in Elmira in 1924. The latter is a native of Bradford County, Pennsylvania, and resides in Elmira. To Mr. and Mrs. Brotzman have been born two children: 1. Jenn Ethel, born March 12, 1924. 2. Linn Sanford, born January 23, 1926.

Mr. Brotzman is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Woodhull. He also belongs to the Elmira Country Club, and he was the first chairman of the Minute Men of the Association of Commerce. Mr. Brotzman is a member of Restoration Lodge, No. 777, F. and A. M., Woodhull, New York, Corning Consistory, 32nd degree, A. A. S. R., Corning, New York, Past Monarch, Cashmere Grotto, No. 11, M. O. V. P. E. R., and Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. His wife is a member of the Baptist Church of Elmira Heights.

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**Ray Marvin**, who is assistant treasurer of the Barker, Rose & Kimball Company, wholesale and retail hardware dealers, of Elmira, is a native of New York. He was born at Norwich, Chenango County, December 23, 1898, the son of William D. and Emma L. (Blood) Marvin.

William D. Marvin was born in New York and died at Norwich in 1915. His widow is a native of Oxford, New York. During his life Mr. Marvin spent many years as a sales representative of a medical supply company in Chicago. He was a Democrat, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belonged to the Masonic Lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin's only child was Ray, the subject of this sketch.

After his graduation from Norwich High School, Ray Marvin attended Cornell University for three and one-half years. He specialized in civil engineering and was employed during the following three years as an engineer in construction work for the New York State Highway Department. He later was connected with the Morse Chain Company of Ithaca, and from 1921 until 1923 was an accountant in that company's employ. His next connection was with the Eastern Trunk Line Division Association of Railroads as claim accountant, with headquarters at Syracuse and Oswego. He went to Boston, Massachusetts, in 1924 as a salesman for the Ditto Manufacturing Company, and two years later became associated with the Prosperity Company of Syracuse as an accountant. During 1927-29 he was identified with the

L. C. Smith-Corona Typewriter Company, and in the latter year located with the General Office Equipment Corporation of Syracuse. Since January, 1930, Mr. Marvin has held his present position in Elmira.

On January 1, 1926, Mr. Marvin was united in marriage with Miss Martha L. Phinney, of Auburn, New York, the daughter of Gaylord L. and Agnes (Shepard) Finney, the former a native of Cazenovia, and the latter of Manlius, New York. Mr. Finney resides at Fayetteville. His wife died in 1928.

Mr. Marvin is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and belongs to the Kiwanis Club and Theta Alpha fraternity. He also holds membership in the Business Men's Club of Boston, Massachusetts.

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**Charles W. Perry**, of Elmira, is identified with one of the oldest insurance agencies in Central New York as president of the G. W. Perry Company. He was born in this city, August 21, 1900, the son of Guy Whipple and Mary (Walker) Perry.

Guy Whipple Perry was born in Elmira, the son of Thomas Perry, who was the founder of the Perry Insurance Agency in this city, with which he was identified from 1866 until his death in 1896. The agency was conducted by his son, Guy W. Perry, until his death. Guy W. Perry died August 24, 1924, and is buried in Elmira. His widow still resides here. Mr. Perry was a Republican, a member of Lake Street Presbyterian Church, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge and Coldbrook Club. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Perry: 1. Charles W., the subject of this sketch. 2. James W., who is secretary of the Perry Insurance Company. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and belongs to Psi Upsilon fraternity.

After his graduation from Elmira High School, Charles W. Perry entered the University of Pennsylvania, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1922. He then became connected with the G. W. Perry Company and succeeded to the presidency upon the death of his father in 1924. They are general agents for the Maryland Casualty Company, with 150 agents in 130 towns and villages in New York State and Pennsyl-

vania. In 1926 they purchased the Telegram Building on Baldwin and Second Streets, which is now the home of the insurance agency. Mr. Perry is also a director of the Hilliard Corporation, director of the Chemung Valley Savings & Loan Association of Elmira; director of the B. M. Holcomb Corporation of Binghamton, and director of the F. D. Kingsbury Company of Corning.

On September 6, 1924, Mr. Perry married Miss Genevieve Pettie, of Denver, Colorado, who is a graduate of Elmira College. She is the daughter of Dr. William N. and Anna (Green) Pettie. They are natives of New York and reside at Denver, Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. Perry have two sons: 1. Thomas Whipple, born August 18, 1925. 2. William Pettie, born March 8, 1929.

Mr. Perry is a Republican, and in 1931 was chairman at the Republican City campaign. He is a director of the Federation of Social Service and chairman of the Budget Committee of the Community Chest of Elmira. He holds membership in Lake Street Presbyterian Church, of which he is trustee, and he is affiliated with the Ivy Lodge, No. 397, F. and A. M., Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity, American Legion, Past President of the Exchange Club, Elmira Country Club and Elmira City Club. He is also President of the Association of Commerce and Past President of the Y. M. C. A., of which he is a trustee.

During the World War, Mr. Perry enlisted for service and attended an officers' training school at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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**Leslie F. Light.**—Numbered among the dependable and successful young business men of Elmira and Central New York is Leslie F. Light, who is general sales manager of the Spaulding Bakeries, Inc. He was born at Hawleyton, Broome County, New York, February 9, 1890, the son of Charles and Anna (Rodgers) Light.

Charles Light was a native of Hawleyton, New York, and received his education in the schools at that place. Throughout his life he was interested in general farming and also had extensive

lumber interests. He was a Republican. Mr. Light died in 1900 and his wife died in 1908. They are buried at Laurel Lake, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Light were born eight children: 1. Levi, retired, lives at Rushville, Pennsylvania. 2. Irvin, farmer, lives at Hawleyton. 3. Erastus, deceased, is buried at Rush, Pennsylvania. 4. Harry, farmer, lives at Rush, Pennsylvania. 5. Leslie F., the subject of this sketch. 6. Louise, married Fred Van Varce, lives at Rochester. 7. Olive, married Jasper Edwards, lives at Endicott. 8. Lillie May, married William Howard, lives at Rochester.

Leslie F. Light grew up at Binghamton, New York, and was educated in the public schools. He was employed as a clerk in the grocery store of Weeks & Davis for one year, and spent two years in the same capacity with W. E. Rodgers. In 1904 Mr. Light entered the employ of R. Z. Spaulding, but after a short time left the company and went to Florida. He later returned to their Binghamton plant and remained as shipping clerk until 1910. In the following year he established a cigar business and sold cigars in Waverly and Binghamton. He also conducted a wholesale jobbing business at Waverly. In 1912 he again became associated with the R. Z. Spaulding Bakery and established the first automobile route operated by the company at Endicott, New York. Later he became sales manager of the company and in 1926 was sent to Elmira to establish a branch plant as manager and vice-president of the Spaulding Baking Company. The business was reorganized in 1928 and two years later Mr. Light became general sales manager and manages ten branch bakeries in New York State and Pennsylvania.

On May 23, 1917, Mr. Light was united in marriage with Miss Mae Stever, of Middleburg, New York, the daughter of Peter and Minnie (Coons) Stever. He died in 1928 and his wife died in 1928. They are buried at Binghamton. Mr. and Mrs. Light have a son, Charles Francis, born May 3, 1918. He attends Elmira High School.

Mr. Light is affiliated with Binghamton Lodge, No. 177, F. and A. M.; Binghamton Consistory, 32nd degree, A. A. S. R.; Cashmere Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R., and Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N.

M. S.; B. P. O. Elks, No. 852; F. O. Eagles, Aerie No. 941; Loyal Order of Moose, No. 517; United Commercial Travelers, Elmira Council No. 236; charter member of Afton Lodge, No. 553, I. O. O. F.; Association of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, Traffic Club, Acacia Club, Binghamton Adirondack Club, Y. M. C. A. He is a member of the New York State and American Bakers Association. He is a Republican and belongs to the Lake Street Presbyterian Church.

The Light family lives at 125 Country Club Drive and has a summer home on Lake Keuka, which is called "The Lighthouse."

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**Arthur C. Hutchinson** is a substantial citizen of Elmira, where he has been identified for many years with the Erie Railroad Company, now being chief clerk of the division freight office. He was born at Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania, April 21, 1875, the son of Gosper C. and Sarah J. (Clark) Hutchinson.

Gosper C. Hutchinson, who died in 1911, is buried at Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania. He grew up at Deckertown, New Jersey, and attended the public schools. For many years Mr. Hutchinson owned and operated a blacksmith shop at Lawrenceville. He was a Republican and held numerous public offices. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife died in 1919 and is buried at Lawrenceville. To Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson were born the following children: 1. Wilbur W., retired, lives at Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania. 2. Laura Adelle, married I. C. Losey, lives at Elmira. 3. Estella, who died in 1877. 4. Arthur C., the subject of this sketch. 5. Walter V., who is a retired minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Hugo, Oregon. 6. Agnes O., who died in 1892.

Arthur C. Hutchinson is a graduate of Lawrenceville (Pennsylvania) Academy and for several years was employed in his father's shop. He also conducted a transfer business for a short time and came to Elmira in 1896 as an employe in the freight offices of the Erie Railroad Company. He was subsequently ap-



pointed chief billing clerk and in 1913 left the company's employ and entered the services of the Thatcher Manufacturing Company in Elmira. He went to Rochester after a short time with the Foster & Armstrong Piano Manufacturing Company, and in November, 1914, Mr. Hutchinson returned to his former employment with the Erie Railroad Company as claim clerk in their Elmira offices. In February, 1918, he was appointed chief clerk of the division freight office of the Erie Railroad.

On June 26, 1897, Mr. Hutchinson was united in marriage with Miss Bertha M. Cook, of Lindley, New York, who attended Cheshboro Seminary, at Chili, New York. She is the daughter of V. E. and Lizette (Mulford) Cook, of New York. The former resides at Elmira, and the latter died in 1930. She is buried at Lindley, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson have a son, Bernard W., born December 2, 1898, a graduate of Elmira High School, now identified with the Prudential Insurance Company. He married Miss Ola M. Hull, of Rochester.

Mr. Hutchinson is a Republican, a member of the First Church of Christ Disciples, and belongs to the Union Lodge, No. 95, F. and A. M., Cashmere Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R., Corning Consistory, A. A. S. R., 32nd degree, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Kiwanis Club, and Traffic Club.

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**Snyder P. Atwater.**—A citizen of progressive business ideas, and one who in many directions has proven his ability, is Snyder P. Atwater, who is vice-president of El-Cor Dairies, Inc., of Elmira and Corning. He was born at Mecklenburg, Schuyler County, June 4, 1863, the son of Willis G. and Catherine (Snyder) Atwater.

A complete biography of Willis G. Atwater appears elsewhere in this history in the sketch of his son, Floyd A. Atwater.

Snyder P. Atwater acquired his education in the district schools of Chemung County. He was a student at Elmira Business College, and began his business career in 1884 as a salesman for Barker, Dounce, Rose & Co., hardware dealers, with whom

he was identified until 1906. He then was one of the founders of the Elmira Insurance Agency and Chemung Valley Real Estate Company, of which he served as vice-president and president, respectively. For two years and six months Mr. Atwater was connected with the Ferguson-Carr Hardware Company of Elmira, and in 1908 returned to his former business connection with the newly organized Barker-Rose & Clinton Hardware Company. He continued as a salesman with that concern until November, 1918, at which time he became actively identified with Atwater Brothers, distributors of dairy products. This business had been founded in Elmira in 1893 by his father, Willis G. Atwater, and was formerly known as the W. G. Atwater Company, and later as W. G. Atwater & Sons. Upon the death of the father the concern was reorganized as Atwater Brothers. Until 1915 no sweet milk was sold by the company, its creamery business consisting of butter, cheese and buttermilk. In that year Atwater Brothers bought out the local business of the Horseheads Creamery Company. In 1926 a plant at Corning was built and the Elmira and Corning branches were incorporated as the El-Cor Dairies, Inc. Present officers are: Floyd A. Atwater, president; Snyder P. Atwater, vice-president, and Frank D. Atwater, treasurer. At the present time they are also extensive ice cream manufacturers.

On August 25, 1887, Mr. Atwater married Miss Mary E. Rowland, born in Wisconsin, the daughter of U. G. and Dolly M. (Safford) Rowland. Mr. Rowland was born on a farm near Syracuse, New York, and died in 1911. His wife, who died in 1898, was a native of Onondaga County, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Atwater have a daughter, Edna M., born November 1, 1888. She is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Rochester Business College. She is the widow of Arthur Vogt, and is now identified with the offices of El-Cor Dairies.

Politically, Mr. Atwater is a Republican. He and his family hold membership in the Lake Street Presbyterian Church, and he is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, and Association of Commerce. He also belongs to the Kiwanis Club, of which he served as treasurer for three terms.

**Clarence H. Kennedy**, who is vice-president and sales manager of the Kennedy Valve Manufacturing Company, ranks among Elmira's highly successful business men. He was born at Brooklyn, New York, August 11, 1890, the son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Moran) Kennedy. The sketch of Daniel Kennedy appears elsewhere in this history.

Clarence H. Kennedy attended the public schools of Brooklyn and is a graduate of Brooklyn Manual Training High School and Albany Academy. He was graduated from Cornell University in 1912 with the degree of Mechanical Engineering, and immediately became associated with the interests of the Kennedy Valve Manufacturing Company in a sales capacity; in their New York City Offices. He also became branch manager there and in 1920 returned to Elmira as sales manager and vice-president of the company. He has held the latter office since 1929.

On October 15, 1914, Mr. Kennedy was united in marriage in New York City with Miss Rose Cosgrove, of Elmira, the daughter of Michael and Mary (McGoughrin) Cosgrove, natives of Ireland and Troy, Pennsylvania, respectively. Mr. Cosgrove is deceased and his widow lives in Elmira. To Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy have been born five children: 1. John C., born September 25, 1915, died August 2, 1925. 2. William C., born in 1917. 3. M. Claire, born in 1920. 4. Nancy E., born in 1925. 5. Josepha, born in 1928. Mrs. Kennedy is a graduate of Elmira High School and Elmira College.

Mr. Kennedy and his family are members of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, and he belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Cornell Club of New York City, Elmira Country Club, and Association of Commerce.

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**William Thomas Coleman.**—One of the best known of the younger men of Elmira is William Thomas Coleman, who is special agent for the Union Central Life Insurance Company, with offices in the Perry Building. He also is serving as city clerk and takes a prominent part in local Republican politics. Mr. Coleman

was born in this city, the son of William T. and Mary (Espey) Coleman.

William T. Coleman, who died in Elmira, February 9, 1923, is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery. He was born in Pennsylvania and early in life came to Elmira with his parents. He was a graduate of Warner Business College and became successfully engaged in the feed and grain business in this city. Later, he conducted a grocery establishment for thirty years. Mr. Coleman was a Republican and served as mayor of Elmira during 1904-06, and as director of the Regulative Bureau Farm and Market Department at Albany for three years. He also was alderman of the Third Ward for two terms and was a member of the mayor's convention committee in 1921. He held membership in the Presbyterian Church, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge, 32nd degree, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Elmira City Club, and Century Club. Mr. Coleman died February 9, 1923, and his wife died July 28, 1925. Their children were: 1. Robert E., lives at Elmira, married Ruth McFarland, of Elmira. 2. William Thomas, the subject of this sketch.

William Thomas Coleman is a graduate of Elmira High School and in 1925 received a degree from the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, University of Pennsylvania. During the following year he assumed his present duties as a special agent for the Union Central Life Insurance Company.

Mr. Coleman is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, of Elmira, and has the following lodge and club affiliations: Ivy Lodge, No. 397, F. and A. M.; B. P. O. Elks No. 62; Y. M. C. A., director; Century Club, director; Elmira Country Club; New York Athletic Club, life member; Phi Upsilon fraternity; Veteran Athletic Association of Philadelphia.

During his college career, Mr. Coleman took a prominent part in athletics, being a member of the varsity track and football teams, which were eastern college champions during 1923-24. He also was a member of the Quaker professional football team in Philadelphia in 1926, champions in the American Professional League for that year.

Politically, Mr. Coleman is a Republican and in 1929 was an unsuccessful candidate for the office of alderman of the Third Ward. He was secretary and treasurer of the Republican city committee during 1931.

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**Athel D. Merrill**, who was formerly president and treasurer of the Werdenburg Clothing Company, at 200 West Water Street, which is now a partnership firm, has been identified with the mercantile interests of Elmira for thirty-two years. He was born at Litchfield, Pennsylvania, November 10, 1875, the son of Leonard Pratt and Minnie (Munn) Merrill.

Leonard Pratt Merrill was born at Litchfield, Pennsylvania, where he received his education. He located at Athens, Pennsylvania, in 1877, as a foreman with the Athens Bridge Company, and remained in that capacity until 1902. In the latter year he accepted a position as foreman of bridge construction with the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, and during his career was recognized as an authority on bridge construction work. Mr. Merrill died in October, 1922, and his wife, also born at Litchfield, Pennsylvania, died in 1917. They are buried at Athens, Pennsylvania. Mr. Merrill was a Democrat and a member of the Universalist Church. There were three children in the Merrill family: 1. Athel D., the subject of this sketch. 2. Wesley P., attorney, who lives at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. 3. Mabel, who died in 1926, was the wife of William Carmody, of Athens, Pennsylvania.

Athel D. Merrill grew up on a farm near Athens, Pennsylvania, and in 1893 was graduated from Athens High School. While completing his schooling he was employed as a clerk in the clothing store of Friedman at Athens. In 1893 he became manager of the Ginsberg Clothing Store at Mansfield, Pennsylvania, where he remained for three years. He then was located at Blossburg, Pennsylvania, for five years in the same capacity, and in 1901 came to Elmira as a clerk in the Werdenburg Clothing Store. Two years later the business was reorganized as the

Andrew F. Werdenburg Company, with Mr. Merrill as secretary and treasurer. This company continued until 1919, at which time it was taken over by a partnership composed of A. F. Werdenburg, M. S. Cisco, and Mr. Merrill. They continued in business together until 1926, when Messrs. Merrill and Werdenburg became sole owners. The latter partnership was dissolved in 1928 and the business has since then been conducted alone by Mr. Merrill. In the latter part of 1928 he took in B. Frank Burgess as a partner.

On August 9, 1911, Mr. Merrill married Miss Mary G. McCarthy, of Elmira, the daughter of George and Ella (O'Brien) McCarthy. Both were natives of Elmira and died in 1886 and 1916, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Merrill are the parents of three children: 1-2. George Leonard and Ellen Elizabeth, twins, born July 29, 1912. 3. William Kenneth, born February 3, 1915. They attend Elmira High School.

Mr. Merrill is a Democrat, a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, director of the Kiwanis Club, and Association of Commerce. He also belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Elmira Council 229, being grand knight during 1929, and is past trustee, and was chairman of the convention committee, which put on the state convention in 1932.

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**Joseph Moses**, of Elmira, has been in the service of the Western Union Telegraph Company for a period of forty-three years, and is now city manager. He was born here, December 25, 1874, the son of Jacob and Zota (Zorazinski) Moses.

Jacob Moses and his wife were natives of Poland. As a young man he located at Manchester, England, and in 1871 emigrated to the United States and settled at Elmira. Throughout his life he was a merchant. Mr. Moses died May 16, 1920, and his wife died November 14, 1920. They are buried in Franklin Street Cemetery, Elmira. Both were members of Sullivan Street Synagogue. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Moses. 1. Abraham H., who died January 25, 1931. 2. Sarah, married Linker, lives at

Elmira. 3. Joseph, the subject of this sketch. 4. Reuben, who died November 1, 1928. 5. Rachael.

Joseph Moses has always lived in Elmira. He attended the public schools and as a boy entered the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Company as a messenger. During the following year he was promoted to delivery clerk, and on December 1, 1896, became receiving clerk in the Elmira office. He subsequently filled the office of bookkeeper, telegraph clerk, and on September 1, 1917, was appointed telegraph operator. He became acting manager November 27, 1922, and assumed the duties of manager, April 15, 1923.

Mr. Moses is a Republican in politics and served as inspector of city elections in 1910. He attends the Jewish Synagogue and belongs to the Century Club, Traffic Club, Association of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, and Association of Western Union Employees.

Mr. Moses is unmarried.

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**William C. Warner.**—Among the most representative business executives of Elmira, William C. Warner holds a prominent place as the secretary-treasurer of the Eclipse Machine Company. He was born in this city, October 13, 1884, the son of Augustus J. and Anna (Hoag) Warner.

Augustus J. Warner was a native of Hardwick, Vermont, and spent his early life on a farm. He was educated in the rural schools and was graduated from a business college in Boston, Massachusetts. He then became a teacher in that institution and after several years located in Elmira, where he was founder of Elmira Business College, then Warner's Business School and later merged with Meeker's Business College. Mr. A. J. Warner was successfully identified with this enterprise during the remainder of his life. He died in 1927 and his wife, born at Schenectady, New York, died October 20, 1884. They are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Elmira. By a former marriage, Augustus J. Warner had a son, Sherry A., who is engaged in government work in the

Philippines. To the second marriage of Augustus J. Warner only one child was born, William C., subject of this sketch. By a third marriage a daughter was born, Doris, who married David Williams, and she lives in Elmira.

After his graduation from Elmira High School, William C. Warner attended Elmira Business School, with which his father had been identified as owner for many years. He also became an instructor of commercial subjects at the school and remained with the institution until February 1, 1909, at which time he became identified with the Eclipse Machine Company as a bookkeeper. He remained in that capacity until 1924, at which time he was made secretary-treasurer of the concern. He is also a director.

On July 31, 1910, Mr. Warner was united in marriage with Miss Myrtle Elizabeth Gleckler, of East Point, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Henry and Harriet (Harer) Gleckler. Both are deceased and are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Elmira. To Mr. and Mrs. Warner were born two children: 1. Mary Elizabeth, born August 27, 1911, a graduate of Elmira High School, now a student at the Lucy Wheelock School of Kindergarten Training at Boston, Massachusetts. 2. William C., born October 1, 1917, a student in the Elmira public schools.

Mr. Warner has always been a Republican. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, and belongs to the Elmira Country Club.

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**George Strachen Crandall.**—As editor of the Elmira Star-Gazette since 1918, George Strachen Crandall is among Elmira's most influential citizens, and throughout his life has taken a prominent part in the city's civic, social and fraternal life. He was born here, December 17, 1880, the son of George Henry and Anna (Strachen) Crandall.

George Henry Crandall was born at Mansfield, Pennsylvania, January 9, 1841. In the early 70's he came to Elmira, where he spent many years in the employ of H. C. Spaulding & Company. He married (first) Anna Kennedy; (second) Anna Strachen; (third) Sarah Jane Brown. Five children were born to these mar-



riages, all of whom are deceased with the exception of George Strachen, the subject of this sketch. George Henry Crandall died May 9, 1917, and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Elmira. Anna (Strachen) Crandall died December 22, 1880.

The early education of George Strachen Crandall was received in the local grammar schools and Elmira Free Academy. He entered the employ of the Evening Star in Elmira in July, 1898, and was employed in the mail room. He served successively as printer, reporter, and then as editor. The paper was reorganized as the Elmira Star-Gazette a number of years ago. He has been associated with such important newspapermen as I. S. Copeland, Frank E. Gannett, and Frank E. Tripp.

On December 1, 1906, Mr. Crandall was united in marriage with Miss Alda Marae Wells, who was born at Athens, Pennsylvania, December 1, 1881, the daughter of Frederick M. and Mary Amanda (Corbin) Wells. Mr. Wells was born at Orwell, Pennsylvania, November 14, 1848, and his wife was a native of Potterville, Pennsylvania, born May 30, 1850. He died March 12, 1932, and she died in May, 1923. They are buried at Athens. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Crandall. 1. George Wells, born December 14, 1907, is photographer for three Elmira newspapers. He was married June 14, 1929, to Miss Marion Alice Lowney, of Buffalo. 2. Phyllis Marae, born September 12, 1911, attends Ithaca College.

Mr. Crandall is a member of North Presbyterian Church, and has the following lodge and club affiliations: Ivy Lodge, No. 397, F. and A. M., master in 1909; Elmira Chapter, No. 42, R. A. M., high priest in 1910; St. Omer's Commandery, No. 19, K. T., commander in 1929; life member of Elmira Masonic Club, of which he served as secretary for twelve years, and president during 1922-1923; Newtown Battle Chapter, Sons of American Revolution, vice-president in 1931-32; Ismailia Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Buffalo; charter member of Elmira Kiwanis Club, president in 1922; Keuka Club; Southern Tier Council, No. 16, R. & S. M.; Elmira Golf and Country Club; New York State Historical Association; Chemung County Historical Society; American Society of Newspaper Editors, and New York State Editorial Association.

Mr. Crandall is a lineal descendant, ninth generation of Rev. John Crandall, Welch Baptist minister, who was first mentioned in Massachusetts history in 1635. Like his contemporary, Roger Williams, he, too, was jailed for preaching the Baptist faith. Rev. Mr. Crandall was exiled from Boston, located at Newport, and later at Westerly, Rhode Island. Another ancestor of George S. Crandall was Edward Crandall, of Hannibal, New York, who served two enlistments in Connecticut regiments during the American Revolution.

Mr. Crandall has never aspired to nor held public office, but at all times has taken a prominent part in the promotion of worthy movements in the community.

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**Floyd S. Carey.**—Among the men of business prominence in Elmira is Floyd S. Carey, who is president of the Carey & Kasube Company, Inc., Oakland, Pontiac and Buick dealers, located at Main and West First Streets. He was born at Avoca, Pennsylvania, January 29, 1887, the son of Dr. Chauncey S. and Belle (Harding) Carey.

Dr. Chauncey S. Carey was born in Center Moreland Pennsylvania, and received his early education in the public schools of Tunkhannock. He later obtained the degree of Doctor of Medicine at New York University and for eight years was located at Pittston, Pennsylvania, before establishing a private practice in Elmira. He successfully practiced in the latter city for more than forty years and died in 1927. His wife was born at Eatonville, Pennsylvania, and died in 1924. Both are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Elmira. Dr. Carey was a Republican, a member of the Baptist Church, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge and Century Club. He also held membership in the Chemung County and New York State Medical Society. To Doctor Chauncey S. and Belle (Harding) Carey were born two sons: 1. Clyde L., who died in 1919. He married Miss Edna Hawes, who is now the wife of H. O. Gardner, of Elmira. 2. Floyd S., the subject of this sketch.

Floyd S. Carey is a graduate of the public schools of Avoca, Pennsylvania, and Keystone Academy at Factoryville, Pennsylvania. During 1905-6 he was an apprentice automobile mechanic in the employ of John Rhoads, of Elmira, and in the following three years was employed in the Scranton Tobacco Company, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, as shipping clerk. His next position was as inspector for the California Fruit Growers Exchange, at Scranton, and from 1912 until 1918 he was district manager of the branch in the latter city. He then was transferred to Montreal, Canada, and from 1919 until 1923 was an automobile salesman in the employ of the Dodge Agency, at Elmira. In the latter year he purchased an interest in the business of Forbes, Carey & Kasube Company, Oakland dealers, located on Baldwin Street. The business was incorporated in 1926 with Mr. Carey as president. They took over the local agency for the Buick car in 1930.

On December 27, 1912, Mr. Carey was united in marriage with Miss Nellie Greatsinger, of Elmira, who is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Valparaiso University, at Valparaiso, Indiana. She is the daughter of Wesley and Emma Greatsinger, natives of Elmira. The former died in 1926 and the latter in 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Carey have no children.

Mr. Carey is independent in politics. He is a member of the Baptist Church and his wife belongs to Trinity Episcopal Church. He also is a member of the Association of Commerce and director of the Finger Lakes Committee during 1929-30-31, and now chairman of the signs committee.

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**Leon B. Keeton.**—Among the successful automobile men of Elmira is Leon B. Keeton, who has the agency for the Hudson and Essex cars. He was born at Elmira, June 7, 1888, the son of Frank A. and Delia B. (Thompson) Keeton.

Frank A. Keeton, who lives retired, at the Langwell Hotel, Elmira, was for many years a leading business man of this section. He was born at Perry, New York, and in 1876 located at Elmira, where he became interested in a wholesale produce business as

founder of the F. A. Keeton Produce Company. It was originally located on Lake Street, and after a disastrous fire in 1888 the business was established in the present location, 117 Baldwin Street. It is now conducted by Mr. Keeton's son, Walter T. Keeton. Delia B. (Thompson) Keeton was born at Mechlenburg, New York, and died in July, 1921. She is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Elmira. Mr. Keeton is a Republican, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and is a member of the Century Club. There were five sons born to Mr. and Mrs. Keeton: 1. Walter T., lives at 820 West Water Street. He married Miss Adelaide Harris, of Elmira. 2. Frank M., who died November 22, 1926. He married Miss Flora M. Bell, who lives at 317 Loremore Street, Elmira. 3. Carroll C., insurance, lives at Elmira. He married Miss Georgia Norman. 4. T. Wrayburn, automobile dealer, associated in business with his brother in Elmira. He married Miss Genevieve Alger, of Wellsville, New York. 5. Leon B., the subject of this sketch.

Leon B. Keeton is a graduate of the public schools of Elmira and attended Elmira Free Academy. As a young man he became interested in his father's business in a sales capacity and traveled throughout Northern Pennsylvania and Southern New York. In 1912 he organized the Tri Pure Water Company, located on West Second Street, and served as its president for two years. He then went with the American LaFrance & Foamite Corporation. Mr. Keeton became interested in the automobile business in 1921, being associated with Charles T. Baker as Hudson and Essex agents. He took over his partner's interest in 1922, and three years later removed to his present location, 311-19 State Street.

On October 5, 1910, Mr. Keeton married Miss Henrietta Spaulding, born at Elmira, December 15, 1886, the daughter of Henry C. and Ella M. (Reynolds) Spaulding. Mr. Spaulding, who died in 1886, was the son of Henry C. Spaulding, who was the founder of the H. C. Spaulding Manufacturing Company in Elmira in 1841. It was located at Fifth and State Streets. Ella M. (Reynolds) Spaulding was born at Horseheads. She lives in the Spaulding homestead at 300 Maple Street. It was built in 1792, the original land grant being signed by Governor Clinton of

New York. It was modernized in 1879, and has also recently been rebuilt. It still, however, retains many of its original features, and is among the well known landmarks in this section. The family of Leon B. Keeton also resides there. Mrs. Keeton is a graduate of Elmira public schools, Park Place preparatory school, and Elmira College. Mr. and Mrs. Keeton have two sons: 1. Leon B., Jr., born May 25, 1912, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, attends Colgate University, class of 1933. 2. Henry Clinton, born July 24, 1914, attends Elmira Free Academy.

Mr. Keeton is a Republican, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, director of the Century Club, and the Association of Commerce. He also belongs to the Empire State Automobile Association and National Automobile Dealers Association.

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**Charles W. Arnold** is among the best known citizens of Elmira, where he has been passenger and ticket agent for the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad since 1913. He was born at Analomink, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, February 6, 1878, the son of Samuel M. and Amanda (Dietrich) Arnold.

Samuel M. Arnold was a native of Pennsylvania and died at East Stroudsburg, February 18, 1927. He was employed by the Lackawanna Railroad Company for a number of years. Mr. Arnold was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of East Stroudsburg. His widow resides there. To Mr. and Mrs. Arnold the following children were born: 1. Charles W., the subject of this sketch. 2. Dessa, married Victor Newman, lives at East Stroudsburg. 3. Harvey, who died in infancy. 4. Frances, married John Youmans, lives at East Stroudsburg. 5. Blanche, who died in 1891. 6. Ruth Irene, married William Dixon, lives at East Stroudsburg.

Charles W. Arnold attended the public schools and in 1893 entered the employ of the Lackawanna Railroad. He became a telegraph operator on the Scranton division, and in 1897 was transferred as operator to Cresco, Pennsylvania. He was located at Scranton from 1900 to 1907 as night ticket clerk, and during

the following six years was day clerk in the Scranton office. He came to Elmira as city passenger and ticket agent on May 1, 1913.

On July 6, 1899, Mr. Arnold married Miss Eleanor Staples, of Smithfield, Pennsylvania, born August 30, 1880. She is the daughter of Thomas Wesley and Rahymie (Bensley) Staples, natives of Pennsylvania. The former lives retired at Elmira, and the latter died in 1893. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold have a son, Russell E., born June 18, 1900. He is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and at the present time is station agent for the North and South Railroad Company at Salt Creek, Wyoming. He married Miss Mayme Merchant, of Guy, Arkansas.

Mr. Arnold is a Republican, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Jesse L. Cooley Lodge, No. 966, F. and A. M.; Elmira Chapter, No. 42, R. A. M.; Elmira Council, R. & S. M.; St. Omer's Commandery, No. 19, K. T.; Corning Consistory, A. A. S. R., 32nd degree; member of Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Binghamton; Royal Patron, Queen Frederica Court No. 22, Order of the Amaranthe; Loyal Chapter, No. 265, O. E. S., past worthy scribe, served nine years; Watchman of Shepherds of Mt. Sinai White Shrine of Jerusalem, and one of the organizers. He also belongs to the Rotary Club, Association of Commerce, Y. M. C. A., and American Association of Railroad Agents. He is vice-president of the Service Clubs Bowling League of Elmira.

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**Clarence E. Huntley.**—A leading figure in the business affairs of Elmira is Clarence E. Huntley, who is identified with the Huntley Securities Investment Corporation, with offices in the Merchants National Bank Building. He was born at South Norwalk, Connecticut, April 2, 1897, the son of Clarence E. and Edith (Van Horn) Huntley.

Clarence E. Huntley was born at Oswego, New York, and received his education in the public schools. After seven years in the employ of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad he entered the service of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, being

identified with the latter company for six years. He met with an accidental death in February, 1901, and is buried at Troy, Pennsylvania. His widow was born at Troy and now lives in Elmira. Mr. Huntley was a Democrat and held membership in the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Huntley: 1. Clarence E., the subject of this sketch. 2. Harry A., who is a disabled veteran of the World War. He served in France as a member of the 102nd Field Signal Battalion, 27th Division. He married Miss Mary Lindsey, deceased, and was married (second) to Miss Margaret Fowler. They live at Syracuse.

Clarence E. Huntley is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and received the degree of LL. B. at Syracuse University in 1920. He then became identified with the Corporation Trust Company of New York City, and in 1921 went with the John Budd Company, of New York City, national newspaper advertising representatives. In 1923, Mr. Huntley became advertising manager of the Scientific American, which is published in New York. For a short time he was also assistant advertising manager of the Hearst International, and in November, 1923, came to Elmira as local manager of McClellan & Claggett Securities Company. In April, 1926, he organized the Huntley Securities Corporation. They are specialists in investment securities.

On May 16, 1923, Mr. Huntley married Miss Helen T. Ballard, the daughter of Mahlon B. and Anna (Tidd) Ballard, natives of Troy and Elmira, respectively. Mrs. Huntley is a graduate of Troy High School and Elmira College. To Mr. and Mrs. Huntley have been born three children: 1. M. Ballard, born July 22, 1926. 2. Suzanne, born November 23, 1929. 3. Robert Douglass, born September 9, 1932.

During the World War Mr. Huntley enlisted in the United States Navy in April, 1917, and until the close of the war saw active service. He was discharged in December, 1919.

Mr. Huntley is a Republican, a member of Park Congregational Church, and belongs to Ivy Lodge, F. and A. M., Elmira City Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Association of Commerce, Elmira Country and Golf clubs. He also be-

longs to Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and Phi Delta Phi honorary legal fraternity.

Throughout his college career Mr. Huntley took a prominent part in athletics, being a member of the varsity base ball, basket ball and track teams, being track captain in 1920. He was also a member of the United States Olympic track team in 1920, Metropolitan Championship base ball team in 1921, and New York Athletic Baseball and Track teams.

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**Benjamin F. Woodhouse.**—Identified with the Gladke Realty Company, with offices in the Robinson Building, Mr. Woodhouse is well and favorably known in Elmira. He was born at Morris Run, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, June 12, 1876, the son of Samuel and Margaret (Davies) Woodhouse.

Samuel Woodhouse was born in Wales, British Isles, and died at Blossburg, Pennsylvania, April 12, 1912. His wife was also born there and her death occurred in 1901. He was educated in his native land and at thirty years of age emigrated to the United States and settled at Blossburg, Pennsylvania, residing there for two years and then he spent forty-two years in the employ of the Morris Run Coal Mining Company at Morris Run, Pennsylvania. He retired at the age of seventy-two years. Mr. Woodhouse was a Republican and served as justice of the peace at Morris Run for fifty years. He held membership in Welsh Congregational Church, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge, and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Woodhouse: 1. Sarah, married James Vaughn, and she is deceased. 2. Esther, who died in 1922, was the wife of Morgan Jenkins. 3. Mary Ann, the widow of John E. Williams, lives at Wilmington, Delaware. 4. James D., married Miss Agnes McLaughlin, lives at Morris Run, Pennsylvania. 5. Elizabeth, the widow of John Parfitt, lives at Elmira. 6. Jane, married Samuel Howard, lives at Blossburg, Pennsylvania. 7. Samuel, married Miss Mary Graffoulier, lives at Altoona, Pennsylvania. 8. Maria W., lives at Elmira. 9. Margaret, married John Moxley, lives at



Birmingham, Alabama. 10. William S., married Miss Anna Mitchell, lives at Wheeling, West Virginia. 11. Benjamin F., the subject of this sketch.

The boyhood of Benjamin F. Woodhouse was spent at Morris Run, Pennsylvania, where he received his education. As a young man he entered the offices of the Morris Run Mining Company, and remained with that concern in an office position for seven years and worked in the mines for five years. He came to Elmira in November, 1912, and until 1916 was employed in the shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He served as foreman in the shops until 1925 and then became interested in the general insurance business, with offices established in the Turner Building. In 1929 Mr. Woodhouse became identified with the Gladke Realty Company as a broker and in March, 1931, he purchased the business. He handles real estate exclusively.

On June 5, 1916, Mr. Woodhouse was united in marriage with Miss Marie Wetsel, who was born in Baldwinsville, New York, June 5, 1877, the daughter of David and Rebecca (Howell) Wetsel. The former died in 1922 and the latter resides in Elmira. Mr. and Mrs. Woodhouse have no children.

Politically, Mr. Woodhouse is a Republican and while a resident of Morris Run he served as justice of the peace. He is a member of the Congregational Church, and is affiliated with Blossburg Lodge, No. 350, F. and A. M., Corning Consistory, 32nd degree, A. A. S. R., and Kalurah Shrine, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Binghamton.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodhouse live at 1068 Pennsylvania Avenue.

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**Frederick A. Mulcahy.**—One of the dependable business men of Elmira is Frederick A. Mulcahy, who is owner of Maple Farms Dairy. He was born in this city, June 2, 1894, the son of Daniel and Jane (Powell) Mulcahy.

Daniel Mulcahy, who died in Elmira, December 17, 1931, was a native of this city, as was his wife. She died June 20, 1921. They are buried in St. Peter & Paul's Cemetery, Elmira. Mr. Mulcahy entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in early life and at the time of his retirement in 1920 had served for

half a century. He was a passenger engineer for a period of fifty years and was employed on the Northern Central Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Mr. Mulcahy was a Democrat, a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and belonged to the Brotherhood of Railway Engineers. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Mulcahy: 1. Daniel F., who died in 1923. He married Loretta O'Day, of Elmira. 2. Frederick A., the subject of this sketch.

The early education of Frederick A. Mulcahy was acquired in the public schools of Elmira and Elmira Free Academy. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at the University of Pennsylvania in 1920 and began his business career with the Thatcher Manufacturing Company at Cedar Grove, West Virginia, as assistant superintendent. The following year he was transferred to the company's plant in Elmira. In 1923 Mr. Mulcahy organized the Maple Farms Dairy in partnership with M. E. Butler and M. E. Gallavan. They are dealers in high grade dairy products, as well as pasteurized milk, and have an extensive trade throughout the city. The plant is located at 215½ Franklin Street.

On June 18, 1924, Mr. Mulcahy married Miss Elizabeth G. Burke, who was born at Elmira, July 2nd, 1894, the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Gorman) Burke. Mr. Burke was born at Troy, Pennsylvania, and now resides at Elmira. He retired in 1926 after a record of forty-nine years in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as an engineer. He is a Democrat, a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Brotherhood of Railway Engineers. His wife was a native of Ireland. Elizabeth (Burke) Mulcahy is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Buffalo Normal School, class of 1918. She was a teacher in Elmira School No. 7 for seven years before her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Mulcahy have two daughters: 1. Elizabeth Jane, born April 25, 1925. 2. Eileen Marie, born August 24, 1929.

Mr. Mulcahy is a Democrat, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, American Legion, and Association of Commerce. He and his family are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

April 10, 1917, he enlisted in the United States Navy as a second class seaman. He was later commissioned an ensign and served overseas, and was on transport duty. He was honorably discharged in July, 1919.

**Ralph J. Haskell**, who is recognized as one of the leading building contractors of Elmira, is a member of a prominent family of this city. He was born here April 27, 1892, the son of Myron C. and Ada R. (Dilmore) Haskell.

Myron C. Haskell, who died in 1920, was a highly esteemed citizen of Elmira. He was born here and his wife is a native of Pine Valley, New York. As a young man he had become interested in the building and contracting business, and for thirty-six years conducted a well established building organization. He was the contractor in charge of the erection of St. John's Episcopal Church, Elmira Heights, Snyder Building, Empire Bridge, J. Arnot Rathbone residence on Water Street, and the I. D. Booth residence. Mr. Haskell was a Republican, and held membership in the North Presbyterian Church. His widow lives at 559 Rowe Avenue, Elmira. Their children were: 1. Grace A., married Walter I. Tedd, lives on Walnut Street, Elmira. 2. Harry M., of the firm of Haskell & Considine, architects, Elmira. 3. Edna R., the widow of Olney Everetts, lives at home. 4. Ralph J., the subject of this sketch.

After attending Elmira Free Academy, Ralph J. Haskell spent several years with his father's building interests in Elmira. He was in charge of construction work for the company until the death of his father in 1920, at which time he became associated in the building business with Fred Durfey. Nine years later the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Haskell has since continued the business alone. He has recently completed contracts for the Elmira Incinerator plant; Wellsburg High School; Elmira District School No. 7; Dairymen's League plant at Horseheads, and at Arkport, New York. Since 1918 Mr. Haskell has also been president of Haskell, Joraleman & Weatherby Co., Inc., painters and decorators, of 612 Williams Street.

On June 4, 1913, Mr. Haskell married Miss Vella V. VanGorder, who was born in Lawrenceville, New York, June 7, 1892. She is the daughter of Charles and Delia S. (Swort) VanGorder, natives of Chemung County and Seneca County, respectively. Mr. VanGorder died in 1902 and his wife died December 31, 1925. Mr. and Mrs. Haskell have four children: 1. Mildred Ellen, born

February 5, 1916. 2. Marjory Alice, born March 14, 1919. 3. Helen Lee, born May 31, 1923. 4. Ralph J., Jr., born June 16, 1927.

Mr. Haskell is a Republican and has held the office of city assessor. He and his family are members of North Presbyterian Church, and he belongs to Jesse Cooley Lodge, No. 966, F. and A. M.; Cashmere Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R., Elmira; Masonic Club; Century Club; Lions Club; Association of Commerce and Che-mung Rod & Gun Club. He is also secretary of the Association of General Contractors of Elmira.

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**Frederick E. Scharf**, who is treasurer of the Rathbone Corporation at 415 East Water Street, takes a prominent and important part in real estate activities in the city of Elmira. He was born here January 18, 1885, the son of Edward W. and Sophia (Berhalter) Scharf.

Edward W. Scharf was a native of Elmira and died in 1921. His wife was also born here and died January 15, 1932. Both are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Elmira. For many years he conducted a retail meat business in the city and later was identified with S. X. Metzger & Company, of Elmira, as chief engineer. He was a Democrat and held membership in the German Evangelical Church. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Scharf: 1. Frederick E., the subject of this sketch. 2. Edward J., who died February 1, 1930. 3. Sophia W., lives at Elmira. She is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and teaches in School No. 1, Elmira.

Frederick E. Scharf grew up in Elmira and attended the public schools. He is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Meekers Business Institute, class of 1907. He then was employed as a clerk in the offices of the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey in their Elmira office, and served in that capacity from 1907 until 1911. He then went to New York City with Waddell & Company, wholesale produce dealers, and later returned to Elmira to enter the office of the county treasurer, John Deister. Mr. Scharf continued in that capacity during the subsequent terms until July,

1919, when he entered the employ of the Harriet A. Rathbone Estate and the Arnot Realty Company as a stenographer and office manager. In 1927 the business was consolidated and reorganized as the Rathbone Corporation with Mr. Scharf as treasurer.

On August 23, 1919, Mr. Scharf was united in marriage with Miss Mildred H. Sheely, who was born at Elmira, February 16, 1885, the daughter of Edward V. and Harriet (House) Sheely. He is a native of New York State and she was a native of Iowa. The former lives in Elmira and the latter died in 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Scharf have two children: 1. Harriet Emily, born June 15, 1920. 2. Frederick Edward, Jr., born September 29, 1922. Mrs. Scharf is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Elmira College.

Mr. Scharf is a Democrat and served as commissioner on the Board of Public Works under Mayor Wood. He is a member of the German Evangelical Church and his wife holds membership in the Park Congregational Church. He is affiliated with Union Lodge No. 95, F. & A. M.; Corning Consistory, A. A. S. R., thirty-second degree; Elmira Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R.; Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Binghamton; Masonic Club, Elmira; Chemung County Rod and Gun Club, of which he is past president, and served two terms; and Association of Commerce.

Mr. Scharf enlisted in the National Guard October 8, 1907, and served as company clerk of Company L, Third New York Infantry. He later attained the rank of captain and in 1916 was in charge of the organization of a depot brigade when Company L served on the Mexican border. He also was in complete charge of the Elmira Armory at that time. During the World War he continued in charge of the armory, and was captain of Company L, New York Guards.

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**Benjamin D. Scott.**—One of the leading citizens of Elmira, well known throughout Central New York as a successful business man, is Benjamin D. Scott, who is resident manager of Gonder-Kelley Co., investment securities. He was born at Willard, Seneca County, January 27, 1891, the son of Fred and Flora (Daykin) Scott.

Fred Scott is a member of one of the first families of Seneca County. He was born in the old Scott homestead at Scott Corners, and as a young man conducted a general mercantile business at Willard, New York. He came to Elmira in 1892 and has since been well known in the city as a painting and decorating contractor. He is a Republican, and a member of North Presbyterian Church. His wife was born at Aurora, Cayuga County. They live at 1104 Walnut Street, Elmira. To Mr. and Mrs. Scott were born three children: 1. Died in infancy. 2. Benjamin D., the subject of this sketch. 3. Pearl, who died in 1900.

After his graduation from Elmira Free Academy in 1913, Benjamin D. Scott took correspondence work from the Alexander Hamilton Institute and Wharton School of Finance. In 1913 he had entered the employ of the Second National Bank of Elmira as draft clerk, and in 1923 resigned as manager of the transit department to become a security and bond salesman for Frederick Pierce & Company, of Philadelphia. He served as the company's district representative in Elmira. Since 1929 Mr. Scott has been identified with the Gonder-Kelley Company as resident manager. He has offices in the Federation Building.

On October 15, 1913, Mr. Scott married Miss Beatrix W. Bowman, of Elmira, born June 30, 1890, the daughter of Louis W. and Lillie M. (Buckout) Bowman. They are natives of Elmira and now reside at Bayonne, New Jersey, where Mr. Bowman has spent twenty-five years in the employ of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. Mrs. Scott is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy. To Mr. and Mrs. Scott have been born two children: 1. Benjamin David, Jr., born September 22, 1914, attends Elmira Free Academy. 2. Margaret J., born January 14, 1919, attends grade school No. 5.

Mr. Scott is a Republican and during 1920-21 was alderman of the Seventh Ward. He and his family are members of North Presbyterian Church, and he is affiliated with Union Lodge, No. 95, F. and A. M.; Elmira Chapter, No. 42, R. A. M.; Corning Consistory, thirty-second degree; St. Omer's Commandery, K. T., Elmira; Kalurah Shrine, A. A. O. N. M. S., Binghamton; Order of Eastern Star, Past Grand Patron, State of New York; B. P. O.

Elks, No. 62; and Y. M. C. A. During the World War Mr. Scott served as a Y. M. C. A. secretary and was stationed at Camp Mills, New York.

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**H. Clifford Ropp.**—As residential manager of the Elmira Personal Loan Company, Mr. Ropp has a wide acquaintance in this city. He was born at Waverly, New York, February 24, 1907, the son of H. Clifford and Elizabeth (Gleason) Ropp.

H. Clifford Ropp lived at Waverly, New York, throughout his life and successfully conducted a grocery business at 397 Fulton Street. He died in 1907 at the age of twenty-nine years. Mr. Ropp was a Republican and a member of St. John's Catholic Church. His widow is a native of Rochester, New York. They had two sons: 1. George W., lives at Waverly. He married Miss Beatrice Baxter. 2. H. Clifford, the subject of this sketch.

After his graduation from Waverly High School in 1923, H. Clifford Ropp attended Meeker's Business Institute in Elmira. He then was employed as a bookkeeper in the Citizens National Bank at Waverly, and during 1926-27 was cashier in the offices of the Armour Packing Company at Elmira. In the following year he became identified with the accounting department of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, and in 1928 located in New York City with the Fred F. French Company. He subsequently became assistant manager of the Personal Finance Company at Sayre, Pennsylvania, and in May, 1930, came to Elmira to assume his present duties with the Elmira Personal Loan Company.

Mr. Ropp is a member of St. John's Catholic Church, Waverly, and is affiliated with B. P. O. Elks and Loyal Order of Moose. He also belongs to the Association of Commerce, and the American Institute of Banking. Politically he is a Republican.

On March 26, 1932, Mr. Ropp was married to Miss Hilda C. Rought of Sayre, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Worth R. and Marion (Bacon) Rought, natives of Pennsylvania. They reside in Sayre, Pennsylvania. He is retired.

**H. Booth Crise** is prominent in the city of Elmira as district manager of Remington-Rand, Inc. He was born here June 23, 1903, the son of Albert H. and Ella (Donnelly) Crise.

Albert H. Crise was born at Elmira and died in this city in 1913. He is buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Interlaken, New York. His widow lives at 828 Maple Avenue. Mr. Crise was a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Warner Business College. For several years he operated a grocery business at Walnut and Third Street, and later served with the Erie Railroad Company as a clerk in the Elmira freight office. For a time he also was employed by the Southern Railroad Company at Washington, D. C., and he spent eight years with the Washington Street Railway Company as manager of Glen Echo (Maryland) Amusement Park. He was serving in the latter capacity at the time of his retirement. Mr. Crise was a Republican and a member of Park Congregational Church. His widow holds membership in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Elmira. Their only child was H. Booth, the subject of this sketch. By a second marriage to Dr. A. B. Suter, two daughters were born to Ella (Donnelly) Suter: 1. Mary Jane, attends South Side High School. 2. Barbara Ann, a student.

H. Booth Crise acquired his early education in the public schools of Elmira and spent two years at Temple University, Philadelphia, after his graduation from Elmira Free Academy. He began his business career in 1924 with the American LaFrance & Foamite Corporation, of Elmira, and two years later became a salesman with Remington-Rand, Inc. He received the appointment as district manager of the company in 1930. Territory in this district includes Chemung, Steuben, Schuyler, and Yates counties in New York, and Bradford and Tioga counties in Pennsylvania.

On October 5, 1926, Mr. Crise married Miss Florence LeMunyan, who was born at Elmira, August 1, 1904, the daughter of Edward and Ida (Knowlton) LeMunyan. Mr. LeMunyan is in the employ of the D. L. & W. Railroad Company, Elmira. His wife died in August, 1930, and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery. Mrs. Crise is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Temple University, Philadelphia.



Politically Mr. Crise is a Democrat. He and his wife are members of the First Baptist Church, and he belongs to Jesse Cooley Lodge, No. 966, F. & A. M., and Cashmere Grotto.

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**John Carroll Crispin** has a wide acquaintance in the city of Elmira, where he is employed by the Thatcher Manufacturing Company as paymaster. He is a native of Tompkins County, born at Ithaca, September 2, 1883, the son of William A. and Elizabeth (Ireland) Crispin.

William A. Crispin is a native of Chemung, New York, and now resides at 1122 Walnut Street, Elmira. He has followed the trade of carpenter for more than forty years, most of that time being spent in Elmira. Mr. Crispin is a Democrat and belongs to the Knights of Pythias. His wife is a native of Ohio. Their children are: 1. John Carroll, the subject of this sketch. 2. Fred D., who is assistant secretary of the Chemung Valley Loan Association, at Elmira. He married Miss Irma Stevens, of Elmira. 3. Bessie Louise, married Harry Dalglish, lives at Elmira. 4. Elizabeth, married Otto Stricker, lives at Elmira. 5. Georgiana L., married Walter Babcock, lives at Elmira. 6. Charlotte P., lives at Elmira. 7. Stella, married Dr. Clarence Dunbar, lives at Ovid, New York.

John Carroll Crispin is a graduate of the public schools of Elmira and attended Elmira Free Academy. His first position, from 1902 until 1906, was with the Reed & Lovett Silk Mills, at Elmira, and he then spent four years as shipping clerk with Wyckoff & Sons. He operated a motion picture theatre for a short time at Horseheads. In 1909 he became foreman of the shipping department of the American Sales Book Company, Ltd., of Elmira, and five years later entered the services of the Thatcher Manufacturing Company in his present capacity as paymaster. He also owns the restaurant and confectionery concession at the plant.

On June 12, 1917, Mr. Crispin was united in marriage with Miss Gertrude Lyons, of Athens, Pennsylvania, born March 21,

1892, the daughter of Frederick S. and Mary (Woodward) Lyons, natives of Pennsylvania. They now reside at Binghamton. Mrs. Crispin is a graduate of Binghamton High School and Ithaca Conservatory of Music, now Ithaca College, class of 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Crispin are the parents of two children: 1. Marcia Lee, born July 21, 1921. 2. William Lyons, born June 20, 1924.

Politically, Mr. Crispin is independent. He is a member of Park Congregational Church, and is affiliated with Ivy Lodge No. 397, F. & A. M., Corning Consistory, A. A. S. R., thirty-second degree, Kiwanis Club, and Association of Commerce.

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**Emory Strachen**, who is secretary of N. J. Thompson Company, Inc., has been identified with that concern for a quarter of a century, and is well and favorably known in the city of Elmira. He was born here, January 5, 1893, the son of Robert L. and Ella (Murray) Strachen.

Robert L. Strachen has spent his entire life in Elmira and for many years was successful as a building contractor. He died August 25, 1932. Important contracts on which Mr. Strachen was employed were the following: Robinson building; Steele Memorial Library; First Baptist Church; old Lyceum Theatre, and Elmira Free Academy. Mr. Strachen was an independent Republican and held membership in the First Methodist Church. His wife was born in Elmira and died in 1924. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Strachen: 1. Esther M., married John Gunderman, lives at Elmira. 2. William R., lives at Erie, Pennsylvania. 3. Carrie, who died in 1907. 4. Bert, who died in 1917. 5. J. Roy, who is connected with the Elmira Star-Gazette as press foreman. He married Miss Olive Herrick, of Owego, New York. 5. Emory, the subject of this sketch.

Emory Strachen has always lived in Elmira. He attended Elmira Free Academy for three years and in 1907 entered the employ of the N. J. Thompson Company, Inc., as a stock boy. He served for many years as buyer and in 1928 was elected secretary of the corporation.

On June 17, 1921, Mr. Strachen married Miss Mildred Havens, of Groveland, New York. She was born June 27, 1895, and died April 9, 1927. She is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Elmira. Mrs. Strachen was a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Elmira College, class of 1916, and was a teacher of French and Mathematics in the high schools at Fonda and Hamburg, New York. She was the daughter of Harry G. and Franc Havens. The former died in 1926 and the latter lives at 1005 Oak Street, Elmira. To Mr. and Mrs. Strachen were born two daughters: 1. Ruth Margaret. 2. Jane Elizabeth.

Mr. Strachen is a Republican and is a member of the Republican County Committee. He also served as alderman of the Eighth Ward during 1924-28. He is a member of the First Methodist Church and belongs to Ivy Lodge, F. and A. M. No. 397; Masonic Club; Y. M. C. A.; Rotary Club; and Association of Commerce. He is president of George M. Diven School, Parent Teachers Association.

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**Melvin A. Reynolds.**—Prominently associated with the business interests of Elmira, is Melvin A. Reynolds of the Reynolds Realty Company, 157 Lake Street. He was born at Preston, Wayne County, Pennsylvania, October 28, 1872, the son of Anthony E. and Mary E. (Halstead) Reynolds.

Anthony E. Reynolds, who died in 1910, was a member of one of the earliest and best known families of Wayne County, Pennsylvania. The homestead there had been settled about 1800 by members of the Reynolds family and it is still owned by the descendants. It is located on the highest spot of land in Wayne County and commands a view of many miles in all directions. Anthony E. Reynolds enlisted for service in the Civil War, but did not see active service before the close of the war. He was a farmer throughout his life, which was spent on the old homestead. Mr. Reynolds was a Democrat and a member of the First Baptist Church. His wife died in 1886. She was born at Uniondale, Pennsylvania. Both are buried at Preston, Pennsylvania.

Their children were: 1. Ada, who died in 1922, was the wife of S. H. Smith, of Sherman, Pennsylvania. 2. Jessie I., died in 1910, was the wife of Nelson L. Leet. 3. Ella L., married Herbert Van Wermer, lives at Center Village, New York. 4. William A., who died in 1910, had married Mary Stewart, who died in 1903.

Melvin A. Reynolds grew up on his father's farm and is a graduate of the public schools of Preston, Pennsylvania. For a period of twenty-two years he was identified with the Grand Union Tea Company, and managed stores throughout New York and Ohio during that time. In 1910 he became vice president of the Elmira Ice Cream Company, and held that office for seven years. He then became associated with the Reynolds & Payne Real Estate Company, and since 1929 has been identified with the Reynolds Realty Company, real estate agents and insurance underwriters. Mr. Reynolds has served as secretary of the Elmira Real Estate Board, and holds membership in the New York State and National Real Estate Boards.

On July 22, 1894, Mr. Reynolds married Miss Alice M. Breese, who was born at Horseheads, New York, December 29, 1872, the daughter of Fidel and Nancy (Jones) Breese. Mr. and Mrs. Breese were born in Chemung County. The latter died in 1912. To Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds were born four children: 1. Allene Mary, born January 7, 1897, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Cortland Normal School. She married Dr. George M. Kellogg, and they have a daughter, Marjory Anne. 2. Melvin A., Jr., born February 15, 1899, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy. He is sales manager of the James Manufacturing Company of Elmira. He married Miss Grace Reid, of Elmira. 3. Walter B., born July 20, 1901, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, University of Pennsylvania, and Cornell University Law School, class of 1923. He is attorney for the Maryland Casualty Company, of Elmira. He married Miss Mary Drinkwater, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and they have a daughter, Virginia Mary. 4. Frank B., born October 28, 1906, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and University of Alabama. He is a member of the firm of Delaney & Reynolds, of Elmira. He married Miss Delores Jean Davis, and they have a daughter, Delores Jean. All live in Elmira.

Mr. Reynolds is a Republican and during the past sixteen years has been supervisor of the first ward, as well as chairman of the board of supervisors for four years. He is a member of the First Baptist Church, and is affiliated with Ivy Lodge, No. 397, F. and A. M., Cashmere Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R., Masonic Club, first president of the Kiwanis Club, and is now a member of the Rotary Club, and Association of Commerce, and president in 1930.

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**Charles S. Putnam**, Optometrist, has a wide acquaintance in the city of Elmira, and is a veteran of the World War. He was born at Winsted, Connecticut, August 22, 1894, the son of Israel and Florence Madeline (Somerby) Putnam.

Israel Putnam is a native of Ohio, born August 9, 1862. His wife was born at Hoboken, New Jersey, May 16, 1863. They live at 112 Durland Avenue, Elmira. He was reared and educated at Winsted, Connecticut, and is a graduate of Marietta (Ohio) College, Bachelor of Arts. He was a civil engineer by profession and was identified with the New York, Cleveland and St. Louis Railroad, and Ohio Railroad Company until 1891. He then established a perfume business at Winsted, Connecticut, with which he was identified until 1899. He subsequently studied Optometry at Louisville, Kentucky, being associated with George B. Richards, and in 1902 Mr. Putnam located in Elmira to engage in practice. He also became manager of the Elmira Optometry Company, and in 1910 purchased the business, with which he was identified until 1921. It is now owned and managed by his son, Charles S. Putnam. The father is now interested in I. Putnam & Co., Inc., manufacturers of dental powders. The company was merged with Hart & Company in 1923. The business is located at 383-85 West Water Street. Mr. Putnam is a Socialist in politics, and belongs to Ivy Lodge, F. and A. M. No. 397, Corning Consistory, and Cashmere Grotto. To Mr. and Mrs. Putnam the following children were born: 1. Georgiana, married Harry L. Drake, lives at Elmira. 2. Emily P., married G. Leon Knapp, lives at Elmira. 3.

Ruth D., married Raymond Poley, lives at Elmira. 4. Israel, optometrist, lives at Sayre, Pennsylvania. He married Miss Ethel Dibble of Elmira. 5. Charles S., the subject of this sketch. 6. Dorothy, who died in 1923, was the wife of Clifford Brundage.

Charles S. Putnam acquired his early education in the public schools of Winsted, Connecticut, and he is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy. In 1920 he became a licensed optometrist in the State of New York, and continued in business with his father in this city until January 1, 1922, at which time he took complete charge of the establishment.

On May 22, 1918, Mr. Putnam enlisted for service in the World War and served in France as a private in the Three Hundred and Twelfth Engineers, Eighty-seventh Division. He was discharged July 25, 1919.

Mr. Putnam was married November 24, 1920, to Miss Catherine Dempsey, born at Elmira, May 12, 1895, the daughter of Dennis and Jennie (Leonard) Dempsey. Mr. Dempsey was born at Elmira and died in 1908. His widow was a native of Cohocton, and lives in Elmira. Mr. and Mrs. Putnam have two children: 1. Catherine Louise, born July 25, 1923. 2. Charles S., Jr., born November 12, 1925. Mrs. Putnam is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Meeker's Business College.

Mr. Putnam is a member of Ivy Lodge, No. 397, F. and A. M., and is president of the Elmira Lions Club. His wife is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

The Putnam family is directly descended from Gen. Israel Putnam, of Revolutionary War fame. John Putnam settled at Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1630.

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**Albert J. Mosher.**—Among Elmira's best known citizens is Albert J. Mosher, who is manager of the Elmira Herald Printing Company, at 117 Railroad Avenue. He was born at Webb Mills, Town of Southport, Chemung County, May 30, 1880, the son of George W. and Betsey (Atkins) Mosher.

George W. Mosher was born at Bentley Creek, Pennsylvania, and died in Webb Mills, November 13, 1889. His wife was a

native of Chemung, New York, and died March 26, 1923. Both are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Elmira. He was reared on a farm and throughout the greater part of his life owned and operated a farm in the Town of Southport, Chemung County. He was a Democrat and held numerous public offices. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Mosher: 1. Clara, married Jasper Handy, lives at Elmira. 2. Addie, who died in 1930, was the wife of Edward Hazen. 3. Mary, who died in 1906, was the wife of Seth Crippen. 4. Catherine, married Lyman Jenkins. He is deceased and she died on September 5, 1932. 5. Elizabeth, married George Farr, lives at Elmira. 6. Melissa, the widow of Edward McMillan, lives at Elmira. 7. George E., who is identified with the American Sales Book Company, Ltd. He married Miss Sarah Steiger, of Elmira. 8. Albert J., the subject of this sketch. 9. Dee R., unmarried, lives at Elmira. 10. Frank E., who was identified with the Elmira Herald Printing Company. He died June 24, 1932. He married Gertrude Traver, of Elmira.

Albert J. Mosher attended the public schools and as a young boy was identified with the Elmira Sunday Telegram as a carrier. He then learned the trade of printer in the employ of Snyder Brothers and spent several years as a printer throughout the middle west. He then returned to Elmira as a printer with Charles Harrison, afterward working on the Elmira Gazette for four years. He later served as foreman on the Elmira Evening Star, and became assistant foreman at the reorganization of the Elmira Star Gazette. Mr. Mosher's next business connection was as superintendent of the Elmira Herald Publishing Company, with which he was identified until 1920 when the paper was discontinued. He then located at Utica during the following year as superintendent of the Utica Globe-Telegram, and upon his return to Elmira in 1921 he assumed his present duties as manager of the Elmira Herald Printing Company.

On July 28, 1910, Mr. Mosher married Miss Katherine E. Geiger, of Elmira, born November 21, 1883. She is the daughter of Frederick and Louisa (Krentzer) Geiger. They were natives of

Germany and died in 1908 and 1929, respectively. Both are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Elmira. Mr. and Mrs. Mosher have no children.

Politically Mr. Mosher is a Democrat, and he has held the following offices: Alderman of the Eleventh Ward from 1916 until 1922; under-sheriff of Chemung County during 1923; and city assessor from 1926 until 1931. In 1925 he was also a candidate for county treasurer. He is a member of the German Evangelical Church, and belongs to Union Lodge, No. 95, F. and A. M.; B. P. O. Elks; Eagles Lodge; E. T. U. No. 19.

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**G. Russell Mix**, who is chief clerk in the offices of the Lehigh Valley Railroad at Elmira, has a wide acquaintance in the community. He was born at Newark Valley, Tioga County, October 28, 1899, the son of George Eugene and Anna (Brick) Mix.

George Eugene Mix has always lived at Newark Valley. He was a blacksmith by trade and since 1920 has conducted a hardware business, also being distributor of the International Harvester Company products. He is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to Newark Valley Lodge, F. and A. M.; Cortland Chapter; Corning Consistory; Kalurah Temple, Binghamton; B. P. O. Elks; Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Chemung County Farm Bureau and Grange. His wife is also a native of Newark Valley. Their only child is G. Russell, the subject of this sketch.

G. Russell Mix obtained his education in the public schools of Newark Valley, and after his graduation from high school entered the service of the Lehigh Valley Railroad as a student telegraph operator at Newark Valley. He was later transferred to Dryden as relief operator, and in October, 1917, came to Elmira as freight clerk. In January, 1920, he received his present appointment as chief clerk.

Mr. Mix is a Republican, and in January, 1932, was appointed police commissioner by Mayor W. Glenn Sweet. He also served as Republican committeeman representing the fourth ward and



fourth district in the city of Elmira for several years, and in 1931 was an unsuccessful candidate for alderman of the fourth ward, being defeated by fifty-five votes. This particular ward has not elected a Republican alderman since 1916.

Mr. Mix is a member of Lake Street Presbyterian Church. He is unmarried.

Eugene Mix, grandfather of G. Russell Mix, served throughout the Civil War.

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**Walter A. Harm**, who is secretary, treasurer and manager of the Community Coal Company, and treasurer of the Snow Shoe Water Company, is recognized as one of the progressive young business men of Elmira. He was born at Snow Shoe, Center County, Pennsylvania, January 23, 1898, the son of Oscar J. and Phoebe (Wells) Harm.

Oscar J. Harm is a native of Center County and his wife was born in Potter County, Pennsylvania. As a young man he entered the employ of T. B. Budinger, merchant, at Snow Shoe, and in 1910 he became a partner in the business. Five years later Mr. Harm became owner of the enterprise and until 1926 was associated with his sons. Mr. Harm has mining interests in Pennsylvania, being identified with the Gordon Heights Bituminous Coal Mine, at Snow Shoe. In 1913 he also opened mines at Grass Flats, Pennsylvania, and organized the Moravian Coal Company. Mr. Harm is a resident of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania. He is a Republican and served as burgess for several years. He is affiliated with Bellefonte Lodge F. & A. M., Williamsport Chapter and Consistory, Altoona Shrine, B. P. O. Elks, and Kiwanis Club. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Walter A. Harm acquired his early education in the public schools of Snowshoe, and attended Bucknell University for three years. In 1920 he received the degree of Bachelor of Science at Lehigh University. Throughout his high school and college career he spent his summer vacations in connection with his father's mining interests, and subsequently became assistant engineer for

the Lehigh Valley Coal Company at Snowshoe. After one year he was appointed superintendent of the Gonzales Coal Company at Karthaus, Pennsylvania, and served in the latter capacity until 1928. He then came to Elmira as secretary, treasurer and manager of the Community Coal Company. He has been identified with the Snowshoe Water Company as treasurer since 1917.

To Oscar J. and Phoebe (Wells) Harm were born three children: 1. Clair E., who died in 1926. He married Maud Metzger, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, who resides at Snowshoe. 2. Walter A., the subject of this sketch. 3. Marion Thelma, lives at home.

On October 26, 1927, Mr. Harm was united in marriage with Miss Esther Hafner, of Woolrich, Pennsylvania, born March 7, 1902. She is a graduate of Lock Haven State Normal School and was a kindergarten teacher at Bellefonte before her marriage. She is the daughter of John and Alice (Naval) Hafner. The former died in 1919 and the latter resides at Woolrich. Mr. and Mrs. Harm have a daughter, Pauline Fern, born March 28, 1931.

During the World War Mr. Harm enlisted for service in August, 1918, and at the armistice was stationed at Camp Moravia, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Harm is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to Jesse Cooley Lodge, No. 996, F. and A. M., B. P. O. Elks, Lions Club, American Legion, and the Association of Commerce.