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BOTTOMS TAKEN FROM HILL ON RIVER FARM OF JOHN L. JONES



BIG BONE SPRINGS



OHIO RIVER VIEW NEAR FARM OF LISTON HEMPLING

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BOONE CO. COURT HOUSE



BOONE COUNTY JAIL



HANGMANS TREE ON BURLINGTON FLORENCE PIKE



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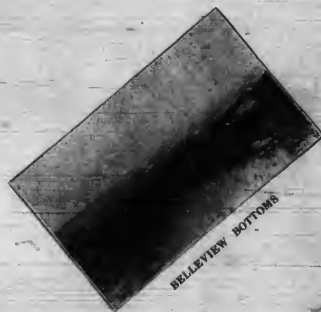
PETERSBURG BOTTOMS



NORTH BEND BOTTOMS



OLDEST HEADSTONE IN BURLINGTON CEMETERY, DATED 1818



BELLEVUE BOTTOMS



(TAKEN IN 1928)  
INTERIOR VIEW OF BOONE COUNTY RECORDER OFFICE  
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### Brief Sketch of

#### Boone County

By legislative enactment of Virginia, the county of Fincastle was dissolved Dec. 31, 1776. One part of it became on that date Kentucky County, Virginia, with bounds and limits as follows: "All that part there of which lies to the south and westward of a line beginning on the Ohio river at the mouth of Great Sandy Creek and running up the same and the main or northerly branch thereof to the great Laurel Ridge of Cumberland Mountains; thence south westerly along the said mountains to the line of North Carolina." It will be observed that the north and western limits are indefinitely named by the enactment.

In May 1790 Kentucky county was divided into two counties, neither of which were called Kentucky County so there this name dropped out of history for awhile. These were named Jefferson, Fayette and Lincoln. Boone County was formed eighteen years later in 1801 from Campbell County, that in turn was formed from Harrison, Scott and Mason Counties that were formed from Woodford County in 1782. Woodford County was formed from Fayette in 1788.

Boone County, the thirteenth in order, was organized in 1796, and Burlington, the county seat, was incorporated in 1824, it being then quite as large if not larger than the city of Cincinnati. The first authentic history relative to the new sewing of civilization in Boone County was in 1739 when a Frenchman named Languelet discovered Big Bone Lick, where wild animals congregated to lick the morass sediment of the great springs that flowed so prominently in Kentucky's history as being one of the chief supply points for salt, by the red men and the pioneers.

The first white woman to visit Kentucky (and Boone County) was Mrs. Mary Ingles, with Mrs. Draper, and her two little boys were captured by the Shawnee Indians in old Virginia, and were carried to the Salt Wells (Big Bone Lick). From here, by strategy, she escaped, and by living on grapes, herbs and bark she managed to get back to her old home being to traverse a trackless forest, not even daring to follow a trail for fear of snakes falling into the hands of the savages. One of the little boys died in captivity, the other after thirteen years' life with the Indians was ransomed by his father.

The first survey to be made in the county was the Big Bone Creek. This was made July 5, 1778, by Captain Thomas Bullitt. It was then also the discovery was made of the wonderfully well preserved bones of the mammoth and the mastodon, the places being traced back in the midline and pleistocene ages a lick, for these huge and now extinct animals at this place, the largest mastodon bones and tusks yet to be found, were unearthed, and now repose in the British Museum, London, England. One of the first permanent settlements made in the county was Petersburg, called "Tom Tannor's Station, named in honor of Rev. John Tannor, the first Baptist preacher to set foot on the soil of Boone County so far as history. In May, 1790, John Tannor, a boy of nine was made prisoner by the Indians, and in 1797 Edward, brother of John Tannor, was captured and escaped two days later, but through the Indians he learned news of his brother, whom it was afterward learned spent his life with the Indians, and in 1818 became an employee of the Government as an interpreter.

Daniel Boone, after whom the county was named, was among the first white men to have permanent citizenship in this section. His keen knowledge of the Indians, his unfeeling nature and

craftiness were self-installed arguments of his supremacy. The Big Bone Lick (Salt Springs) were instruments not to be overlooked by the frontiersman, for from the water salt could be distilled, a commodity that in those weird days was listed with life's luxuries on the border.

The large game that had been undisturbed for ages, save by Indian hunters, also knew the beneficencies of these springs as a lick, and to the intrepid Daniel Boone was an ideal place to kill such as he most desired.

Pass from the picture of the vast forest, teeming with wild game of every kind, the few log cabins at trading stations, Daniel Boone, playing a game of hide and seek with the Indians' wild chance of losing his scalp, to the tranquil scene of today, with the wonderful

the fine grade of white burley tobacco grown here is always sought for at fancy price on the markets.

#### Our Schools

The schools of Boone County are fully up to the standard of any common school district in the State. The buildings are in very good repair and every facility is employed—quite different from the old and rummy log school houses with wide fireplaces and slab seats, such as our forefathers had. Great credit is exercised in the selection of competent educators, thus the best possible result is obtained.

#### Churches

The churches of the county show the predominating and towering strength of the Christian faith of

novelist, John Uri Lloyd, The "Warwick of the Knobs," was inspired by the rich landscape views in the southern part of the county, and the silver brooks and creeks that sing sweet notes in their ripples to the lover of nature. Big Bone Spring, with its old-style hotel and waters known far and wide through their great curative power, is a place of great interest to the traveler.

A few miles from Burlington along the cliffs, again one comes in contact with ornate creation of diversified scenery. Here, too, is found sparkling springs, with waters pure and remarkably cold. The most admired of these springs is the great "Split Rock," set out seemingly without support, and from which gushes fresh cold water clear as crystal.

### Reminiscences Of Petersburg

By Edward Young Chapin  
The Recorder has asked me for some reminiscences of the Boone County I knew in the late seventies and the early eighties. It was a land of boundless plenty; of stalwart men—beating the harvest from fat acres of charming women, creating homes redolent of domestic joy.  
The villagers looked at this a little enviously. We ground the grain and set it to fermenting; and gathered a vapor from it that Bishop Cannon would not praise; but that had its attraction for the outer world. And we carried on the modest commerce that exchanged the products of the farm for the output of the loom, the factory and the foundry.

This latter occupation was carried on in towns where trade never passed; where there was abundant leisure for the exchange of gossip along with the exchange of commodities; where issues, local or national, found time for debate. These towns were the gathering places of the crossroads; and of audiences that hung upon their words.

I had been appetites for news. A favored few were asked to give a review after the "Water Witch" had brought it down on her first trip from Lawrenceburg. There were other papers published in Cincinnati in those days—the Commercial and the Gazette, but these were "radical" sheets, and found no readers in Petersburg, barring, perhaps, a "government officer" who was a frequent foreigner and did not count. We wouldn't have believed the news in the Gazette commercial even if we had read it.

The privileged readers of the Enquirer would transmit the printed text to their favored neighbors by word of mouth, beginning with those congregated on the town square, where they were permitted. It filtered through the town until early candle-lighting; and then it was taken up by the stores, where the mixed items collected around town and out in the country, for final discussion and determination, and discussions, local and national, were made and told. So public sentiment crystallized and became manifest.

The two churches were our principal gathering places. Each had a preaching once—sometimes twice—a month; with services conducted without a minister between. But if there was a secular gathering in the meantime, it was held at a church. Instructive-lecturers were heard there. I remember one, with picturesque looks and fervid rhetoric, who spoke on the battle of Gettysburg one night; on the same occasion, he spoke of never able to speak after that, although he remained in town a day or more, and the time does not seem distant until Boone County local sons of Bellai got him drunk and kept him so.

Don't imagine from this that we were a "set" or a "company" or that drunkenness was not frowned upon. Petersburg was among our first towns to take the advantage of the "local option" law, despite its distillery; and our local lodge of Sons of Temperance, with its virtuous body whose memory I revere.

Communication with the outside world was by boat—largely by our first amateur theater, that of Lawrenceburg and Aurora; there were no telephones and no radio then; but we were alert to what was going on; and we reacted to it as sensitively as you could react today. We had our concerts and our amateur theater. I remember when "The Lady of Lyons" was given at the Methodist Church, most ably supported by whiskey barrels—and we had our singing schools, when a teacher from the outside world would en-

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## Foreword

A great historian once very truthfully said that "history, in its strictest sense, is principally a matter of biography." It is largely upon this principal that this publication has been compiled. That this edition is incomplete is a self-evident and frankly admitted truth, simply because there are not enough biographies.

Referring to the statement of the historian, and in substantiating his theory, it is our claim that if all of the biographies of Boone county's men and women from the time of her organization until the present, were comprehensively chronicled one would have the most complete history possible to produce. The theory upon which this assertion is based is the incontrovertible fact that the men and their deeds make history.

The foundation of all civilization everyone must admit is the church. In Boone there are many; some more pretentious than others, but, nevertheless, all occupy and deserve their proper place in her history. This edition contains all of the church data that we could obtain. The invitation was openly extended thru our weekly publication for many weeks and what the reader finds here is presented with the statement that those not represented were omitted thru no fault of the publisher.

Admitting, as we do, that we consider this publication somewhat incomplete, yet we unhesitatingly contend that it contains information of vastness and value to both the present and the future generations. Sometime in the future, possibly not so distant, we expect to publish another edition similar to this one, thus supplementing our present effort with a second volume.

Relative to a general historical sketch of Boone County it would indeed be difficult to produce one more comprehensive, and, at the same time, as concise, as the one printed in the special edition published by the Recorder on August 19, 1903, just twenty-seven years ago. Due to the fact that there are a very, very few copies of that edition now in existence we are reproducing that sketch in other columns of this publication.

It will be interesting to the reader, after digesting the paragraphs captioned Farms, Schools, Churches, Courts, Fruit Growing, and Commercial Life, to note the vast changes that have transpired during the quarter of a century that has elapsed since that day in August, 1903. While it may seem a long period to many, yet it is comparatively a short time after all, those twenty seven years, and the changes that have taken place since then are so marvelous that they would have paralyzed the most vivid imagination of that age.

Farming, in its numerous diversified phases, is Boone county's life blood and it is of her farm and her farmers that her citizenship in its entirety is predominantly proud. When the supplementary volume of this edition is published the keynote of the publication will be Agriculture and Industry. In this volume we hope to exploit her principal resource, her farm lands, which are unexcelled for scenic beauty and for all practical purposes.

stride of progress as contrast. Indeed, it is a far cry and hard to comprehend. Yet to be appreciated.

Boone County today can pride herself as being one of the most foremost in the State where religious zeal, industry, and education work hand in hand to make happy homes and a contented people.

The farmers, with exception of few, are in excellent financial shape the per cent of indebtedness being quite small, and it is doubtful if there is another county in the State that can show as few mortgages recorded. This with the fact that Boone is one of the largest counties in the State speaks volumes for the prudence, sagacity and high standing of our husbandry.

The fine blue grass pastures make stock raising in this section one of the chief revenues.

Cereal raising and tobacco raising are the chief agricultural prod-

ucts. Nearly every community is represented with commanding church edifices, each being presided over by able and contented pastors, who work in harmony to advance the teaching of Christianity.

#### Towns

The county is represented with several towns of commercial strength. Burlington is the county seat, with some 500 population; Florence, Walton, Petersburg, Beaver Hash, Union, Hebron, Reber Lick, Verona, Hamilton, Normansville and Bellevue. Erlanger is the principal railroad station of the County. Burlington is this place identified with Boone County, that we enumerate her with our list.

#### Scenery

The picturesque scenery of Boone County is beautiful to the extreme. The pleasing story of the noted

#### Our Courts

Big courts in Boone County seem a thing of the past. The legal business is light inasmuch as litigation is concerned. Like all county seats a jail is in evidence, but as six months has elapsed since a prisoner has entered its doors, so little is this place of county property. Buildings that weeds have grown up high around the main entrance. The county officials, without exception, are gentlemen of the highest standing.

#### Fruit Growing

In the past few years particular attention has been given to fruit culture, and the reward has been an excellent return for the investment. Many orchards are being set out year by year, and the time does not seem distant until Boone County can in this line of commerce claim distinction.

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liven the winter, cloaking, in a blaze of glory, with a concert in the Spring.

Our farmer friends—produced our aristocracy—were blood-ed stock as well as grain. They were formidable contenders at the Fall fairs in northern Kentucky and southern Indiana. These were among the notable occasions of the year. My heart quickens now as I think of our own John Moody taking a fifteen minutes recess from his duties as ring-master at the Aurora fair to appear in the gentlemen's riding contest with a stern rigidity of deportment that overshadowed competition.

It was a wonderful life, lived in an environment where rugged hills and a gracefully curving river inspired delight that was enhanced by a soil so generous in its yield that our fields and gardens had to smile in spite of themselves; and the people who lived it were worthy of their inheritance. Can you wonder, then, that I shall always yearn to go back to it?

**Thomas Rouse**

By Emma Rouse Lloyd  
Thomas Rouse, the son of Boone County pioneers, by the name Nancy Zimmerman Rouse, who came to Boone County in 1805, was born on a farm near the present site of Hopeful Lutheran Church, August 20, 1816. Mr. Rouse was an outstanding figure in the civic affairs during the forties and fifties of the last century.

He attended a country school and when a half grown boy went to live near Florence with Joshua Zimmerman, an uncle, his mother's brother. While at the school in a general store—in Florence, owned by Dr. Menzies.

In 1837 when he reached his majority, he was appointed deputy Sheriff of Boone County.

In 1848-47, he was a member of the Kentucky House of Representatives.

In 1850-51, he was in the Kentucky Senate from Boone County.

He married Nancy Ann Henderson in 1856.

"Buffalo Hill," the home of Thomas Rouse, was named from the buffalo trail across the farm where the buffalo, after crossing the Ohio River from Indiana and Ohio, went to Big Bone for salt.

In early times a trapper built his cabin close by the trail on the farm in order that meat might come to his door. As a herd of buffalo was passing he was wounded a cow. A bull charged and killed him.

Buffalo Hill was located three miles west of Fairview, Boone County on the Big Bone Lick and Riddell's Run roads. The farm contained one hundred and thirty three acres. It was bought from L. L. Youell and wife, Frances, for \$1412.00, by deed dated March 18, 1853. Thomas Rouse sold this place to Hubbard T. Buckner, October 1st, 1863.

In the year 1841, Thomas Rouse rode horseback from Kentucky to Missouri, thence to the Kansas territory, looking for Albert Stephens, the son of one of the founders of Boone County, Kentucky. He found that Stephens had been driven off by squatters from the north to Iowa. In this search he came to a river where there was a military camp on the opposite shore and a scow ferry. He was met by an officer who asked his business. He replied that he was lost and was endeavoring to reach Missouri. This outpost was Fort Leavenworth. There were no settlers. The soldiers were given to quell the Indian war about sixty miles to the west.

Mr. Rouse crossed the Mississippi River in a skiff ferry, the horse swimming behind the boat. Then he went about ten miles into Missouri and stopped for the night at the home of a settler. Next morning his horse was gone. Following his tracks back to the river, every trace of him was lost. Another horse was sent to find Mr. Rouse continued on his journey. About two or three months later the lost horse arrived alone at his home in Kentucky.

About 1845, Thomas Rouse, with a spirit of adventure as well as to search for a better location than Kentucky for a home, made a horseback journey to the location

that is now Chicago.

He first reached old Fort Dearborn, arriving there in the early evening, but finding no opportunity for lodging for the night. He went about six miles farther on or thereabout, along the lake shore, there was a tavern where he could get accommodations. It was raining, everything was wet, but this was the best he could do. Accordingly he rode along the lake shore until he reached the location. The way-side tavern alluded to proved to be situated in a very

swampy prairie, the only way of reaching it being by means of a plank walk, the boards being laid singly, end to end. Reaching the frame building he knocked at the door which was opened by the land lord, to whom he applied for accommodations for the night. The reply was: "You can take the horse to the shed and feed it yourself. I can give you a blanket and you can sleep on the floor in the hall above." In addition he was served a late, coarse supper. The tavern was situated where now stands the city of Chicago.

In the morning, Mr. Rouse turned his horse, and toward Kentucky. On his arrival he stated he would not give his Boone County farm for the whole prairie with the lake thrown in. Land where Chicago now stands could have been bought at that time for a dollar an acre.

Thomas Rouse was a delegate from Boone County to the Presidential Convention held in Baltimore in 1844 when James K. Polk was nominated. With a party of friends he made the trip on horseback.

When Thomas Rouse was a young man he engaged during the winter months in running a flat boat from Cincinnati to Vicksburg or sometimes New Orleans. He would purchase the best Cincinnati and local flour with the staple products of that city, flour, prepared tobacco, hams and bacon slabs (the entire side of the hog). Whiskey was also an important item, there being a large demand for it among the southern planters.

However, Mr. Rouse did not depend on Cincinnati for all his stock of provisions. His home being in the Big Bone section of Kentucky, he was familiar with the northern part of the state where tobacco, whiskey and wheat were the principal products, so these articles were not all purchased in Cincinnati. After leaving whatever he wished to buy in the city he floated the boat to the mouth of Big Bone Creek where the load was completed with tobacco packed in casks, bacon, whiskey from the adjacent distilleries and flour from his home's old stone mill at the mouth of Big Bone. This was quite an active locality in those days. Mr. Norman, being the principal factor, gave his name to the town, which location still bears the name Normanville.

During one of his trips to Vicksburg, he contracted cholera which was then raging in this country. He was given up to die and in a letter written to his home it was stated that he was dead. This was printed as a fact in the Burlington Advertiser, January 20, 1849,

as follows:

"It becomes our painful duty this week to announce the death, by cholera, at Vicksburg, Miss., of two more of our estimable citizens, Thomas Rouse and Orlando H. Youell. Both cut out in the bloom of youth and from lives of promising usefulness, leaving many dear friends to mourn their untimely loss, sadly reminds us

"That in the midst of life we are in death! We know both these young men well—and we can truly say, as can every other person who has ever known any of them, we never knew them guilty of an improper action. Thos. Rouse had held several offices of public trust in the county, which he discharged well and faithfully. Winter before last, he was a member of the Legislature, where he commended himself so as to merit the approbation of all parties. Orlando Youell we can truly say, was most admired where best known; and his relations and friends will feel in his death an irreparable loss."

At the very time the print appeared, Mr. Rouse rode up to his home, quite recovered, in time to read his own death notice.

With the opening up of the South by the railroads and the changing of the crops to include more food stuffs, the freeing of slaves, the old-time methods disappeared—wiped out by what is known as the march of civilization.

One morning during the Civil War when the family of Thomas Rouse awoke, the room was full of Union soldiers, asleep on the floor, a big fire having been built for them in the fireplace. Mr. Rouse was a strong Southern sympathizer, but he could not turn away this small company of young men, some of his neighbors and friends, who came to his door in the middle of the night and asked for shelter from the zero weather.

His family consisted of five children who survived him: Emma (Mrs. John Uri Lloyd), Henderson, John T. Shell, D., and Annie (Mrs. Charles R. Bird).

In 1856 he moved to Grant County where he lived until his death, April, 1906.

**L. H. Voshell**

taken at Moores Hill College in Indiana and as a result of which he taught school in the winters for over thirty years, and occasionally a spring term, operating his farm during the summer months.

In 1877 he was united in marriage with Miss Liberty Stammer, one of the most popular girls from the Union community. She died in 1921 since when Mr. Voshell has lived with a niece of his wife.

Mrs. B. L. Norman, who with her husband makes him a happy home. Shortly after Mr. Voshell's marriage to Mrs. Voshell's niece, he was born on March 13th, 1792 their eldest son, Benjamin G., who married F. Grant Lewis on March 2, 1814 and they resided on the same tract of land until his death in 1827. (Formerly his widow married Professor John Elliot, who during the Civil War was President of a College in Mississippi.)

To Benjamin Willis and wife were born four sons and one daughter, the youngest son James D. was born November 11, 1828, and married Virginia B. Arnold, daughter of James Arnold of Covington, Ky., July 29th, 1848, to whom were born two daughters and three sons. James D.'s eldest son, Thomas G. Willis was born on March 21st, 1857, on a farm near Ball Bluff church, now owned by Milton Green. He married Fannie Dills, only child of Lewis H. and Elizabeth Green Hills on June 21st, 1876. They resided the most of their married life on a farm near what has been Gainesville, later Tranger, and is now Idlewild. This family unit was the possession of their children. To them six children were born, three of which are now deceased. His wife, wife of Edgar Edwitt Jones, D. of Detroit, Mich.; Fannie B. of Boone County and the Idlewild home- stead.

**MRS. L. H. VOSHELL**

riage the newlyweds moved to Sparta, Indiana, living there from 1877 to 1889 when he removed to Union's present home. He is the only survivor from eleven children in the county having joined the Burlington College in 1868, of which he is a Past Master. He says his religion The Golden Rule. He twice was elected to the office of County Superintendent of school serving from 1884 to 1887 with education until one of his greatest hobbies.

**Miss Eunice Belle Willis**

BURLINGTON, KY.

Eunice Belle Willis was the daughter of Thomas G. and Eunice D. Willis and was born on the farm near Idlewild October 29, 1891. She attended private school in her girlhood at Bullsville and Petersburg, finishing her education at Hamilton College. She then came home, residing there as companion to her mother whom she greatly loved.

In 1921 she decided to take up nursing as a profession, and entered the nursing department of the Hospital in Cincinnati where she was graduated as a registered nurse in 1924. She then took a post-graduate course in public health at the Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, completing this course of study she accepted the position of Red Cross county nurse in 1925. At the time she started this work a great many people in Boone County were unaware of the opportunity presenting itself for work of this kind. During these five years, however, Miss Willis has consolidated the county in regards to the Red Cross and the many activities of public health work.

Miss Willis has attained real prominence in her profession, and is looked upon by all sections of the county as a woman doing the same good work in adjoining states. At every convention of health nurses in all sections of the county that Miss Willis has attended she is invariably called upon to describe her experience of work done in Boone County. Her love for this work is known by every man, woman and child in Boone County, and to the less fortunate members of these communities who are a certain ministering angel. Below is a brief account of just one of her many trips that she has made in a leading medical journal.

The life of a Red Cross nurse has its drawbacks and tribulations. However, Miss Willis, the Boone County nurse, ever ready to do the less fortunate members of the community. On a November day of last year, the time the Methodist bazaar and the county high school play as an added attraction at the local school, Miss Willis was called from all this measure to the home of an unfortunate woman in the Verona section.

Miss Willis could go but partly in her car and was then forced

to drive several miles in a wagon through the cold and sleet until she arrived at the home of the unfortunate woman she was to visit. There was little of Thanksgiving for Miss Willis that year, but she was certainly thankful for a ministering angel like our county Red Cross nurse, Miss Eunice Belle Willis.

**Willis Family**

William Willis and wife, whose maiden name was Garnett, came from Virginia to Boone County late in the 18th century and located on a tract of land, which took in practically all of the territory lying between what is now Petersburg and Bellevue or Grant. He was of Scotch-Irish descent. William Willis and his wife lived together 72 years of married life and he often stated that he had "never whipped her."

To them in their Kentucky home was born on March 13th, 1792 their eldest son, Benjamin G., who married F. Grant Lewis on March 2, 1814 and they resided on the same tract of land until his death in 1827. (Formerly his widow married Professor John Elliot, who during the Civil War was President of a College in Mississippi.)

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"Tom Willis" was one of Boone

**MISS EUNICE BELLE WILLIS**

County's most popular citizens. He served the county as assessor two terms. He loved people, was a pious reader, and a most enterprising laborer.

When the National Red Cross considered putting on a Nursing Service in Boone Co. the local Red Cross personnel hesitated over the outcome of its acceptance, until the National Representative mentioned the fact that they hoped to obtain Eunice B. Willis for the position, whereupon M. Mabel T. Sayre, county chapter of the Red Cross, loyal supporters, exclaimed, "well, if you can secure the daughter of Tom Willis, you will succeed, she can ride on her father's popularity until her own worth is established."

**Lebanon Presbyterian Church**

The available data on the Lebanon Presbyterian Church is limited. However, it will be interesting to note that it is the oldest church in the county, that denomination in Northern Kentucky.

The church building is located in Grant County about half way between Crittwell and Verona on the pike. The church is more than 100 years old and is still doing good work. It was founded under the guidance of Rev. W. T. Spears, of Walton, the present pastor.



**Prof. John Uri Lloyd**  
CINCINNATI, O.

It is difficult, indeed, well nigh impossible for this writer to express the deep appreciation for the privilege of the all too few meetings with John Uri Lloyd. His magnetic personality and his unconcealedness long after departure from his pleasant office, conveniently located in the well-labored laboratories on an upper floor in the building housing Lloyd Brothers Pharmacists Inc. of which he is president.

Voluntarily could be written around the life of Mr. Lloyd, beginning with his boyhood days in Boone County, Kentucky, continuing through the achievements of his mature years that are known throughout the country. Lack of space in this edition will not permit us to relate the details of the fullness of these later years. Other prints give the record of what he has accomplished in his chosen profession of research in plant chemistry.

John Uri Lloyd was born at West Bloomfield, N. Y., on the nineteenth of April, 1829, the eldest son of Nelson Marvin and Sophia Webster Lloyd. At the age of five his parents came to Kentucky, locating first at Harlington where the town was making a survey for a railroad to be lined from Cincinnati to Louisville. For some reason not now known, the railroad failed to materialize and the family moved to Petersburg, in 1834, returning to Petersburg to be located in Florence where Mr. Lloyd spent the most of his boyhood days and later the town famous with his book on folklore, "Stringtown on the Pike."

This moving about was occasioned by the fact that his parents taught school in these places, changing as better opportunities offered. The father taught the older children, the mother the younger. Both the parents of Mr. Lloyd were well educated and had been prominent in New York state before coming to Kentucky.

John Uri Lloyd's first teacher was his mother. Fortunately she was most capable, for as a child his health was not the best, being frail from asthma. There is no doubt, however, that his regular attendance at the short term public schools then available.

For a short time thereafter he did attend a school at Petersburg, taught by a man named Holton, who was studying the Bible in the Christian Church. This student of the Bible required each pupil to recite a verse from Proverbs every morning, which, according to Mr. Lloyd, the beginning of his (Mr. Lloyd's) interest in the Bible and his habit of reading from it which has continued to the present time. His third and last teacher was his mother, throughout his boyhood he received much private instruction from his parents.

Mr. Lloyd's aptitude for Chemistry was manifested early in life and encouraged by his parents. He can not recall even from the earliest years but one time that he determined to be anything except a chemist. That instance was when a small boy he had cherished a secret ambition to become a trapper in the far west doubtless inspired by tales of Davy Crockett, Jim Kenion and other hardy rangers who had moved on when Kentucky became "overcrowded."

The boy loved the country, especially the woods, taking great pleasure in roaming through them accompanied only by his dog Turk, a stray pup that he managed to keep and which became his close companion. Turk apparently was anything but a dog, he would lie by his side and be devoted to the little master by whom he was greatly beloved. One of the saddest blows for a boy is the loss of his dog and this came about when John Uri had become an apprentice in pharmacy at Cincinnati. No more time was heavy for Turk after his master left him, or perhaps he started going in his company that led him astray for circumstantial evidence indicated that he was impaled in sheep killing. No other older folks there was but one punishment for such mischief, as his master was sealed, but the boy himself put the bullet through the head, preferring to do it rather than risk another not killing him instantly.

In his younger days in Boone County, Mr. Lloyd spent many hours in hunting and fishing. He was quite an expert with a gun,

using a rifle for hunting squirrels and a shot gun for partridge. The pool at the foot of the bluff back of old Gunpowder Creek Baptist Church was a favorite place for fishing during the time he lived in Florence. Many happy days the barefoot boy spent there with his fishing pole. He has recently purchased this spot of ground with the intention of beautifying the church surroundings.

While living in Petersburg, he became close companion to Billy

a process so revolutionary and far-reaching that it necessarily takes its place among the important business secrets of the nation. That it is but one example of his ever busy life.

In 1843 when he went to Cincinnati, an attic room in a cheap boarding house on East Third Street was his residence during the first year. Later he went to live with Mr. Gordon's head prescription clerk, Mr. Riefmarder. Every third Sunday he was allowed a day off for the purpose of visiting his mother in Petersburg. He was permitted to leave the store on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock and usually walked the ten miles to his home in Petersburg. Very often he walked back again Monday morning in time for business, sometimes carrying a carpet bag full of clothes which were washed and mended at home.

In one of his autobiographical sketches, Mr. Lloyd says, "Most exacting was Mr. Gordon, and Mr. Riefmarder was no less so. No spare pains in much pleasure in the rudiments of pharmacy but sometimes I felt that my duties such as erasing the floors and washing the windows were far from the drug business. My work was hard but I made no complaint, and at the end of my first six months was highly elated when my salary was raised to three dollars per week instead of the two. This writer wonders what would have been the thoughts of the part-torn-out boy had he been able to look into the future and see the success and worldly position that was to be his in the years to come.

During the next two years he studied the dispensary record of the store each night on completion of this rigorous course was given a certificate of proficiency. At this time he was employed at Egger's Pharmacy, was employed at himself the second time to learn the German prescription business. The young apprentice attended lectures at the Ohio Medical College and afterwards took a course in Anatomy at the Miami Medical College.

In 1847, after completing his second apprenticeship, Lloyd searched in vain for an opening in the drug business, so he took a position as Podman in a Kentucky railway surveying business. The following year he again entered the employ of the Gordon Pharmacy as a prescription clerk, where the younger brother, Nelson Ashley Lloyd, was just beginning his training.

It is interesting to note that at this time Mr. Lloyd was earning a salary of six dollars a week, gradually being raised to ten dollars per week which seemed to him a very lucrative return considering the fact that all this time he had been learning a professional business in which he proposed to spend his life. He took no little pride in the fact that from the little his salary was only six dollars per week, he was counting his four years' apprenticeship as clerk and now free teen years. In 1851 Professor Lloyd accepted the position of Chemist with H. M. Merrill & Co., in order to make a systematic study of the eclectic materia medica.

Professor Lloyd passed an examination at the Cincinnati Pharmacy Board, the first established in Ohio, and attended the first meeting of the Ohio Pharmaceutical Association, called for the purpose of forming a State society. During all the years that have passed since that time has never failed to renew his certificate and is today a licensed Ohio Pharmacist. He has been a member of the Society of Learning the pharmacy business. The thoroughness of his training and the exacting methods of his preceptors were the foundation for the unique success of his present business.

In 1878, Dr. Lloyd was made a professor in the Eclectic School of Medicine in the Eclectic College of which he was president from 1886 to 1904. He also held a professorship in the Cincinnati College of Pharmacy from 1880 to 1887. He has been associate editor of the Pharmaceutical Review, Eclectic Medical Journal and Eclectic Medical Gleaner. His scientific works are widely known and are his books on folk-lore and legends of northern Kentucky, "Etidiorpha," "Stringtown on the Pike," "Red Head," "The Right Side of the Car," "Warwick of the Knobs," etc., are all worthy of a place on

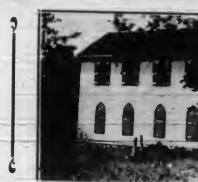
the shelves of "peasant, priest or king."

He was a founder and is president of the Lloyd Library and Museum, a past president of the American Pharmaceutical Association. He is a member of the American Chemical Society, the National Eclectic Medical Association, Ohio Pharmaceutical Association, Auburn Club, New York; Franklin Inn and Franklin Institute, Philadelphia; one of the American Revolution, Society of Colonial Wars, Royal Society of Arts (England), Societe Academiqne d'histoire, International Academy of Medicine (honorary). Four times he was awarded medals by the American Pharmaceutical Association, also receiving the Kemington Honor medal in 1920 for research work in colloid chemistry.

Even though honored thus because of his accomplishments there is nothing dearer to John Uri Lloyd than the County and people of Boone. He and Mrs. Lloyd have many pains in much pleasure in driving through the different communities, feeling it to be "home ground," regardless of the fact that they are unrecognized by most of the people they meet. The older residents will continue, as in the past, to consider Mr. Lloyd a best friend to Boone County, shown by his willingness to do much, without seeking applause for his hundreds of kind and philanthropic deeds.

**Big Bone Methodist Church**

The Big Bone Methodist Episcopal Church, South, located at Big Bone Springs, Boone County, Kentucky, was organized in 1837. Rev. George Froh came to Big Bone in 1837. He preached in an



Big Bone Methodist Church

old bar room and organized a church and built the present building in 1848. Brother Froh came to America from Germany. He served throughout the Civil War. After the War he prepared himself for the ministry and served his church for nearly forty-five years. The present membership numbers about thirty. The oldest member is Mr. John L. Jones, Sr. He has been officially connected with the church from its beginning, hauling the first load of stone for the foundation.

Big Bone Church has always been on the Hughes Chapel Circuit. A list of the preachers serving this church has been given above (Hughes Chapel). The present pastor is Orin M. Simmerman, who lives in the parsonage located at Beaver Lick, Kentucky.

**Hughes Chapel Church**

The Hughes Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church, South, located at Beaver Lick, Ky., was organized in 1843 by Geo. Burlington, a local preacher. The first building was a grange hall purchased from

the grangers by J. C. Hughes, Sr. Several of the early members came from the Mt. Zion Methodist Church. The old church was the



HUGHES CHAPEL CHURCH

building was erected. The present pastor is Rev. F. E. Walker and the present membership is 220.

scene of many revivals.

The present building was built by Rev. George Froh in memory of Joseph C. Hughes, Sr. and dedicated by Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh in August, 1883. The parsonage was built about 1900.

Hughes Chapel was first put on the Petersburg circuit, then changed to the Walton circuit and finally was put with Big Bone and called Hughes Chapel circuit.

This circuit has been served by such men as George Hoffman, T. W. Barker, George Prentiss, Heber Wightman, Edward Mann, N. Hall, D. B. Cooper, C. S. Crielwell, A. Tague, O. S. Duvall, Harry Mills, C. P. Pilow, James M. Baker, J. W. Parish.

The present pastor is Orin M. Simmerman, a native Tuscarawas County, Ohio, feeling the call

**BURLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH**

This circuit has been served by such men as George Hoffman, T. W. Barker, George Prentiss, Heber Wightman, Edward Mann, N. Hall, D. B. Cooper, C. S. Crielwell, A. Tague, O. S. Duvall, Harry Mills, C. P. Pilow, James M. Baker, J. W. Parish.



Burlington Baptist Church

to preach he moved to Kentucky in 1924 and spent five years in preparatory work at Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky. His wife was formerly Miss Pearl Ford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ford of Guernsey County, Ohio. They have five children and live in the parsonage at Beaver Lick, Kentucky.

**Burlington Baptist Church**

The Burlington Baptist Church was organized December 18, 1842. The first pastor was known as "Elder" Robert Kirley and preached for this church for several years. He was followed by "Elder" Robert Kirley and preached for this church for 27 years.

Others who have pastored this church were Vardiman, Dickert, Carney, Fillmore, Utz, Hooyman, Sproles, Skillman, Elder, Wayman, Sproles, Willis, Adams, Campbell, Demosiey, Stith, Wood, Estess and Walker.

The first church house was built in 1843, and remained until the year 1892, when the present

**PROF. JOHN URI LLOYD.**

Bradley, a boy older than himself, whose father was the ferryman and naturally most of their time was pleasantly occupied on the river and along the banks of the Ohio. This youth later became Lloyd's boyhood hero when he went to the army of the Confederacy, serving under Morgan and was killed in action near Mt. Sterling in 1864.

In 1878 John Uri Lloyd married Adeline Wexler of Cincinnati, who died ten days later on January 1, 1877. Three and a half years later he was married to Emma Rouse on the tenth day of June, 1880. She was a Boone County girl, a daughter of an illustrious family. Her father's biography appears elsewhere in this edition. They are three children by this marriage.

**MRS. J. U. LLOYD**  
(NEE EMMA ROUSE)

John Thomas, who is associated with his father in business; Annie, who married Dr. O. C. Welbourn of Los Angeles, Calif., and Dorothy, the wife of James Brett, Jr. of Cincinnati. They have eight grandchildren, three daughters, John Thomas, a son and a daughter of Annie, and three daughters of Dorothy.

With the consent of his parents on reaching the age of fourteen, he was rarely through before nine or ten o'clock at night. Today he is President of Lloyd Brothers Pharmacists Inc., with standing second to none among manufacturers in this line.

In a late issue of the New York Times, the largest magazine in his age had this to say about Professor Lloyd, who established the first industry a marvelous apparatus of his own invention. "We submitted the problem to Professor John Uri Lloyd, a leading authority on botanical chemistry. He spent months in painstaking research—experimenting, testing, rejecting—until at last he discovered

**Judge N. E. Riddell**  
BURLINGTON, KY.

This writer is able to give a very clear history of the ancestry of Judge N. E. Riddell of Burlington to the fact that a most concise and accurate history of his family and all its branches, published in book form in 1884. In a preface, the author of this book relates in detail the lineage of the early ancestors in England and Scotland showing that by two or more alliances with the royal family of England, the blood of those forefathers was fused with every monarch that had sat upon the

**Boone County Womans Club** - Charles Ernest McNeely

The Boone County Women's Club was organized in 1926 with eight members. The interest has increased and there are now twenty-five enrolled. Our club boasts of some very unusual musical talent, both local and instrumental. We have dramatic readers, writers and some amateur poets. We are proud of our many numbers our Public Health Nurse.

The club creates a feeling of good will and fellowship and is also instructive. We have lost by death one of our best loved members, Mrs. Laura Batts. Those now enrolled are:

- Mrs. Elisa Voshell, Mrs. Gene Green, Mrs. Susie Walton, Miss Unice Willis, Miss Pearl Batts, Mrs. Lula Hudson, Mrs. Ava Lou Walton, Mrs. Missouri Rice, Mrs. Beatrice Hovey, Mrs. Ida Easton, Mrs. Catherine Easton, Mrs. Lillian Goodrich, Mrs. Stella Berkshire, Miss Kathryn Maurer, Mrs. Josie Maurer, Mrs. Annie Cason, Mrs. Loulah Walton, Mrs. Pearl Hughes, Mrs. Clara Seebree, Mrs. Neva Seebree, Mrs. Lolla Huey, Mrs. Mary Mitchell Hoarin, Mrs. Josie Cason, Mrs. Shell and daughter.

**JUDGE N. E. RIDDELL**

throse since King John. Naturally, members of this family rose to distinction and of course many of them saw service in all the branches of the army and navy. The first of the Riddell ancestors were among the Normans who came to England with William the Conqueror, their name being spelled originally Ridel, and those earlier forefathers were of French descent. These Norman ancestors established families in all the counties as early as the twelfth century.

According to the book, from which this information was obtained, the first authentic and complete record of the immediate ancestors of Judge Riddell we find that James Riddell was born in Scotland, coming to Virginia at an early date settling in Orange County where he became a wealthy planter and slave owner. The wife's name was Mary (there is no record of her maiden name) and she came from Scotland with her husband. The names of children of this ancestor are not definitely known and only one of his descendants could tell his name and that of his wife. His birth must have been as early as 1700 or 1705. James Riddell died on his farm in Orange County at an advanced age.

The next in this line is William Riddell, a son of James who was born in Orange County, Virginia, the event taking place about 1725. This man mentions only seven children in his will, a complete copy of that will appearing in the book this writer uses as reference. A peculiar part of this will is the fact that he divided his vast estates into three parts, giving each of his first three sons an equal share, leaving very little to the other children with the exception of a negro slave to each.

William Riddell, the great great grandfather of Judge Riddell came for one third of this estate. The great grandfather of Judge Riddell also named William after his father, and this William was born in Orange County, Virginia, on July 16, 1764. He was married to Joicy Neal, a lady of Irish descent who was born in the year of 1776. This couple had thirteen children. There is a coincidence here as Mrs. Joicy Neal Riddell was born the year the Declaration of Independence was signed and had just as many children as there were original colonies in this country. An ancestor of Judge Riddell was the first to settle in Boone County, coming here about 1800 and establishing himself as a man of wealth and prominence. He died September 7, 1816 and his widow May 23, 1836.

John Riddell, the eighth son of William, was the grandfather of Judge Riddell. He was born in Boone County on May 17, 1804. He married Florencia McKay October 29, 1820. They had five children. John Riddell spent practically his entire life in Boone County. He died in 1882 and his widow died January 19, 1873.

Fountain Riddell, the third son of John and the father of Judge Riddell, was born in Boone County, Ky., January 9, 1833. He was married to Louisa, daughter of Nathaniel E. and Anna Bradford Hawes of Virginia March 10, 1870. Fountain Riddell was an attorney at law in Burlington for many years. He was educated at the Morgan Academy, taught school about one year and then commenced

to study law. He was the representative to the State Legislature in the session 1861 and 1862 a time that tried many souls—and never was a candidate for political office. He was a Democrat in politics. Fountain Riddell had four children: John and Mary, both died in infancy, and Nathaniel E. the subject of this biography, and Nathaniel E. was of A. B. Beckner of Burlington.

Nathaniel E. Riddell was born in Burlington on July 7, 1861, and spent his early days in this community and attending the Morgan Academy for his elementary education. He attended the Cincinnati Law School, now part of the University of Cincinnati, from which he graduated with the L. L. D. degree. Upon graduation he became associated with Judge John M. Lassing with whom he practiced law for several years.

In 1900 he was elected County Attorney in a hot race against D. E. Castleman. He held this office until 1920 when upon the death of Judge Cason he was appointed County Judge to fill his unexpired term. He was elected without opposition in the next election and has held that office since that time.

At the close of his present term as County Judge he completes twenty-eight years in public office. During this time Judge Riddell has made countless friends and hardly a day passes but what one or more persons seek his advice on insurance matters ranging from personal affairs to that of county business. He also operates his own insurance business and writes all forms of insurance except life insurance.

He was president of the Boone County Deposit Bank for about fifteen years as was his father before him, giving up this office about three years ago when this bank was merged with the Peoples Bank. On Monday, June 2, 1930 Judge Riddell was again elected president by the directors of the Peoples Bank in place of the late, unexpired term caused by the death of C. H. Yoell.

For a number of years Judge Riddell owned and operated the Boone County Recorder, first selling a half interest and then the balance to the present publisher, E. E. Berkshire. He is secretary of Masonic Lodge No. 264 at Burlington for twenty years. He is also a member of the K. of P.

Judge Riddell has few hobbies, probably getting the greatest recreation from driving an automobile and obtaining first-hand information as to how it runs.

On June 6, 1900 Judge Riddell was united in marriage with Katie Huey, daughter of William and Virginia Garney, both of whose estates were on both sides of a free old Kentucky family. Mrs. Riddell is a life-long member of the Baptist Church. They have no children.

When Judge Riddell entered his present office as County Attorney 24 years ago there was a free turnpike in this county. At the present time there is not a toll gate left. There have been many miles of pike constructed and turned over to the state, thirty miles of which have been built. This county has two hundred fifty miles

**Citizens Deposit Bank**  
GRANT, KY.

While there are older banks in the county with larger capital stock there is none greater in proportion than the Citizens Deposit Bank, the largest located in one of the Ohio river towns in Boone County, the Post Office being called Grant.

The Citizens Deposit Bank was organized to fill the need for an institution of that kind in town on the west bank of the river. Its members were either across the river, or at Petersburg or Burlington. With the roads in those days so hard for travel at certain seasons it was felt that, and the later successes of the bank have justified that feeling, a deposit bank could and should be established for the good of the whole community.

The new bank opened for business on the fifth of April 1909 with headquarters in a frame building which though hardly a thing of beauty, was adequate for all purposes and eliminated the necessity of spending any of the capital stock at the start for a banking house. The initial stock was sold to the amount of \$150,000 and remains the same today though more will be laid later about the increase in business.

The first president was James Rogers with R. O. Kyle Vice President, the latter being still on the board of directors. The first Cashier was Forrest Brown with the following directors: J. W. Wooten, W. B. Arnold, R. B. Brown, M. J. Corbin, James Sullivan and Al Rogers.

The deposits on opening day totaled \$2,706.25 which has since increased to over \$200,000 on deposit this morning. This huge increase has been effected since the advent into office of the present Cashier, March 1, 1931. The deposits total about \$300,000.

At the present time the Citizens Deposit Bank has a surplus of \$15,000, plus the amount of capital stock and in addition a total of \$11,000 as undivided profits. It is certainly a most healthy condition for any bank anywhere, especially when it is understood that for a number of years past the bank has paid a six percent semi annual dividend to the

Seldom is found a youngster so devoid of learning a business man as to spring the fact that it is just what Mr. McNeely did during the year of 1912, when he was associated with the Citizens Deposit Bank to learn the rudiments of the modern banking house.

In 1913 he was elected Cashier of the Citizens Deposit Bank, taking charge on the second day of May. His honesty of character has been a big factor in the success of that institution. The deposits alone have increased 800% since he took hold. He has been constantly in this executive capacity except one year when he was in the hospital because of ill health.

During the World War he was instrumental in over-selling the bank's quota in both Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps to the total of over \$75,000.00. He is the possessor of a citation from the Federal Reserve Bank for this wonderful work in behalf of our Government.

His hobbies are fishing, croquet and checkers, and he is a proficient in all of these sports. Mr. McNeely has been a member of the Baptist Church for twenty years and a member of the O. E. O. F., A. L. N. E. Chapter No. 13, Grant, Ky. He has been Noble Grand two or three times and secretary of the lodge for several years. Mr. McNeely has lived all his life in Boone County except the five years in Gallatin and Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and his community, county and state could be found that the object of this short sketch was to inadequately describe his history.

of country road which is passable at all times of the year.

While not alone in making these vast improvements it was through his foresight, energy and activities by which they were obtained. Another much needed improvement during his term of office was the building of the new jail in 1928 and the installation of modern heating in the court house building in both the infirmary and court house. As probate judge, Mr. McNeely has many cases and has a large criminal jurisdiction by reason of his office. There is still a man in the county on whom the people look with greater respect than Judge Riddell, and his confidence has never been betrayed.

**Albert Conner**  
BURLINGTON, KY.

It falls to the lot of some individuals to have the magnetism and personality necessary to make and keep hundreds of friends. In Burlington we find such a man in the person of Lewis Albert Conner who has spent practically his whole life in this county where he was born and reared.

His parents, Owen Perry, born March 11, 1819, and Adm. Alice Carpenter Conner, born May 29, 1821, resided on a farm on the

East Bend Rd. four miles from Burlington and that was where Albert Conner was born, May 20, 1875. He was the only son and youngest child of this couple, the other children being, Annie, Eva and Corry who are all living. His parents are both dead, the father having died Sept. 18, 1908, and the mother, March 6, 1921.

In his younger days Albert attended the Locust Grove private school and took up farming with hundreds of farmers each one of whom are quick and willing to verify the honesty of all his dealings. During the year of 1907 he handled Galvaco for the Pood organization, then active.

From 1914 to 1921 he was stockholder, director and active in the work of the warehouse at Walton. Mr. Conner was elected a member of the school board and directed the present high school building at Burlington.

An interesting sidelight in connection with the above is—  
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this short history comes the personal of the present officers and directors. The stockholders choose the directors and they in turn elect the officers. It is the duty of the directors to permit the history of these individuals, however many will be found elsewhere in this issue, but the affairs and condition of the bank is ample as well as positive proof that no better men could have been selected to serve.

The president of the Citizens Deposit Bank is W. B. Rogers, a son of the first president and he has held this office since 1923. The vice president is Henry Clore, who has officiated since 1924 in this capacity. Besides these gentlemen the board consists of the following public spirited and successful residents: R. O. Kyle, John J.

**CITIZENS DEPOSIT BANK**

stockholders, which it still continues to do.

During the year of 1927 it was decided to build a new home for the bank, which was done, and when completed revealed any building of its kind in the county. Being a decided improvement over the previous building as well as a great asset to the town. The building alone is valued at \$65,000.00, that being the cost. However, few people would ever guess that it could be constructed for less than ten thousand dollars. It is of brick structure, with ample windows making the interior as light as out of doors. The first

**INTERIOR CITIZENS DEPOSIT BANK**

tures are of quartered oak and most substantial looking. A fine arrangement of electric wiring and plumbing has been erected in the interior.

To protect and secure the books and monies of the bank, one of the latest Victor screw door burglar proof safes was installed which has a double arrangement for locking. One of the regular combination and the other a time lock that can be set to suit the convenience of those in charge.

Last but by no means least has been Mr. McNeely's right hand man since 1924.

Maurer, John W. Rogers, J. D. McNeely, N. E. Riddell, W. G. Kite and R. S. Hensley.

The cashier is C. E. McNeely who has held that position with honor and business integrity for sixteen years except during an illness when his place was taken by A. R. Bagdikian. He has the respect and confidence with all whom he comes in contact. The assistant cashier is John E. Clore, a worthy citizen and resident of this county who has been Mr. McNeely's right hand man since 1924.

**Grover C. Ransom**

The history of G. C. Ransom of Verona is that of a young man who left his own county to seek work elsewhere, who rose high in his profession at that place and through force of circumstance returned home and took up an honorable place among his neighbors in his home community.

Mr. Ransom is a descendent from an old Kentucky family that moved from Virginia in the early part of the new century following the close of the Revolutionary War. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Ransom are both dead. He was born Sept. 14, 1864 on his father's farm near Verona and here he received his local school training. When still a young man Mr. Ransom went to Chattanooga, Tennessee, entered the postal service

**John L. Jones**  
Florence

**JOHN L. JONES**

The search light of public opinion is focused upon the life of John L. Jones and reveals a self-made man of the highest character who as a poor orphan boy came back to Kentucky, the home of his forefathers, and through their grit and determination honestly forged his way to the top, earning the love, respect and confidence of all with whom he has come in contact. He is dependent on both sides, of old pioneer Kentucky stock which is perhaps one reason for his achievements that came to him only with the hardest endeavor.

For years Mr. Jones has been an extensive operator of hundreds of acres of Boone County land, reaching just one year ago to a beautiful and cozy new bungalow located in the town of Florence. The immediate supervision of the home place, "River View Farm" is left in the capable hands of his young son, John L. Jr., though the greatest pleasure of Mr. Jones is the time spent in looking over that beautiful spot where he lived so many happy years.

To give a brief description of the Kentucky ancestors of Mr. Jones the writer takes you back nearly to the birth of this country for it was about that time when the great grand-

**Union Baptist Church**

Union Baptist Church, a branch of the Big Bone Church, was organized in 1866 with thirty-five members. Mr. and Mrs. James A. Huey and Mrs. Annie Bristol being the remaining members of that number. Lafayette Johnson served acceptably for several years as the first pastor, followed by Dr. Sam Adams, Durston on November 12, 1848, and Rev. Victor Stephenson, a man of deep consecration, is now occupying the pastorate and serving as pastor of the church.

**UNION BAPTIST CHURCH**

that family moved on to the wilder and less thickly settled portions of the far west of those days. What now is Adair County, Missouri, was then stopping point and these hardy frontiersmen were the original builders of that territory. The maternal great grandfather Mr. Jones, Johnny Kane, left Kentucky with Daniel Boone and George Kane, the son of this ancestor, was the first white child born in Adair County, Mo. Jesse Jones, the paternal grandfather emigrated to Missouri shortly after leaving a family and whose descendants still remain with the exception of the subject of this biography.

Mr. Jones was born in Adair County, Missouri, on September 17

**Dr. L. C. Cowen**  
Rising Sun, Ind.

**DR. L. C. COWEN**

Through away from Boone County nearly thirty years Dr. Lewis C. Cowen will always retain the happy memories of his younger days spent in the midst of his hundreds of friends in this section.

Dr. Cowen was born in Burlington, Ind., on October 12, 1848, the son of Samuel and Marie A. Cowen of that place. On the 18th day of October, 1877, he was united in marriage with Jennie Hastings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hastings, East Bend, Ky. Mrs. Cowen passed away in December, 1928, and the couple were childless.

Dr. Cowen received his elementary education in the available public schools in Burlington, receiving his advanced education at Ohio Medical College from which he graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1874. His medical education was added to by post-graduate courses taken at various times in Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York. He practiced his profession in Boone County for 27 years, moving to Rising Sun, where he now resides, twenty-nine years ago.

Besides membership in numerous medical associations and societies, Dr. Cowen is a Mason, a K. of P. and an Odd Fellow. His motto is "do right because it is right to do right." Probably many have heard this motto before, but the ones who live up to it are in the minority. Throughout his entire life-time Dr. Cowen has been interested in the advancement of Boone County and was ever willing to contribute and cooperate toward this upbuilding.

attending the local short term schools which were at that time the only source of education available.

At the age of ten years his mother died and we use his own humorous expression, "I wasn't raised; just grown up." Not long after this his father also passed away leaving the boy an orphan and practically a pauper. The father had been one of those big-hearted men unable to say "no" to any of his friends who many times persuaded him to endorse their notes which his estate was forced to pay, wiping out completely his farm of 100 acres.

The boy had often heard his Uncle relate the tale of the thirty-day trip in a covered wagon from Kentucky which, inflamed young John L. with the desire to return to the country of his forefathers. He was at the age of twenty and was soon hard at work on a farm near Big Bone at the plow, later at the age of \$12.00 per month. This was his start in Kentucky but the snark of ambition lurking within his breast would not permit low wages to retard his achievement for not long thereafter he was operating his own farm and today is one of the biggest land owners in Boone County. Daniel Boone when Kentucky began to be "crowded."

The first members of the Cowen family came to Kentucky some years prior to the Revolutionary War. One member of this pioneer family continuing on to Missouri was Daniel Boone when Kentucky began to be "crowded."

Mr. Cowen is a member of the Baptist Church, he is a Missionary of P. and M. Modern Woodmen, attending the Burlington chapters of these lodges. He is interested in all kinds of sports, fishing, hunting and baseball.

**J. G. Renaker**

Ask nearly any man in Boone County who J. G. Renaker is and one will quickly be told he is cashier of the Florence Deposit Bank. No fewer people will know that he is also in the real estate and insurance business which started as more or less of a side job but has since grown to large proportions.

Mr. Renaker was born in Harrison County July 24, 1884, a descendent of an old and prominent family of that county. His great grandfather, Noah Renaker, was the founder of the Kentucky branch of the family, coming there from Virginia. His father was G. T. Renaker and his mother the former Sallie Ewing, both natives of Harrison County, who reared eight

**J. C. RENAKER**

children, the subject of this article being the eldest.

Until he became of age Mr. Renaker stayed with his parents on their farm in Harrison county then spent four years on a farm of his own in the beautiful hazy made over of every educational facility possible, that would prepare him for a future, broader in scope and opportunities, that he was not slow in grasping. He became cashier of the Florence bank in 1909 after a valuable connection with the Southern Ohio Electric Company.

The growth of the bank has been extraordinary under his leadership and he can be noted in another article in this edition. The public with whom he deals has implicit faith and confidence in his integrity and character.

Mr. Renaker was awarded a medal of honor from the government for his intensive promoting bond sales during the war and has since been active in other campaigns for patriotic causes. He is a member of the State Bankers' Association, loyal to his church, a Past Noble Grand of the I. O. O. F. and a member of the Pythians.

He resides with his wife at Florence, in a beautiful home across from the fairgrounds. His wife, the former Jennie Cahill, whom he married on September 1, 1920, is a native of Florence, Ky. Mr. Renaker derives his greatest pleasure from automobile driving and was one of the first in the county to own one.

Reib, a native of this county, who has been his inspiration through these many years. They have six children, all married, three boys and three girls. Harry F. who is in the dairy business at Cincinnati; Jesse C., an Illinois farmer, and one in Ohio county; John L. Jr. who runs the home farm at Landover, Ky.; and a daughter, Mrs. John W. Ayler, Union and Mrs. L. M. Moore, East Bend.

During his general farming operation Mr. Renaker was a notable raiser of Duroc hogs for many years. He is an active worker in the Methodist Church and has led the first load of stone, forty years ago, in the erecting of the church of that denomination at Big Bone and still is a member. He has been a director of the Boone County Insurance Company for twenty-three years and though never seeking political office he served on the Fossiliferous Chamber of the Tax Commission for twelve or fourteen years.

Mr. Jones is a charitable man and has done much good that he knows about and won't if he has his way, however, one always can feel assured of his hearty cooperation and support if the cause is worthy and the improvement or good of the community the object.

**G. C. RANSOM**

and rose to the rank of Superintendent of the Money Order Department. He was local Secretary of the Civil Service Commission in Chattanooga. In 1909 he married a Tennessee girl by the name of Anna Leffler. This happy couple have three boys, one at the University of Kentucky, and the two others in school at Verona.

After twelve years spent in Tennessee, Mr. Ransom was called back to this county to settle his father's estate and remained here operating an extensive farm until 1921 when he entered the Verona Bank as Assistant Cashier.

Mr. Ransom is serving a second term as Magistrate of the Fiscal Court from the fifth district, having the honor of being elected the first time without his name on the ticket and the opposition but during this time for the upbuilding of the whole county. He is also a member of the Verona School Board.

The subject of this sketch is an Encopollan by training, but attends the Baptist church due to the fact that there is no church of his denomination at Verona. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and is a past master of Verona Lodge No. 576. His greatest enjoyment for recreation is automobile driving and looking after an extensive farm located on the pike between Verona and Crittenden.

(Continued from preceding page) working with this building was the fact that Mr. Conner had the stakes for the location of the building, sticking in his belief that he had selected the right spot, the face of considerable opposition from the other members of the board who believed he had staked out the wrong spot, and the opposition brought out the architect, and his suggestions and after looking the ground over from all angles agreed absolutely that Mr. Conner had picked the choice location. A team of Mr. Conner drew the plow that broke the first furrow in the excavation for the foundation of the high school.

Mr. Conner was deputy sheriff under B. B. Hume during the years of 1911 and 1912. During the next four years he acted in the same capacity under Sheriff W. D. Cropper.

For the four years from 1917 to 1921 Mr. Conner held the office of high sheriff of Boone County, an office which he great honor and one that he filled to the satisfaction of everyone. Since reaching the retiring age Mr. Conner has been a loyal and staunch member of the Democratic party, never failing to support the ticket. His cool nature and level-headedness endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. This trait was

**HOME FARM OF JOHN L. JONES**

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in evidence to all except wrongdoers, many of whom have good reason to realize that that similar while in office was that similar to the Northwest Mounted Police—"Get your man."

In 1925 Mr. Conner sold his home at Burlington moving to Florida for the milder winter climate. The following summer was spent in Florence, and again the advent of cold weather found him among the palms and sunny breezes of Florida. In the spring of 1927 he returned to Burlington where he now resides.

At present he is manager of the Burlington branch of the Boone County Farm Bureau, a position where his countless friendships stand him in good stead.

He was married on September 20, 1896 to Fannie Mae Latham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Latham of Florence, both of whom were natives of Boone County. The marriage ceremony was performed by a great uncle of Mr. Conner, Uncle Ed Stevens, commonly called "the marrying parson." Uncle Ed also married the parents of Alvin Conner.

Mr. and Mrs. Conner have one son living, Harold who was born on June 2, 1909. Julius Perry was born on March 1, 1900 and died with pleural pneumonia at the age of twelve on March 3, 1912.

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Harold attended the local schools graduating from the Burlington high school in 1916. At the age of 19 Harold served as deputy sheriff under his father and as such was probably the youngest in the state of Kentucky. Despite his immature years Harold captured one of the first stunts found in Boone County.

In 1926 Harold accepted a position as bookkeeper with the Dan-Gerow Co. of St. Petersburg, Fla., a position held for several years. At present he makes his home in Burlington, where he is successful in the breeding and racing of greyhounds.

Harold was married to Louise Walton of Saylor Park, Cincinnati, they have no children. But he and his wife own considerable town property at this place. During the war Harold attended an officers' training school at Lexington and when the draft was called for the ages between eighteen to forty-five, Mr. Conner and his son went together to register.

Lewis Conner, paternal grandfather of Albert Conner, was born in Boone County on Dec. 12, 1828 and died Aug. 3, 1897. His paternal grandmother was the daughter of Henry Ayler, who was born in this county Nov. 8, 1853, and passed away July 2, 1910.



**Florence Deposit Bank**

The Florence Deposit Bank, one of the most progressive institutions in Boone County, opened for business on the twenty-fifth of July in 1904 as the first bank in that town and after the need was apparent to all the influential people of that community. Throughout its existence, the stockholders have shown unusual judgment in the selection of the officers and directors who have guided the destinies and growth from a capital stock of \$15,000 at the start to the present total of \$35,000 which was inaugurated in 1926.

The first president of the Florence Bank was W. H. Rice who

**St. Patrick's Church  
VERONA, KY.**

**ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH**

This parish was begun by a number of Irish immigrants. The first that came was Mr. Thomas O. Dwyer. He came to Cincinnati from Ireland, leaving a large family behind him. He came from Cincinnati to Verona to work on the farm of a certain Mr. Hudson. Dwyer worked in the neighborhood and located on Mr. Hudson's farm. Other country men followed Mr. Dwyer and worked in the neighborhood and on Sundays the home of Mr. Dwyer was headquarters for a short while. Then others came with families or the young fellows married and began homes of their own till there was a number of Irish homes scattered over the neighborhood. There were families around Crittenden by the names of Murphy and Flynn. Father Willey, it seems, came to administer to them first, and went from house to house and had services, and by this time a number of families by the name of Dwyer, Ryan, Dempsey, Carr and others were living around Verona. Father Willey also came on to these. These trips were hard ones for the priest because they were made on horseback mostly, and the trip was made from Covington.

In 1865 John Dempsey, who lived near where the church now stands gave a lot for a church. Rev. Father Watson, who succeeded Father Willey, built what is now St. Patrick's church at Verona. Since that time many other Catholics have moved in and many other people have come to care for the spiritual wants of the people. But working conditions have changed many of the young men and women of the families would do better. All the old folks have passed away and in spite of the fact that many families among them there seems never to have been more in our church than were prepared for in 1865.

**Patrick E. Farrell  
VERONA, KY.**

The history of Patrick E. Farrell, known as Ed by his friends, is that of a man without the advantages of wealth at the start, who worked hard during his life and has been given a high place in his community because of his honesty and integrity of character.

Though leading a simple life and most unassuming he wielded considerable influence for good, and when the bank of Verona was organized a high place in his community and still is. He, with the president of that institution are the only two remaining original members of the Board.

Mr. Farrell is of Irish descent, his father and mother both coming from southern Ireland at a youthful age about the year of 1855. His mother's family came straight to Boone County settling in Verona and the father's family stopping in Kenton County. After the marriage of his parents the father settled down at Verona, remaining there until he died in 1908. His mother passed away in 1910. His maternal grandfather was Tom Dwyer.

P. E. Farrell was born on May

**Union Presbyterian  
UNION, KY.**



Through the efforts of Joel B. Frazier, M. C. Norman, with the help of the late Rev. E. W. Redinger, D. D. a Union Sunday School was organized, with M. C. Norman as superintendent. With a splendid corps of teachers and a famous choir this union Sunday school did a wonderful work.

Space forbids to tell of the many splendid young people who went to other fields of labor.

From this Union S. S. a good Sunday School was organized in the Baptist chapel.

Through the efforts of Joel B. Frazier, E. B. Norman and others this building was converted into a very comfortable place for worship.

In 1879 W. T. Spears, D. D. was called to the pastorate of the Richmond Presbyterian Church (of which Union Church is a daughter). He began preaching at Union twice a month in the afternoon, realizing this was a promising field, and for five years, from 1879-1884, he labored in this field. "And this church owes to his efforts, its rise to its greatest efficiency."

In 1884 the session of Richmond church decided for the good of this church a school should be organized in this building. At this time the pastor was called to another field of labor and on the 10th of October, 1885, Rev. W. Walton Graybill was called to the Richmond church and performed the organization at Union. In 1884 N. M. Harbal, B. L. Eiders; J. B. Frazier, M. C. Norman, Jacob Floyd and J. T. Frazier, Deacons; Robert Chambers, Jacob Bell and Everett B. Norman.

Rev. J. W. Graybill organized the Ladies Aid Society in the summer of 1885 and the following officers: Miss Laura Norman, president; Mrs. Robert Chambers, vice president; Miss Annie Britton, secretary; and Miss Max Norman, treasurer. This organization has in the past, and still is, doing a splendid work for the church and its interests.

Rev. A. S. Rachal, a very successful minister, now of Low Moor, Va. was sent out from this church. This church has been served by seven pastors, viz:

- 1. W. Walton Graybill, Rev. D. Tadlock, D. D., Rev. J. M. Broadway, Rev. W. H. Davis, Rev. H. Davis, Rev. W. M. C. Miller, Rev. Nelson Hill, Rev. G. Carson, present pastor.

Under the ministry of these consecrated men this church has increased into its fold 107 members.

Some have gone to their reward, some to other fields and has left the church weakened numerically, but still holding the torch on high that others may catch the gleam.

The present officers are: Elders J. T. Frazier, N. M. Harbal, B. L. Cleek, and N. H. Smith; Deacons, J. C. Bristow, C. H. Bristow and Carroll Dugan.

In June 1929 the church purchased a beautiful building site on High-st., looking forward at the site for the erection of a new church.

**Verona Deposit Bank  
VERONA, KY.**

With the high ideals of benefit and protection to the public as first consideration the Verona Bank was organized for business on July 6, 1903 with a capital stock of \$15,000 that had been quickly subscribed by the most influential people in that section who were far sighted enough to realize the need for such an institution in that community. J. E. Franks was the first cashier and a prime mover in the organization for business on July 6, 1903 with the president was instrumental in getting business under way in a mighty good opening.

The first president was W. M. Whitson, who still holds that of-



**VERONA DEPOSIT BANK**

five after years of service to the community and of the upbuilding of the whole section. The other gentlemen as officers and directors who certainly justified the faith of the stockholders were: R. O. Powers, Vice President; O. K. Whitson, Secretary; Geo. W. Roberts, W. T. S. Blackburn, P. E. Farrell, J. G. Tomlin, M. H. Hiebert and C. C. Roberts.

A substantial brick building was erected to house the new bank that was ready for occupancy at the start of business. The fixtures are of quarter sawed oak and the modern safe and deposit boxes with the burglar alarm make as secure as humanly possible the depositors money.

It seems hardly possible that a bank in a small town could ever achieve the success which is shown by the figures of the Verona Bank. In 1903 at the start of business the total deposits were \$13,500.00 and as the close of business on March 1st last the deposits had reached a staggering total of \$250,000 or over one quarter of a million dollars. At the present time there is a surplus of \$15,000 which equals the capital stock besides an undivided profit of \$7,000.00. A fair rate of dividend has always been paid in addition. The officers and directors responsible for this growth deserve credit. W. M. Whitson, who has been accomplished since the advent into office of the present cashier. O. K. Whitson, who in the spring of 1913, when he took over the position, totalled only \$150.00.

If the original stockholders were fortunate in the selection of their officers and directors so less can be said of those serving at the present time. Everyone of them are men of sterling worth, who have established themselves in the eyes of his neighbors as one worthy of the greatest trust and that trust has never been betrayed.

As was stated above the present head is W. M. Whitson as president with W. B. Ambrose, vice president; O. K. Whitson is the Cashier, W. G. C. Hamilton Assistant Cashier. The board of directors is as follows: G. C. Hanson, W. C. Hanson, E. F. Farrell, B. McCormick, Wm. Willford.

Service to the community was watched from the start of the bank and that slogan could easily be retained today for that is still the greatest consideration in carrying the destinies of the Verona Bank. Step by step, and sometimes ahead, the bank has stayed with the march of progress and without doubt will continue to do so for many years to come.

**DR. O. S. CRISLER**  
213 EDGEWOOD AVE.,  
COLUMBIA, MO.

Dr. O. S. Crisler, who left Burlington eighteen years ago, is now residing at 213 Edgewood Ave., Columbia, Mo. He was born at Limaburg on June 28, 1879, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Crisler.

He attended the best schools in

**FARRAL HOME AT VERONA**

The very first six months the bank was in operation a six per cent dividend was paid on the capital stock which proved positively the justification and need of a banking house at "Stringtown on the Pike." In 1926 the capital stock was increased to \$35,000 at which time a cash dividend of 160 per cent was paid the stockholders, making the cumulative per cent semi annual dividend. To the writer this seems a wonderful and extraordinary occurrence and one of which every officer, director, stockholder and depositor can well be proud for it reflects the proper care for such a bank and must indeed be most gratifying to those in charge.

Before the increase in capital stock there were approximately fifty stockholders which was raised to about 190, the majority of whom live in Boone County.

son entered service in the World War and died in camp at Louisville in 1918 with the flu. His high character and good standing in Beaver Precinct.

Failure in health caused Mr. Farrell in 1920 to sell his farm and on the advice of his physician he spent two years in Colorado. He has a beautiful home at the present in Verona, where he hopes to spend the remaining years of his life. He is a member of the Catholic Church and active in the upbuilding of the entire community, and county.

Farrell has never asked or sought public office, however, his influence is wisely sought each election in behalf of some particular candidate. Mr. Farrell has done much

and no doubt has been a contributing factor for that growth, and in the future one can only see as the years roll on, further increases in the prestige of such an institution.

**FLORENCE DEPOSIT BANK**

also had a great deal to do with the formation of the depository. He was a man of sterling character, a leader in church work loved by all who knew him and his co-workers and the public in general sincerely regretted to see him leave Boone County when he gave up the presidency in October 1919 and moved to Erlanger, where he resided with his daughter until the date of his death.

W. H. Scott was the first vice president and no better choice could have been made. He saw the bank grow in itsness year by year and he, in a large measure, was a factor in this development. Mr. Scott literally died in harness for he was called by his last reward quite suddenly while attending a directors meeting at the bank in 1920. He was a devout member of his church and among many other enterprises had been a most successful drysman.

At the time of the formation of the Florence Bank, the highway through that town was the main artery of travel for most of the county going to the cities of Covington and Cincinnati. The main place could have been chosen for a successful bank and it was on the main road where the building was erected to house the bank. If that road carried much travel in 1904 it certainly carries many times as much now and it is hard to estimate the future possibilities when the through road from Louisville to Covington has become a reality.

In the erection of the bank building every precaution was taken to make secure the place where the public's money was stored, with the necessary safes and vaults as first consideration.

Besides Mr. Rice and Mr. Scott the original officers of the bank were: C. W. Myers, Secy., and the following directors: E. O. Rouse, M. P. Barlow, J. S. Surface and B. H. Tanner, who with Mr. Rice are still on the board. The other members of the present board are C. E. Blankenkober, J. B. Respena, L. C. Acra and Theodore W. Renaker. Mr. Blankenkober president, J. S. Surface, vice president; E. O. Rouse, secretary, and J. G. Renaker, Cashier.

Mr. Blankenkober has been president since 1919 and Mr. Renaker cashier since 1909. Perhaps the Florence bank would have prospered without these two gentlemen for it was a sound institution from the start, but there is no doubt, as figures will prove, that since their advent into office their growth has been steady and sure. Their high character and business integrity has instilled confidence in all their depositors, and their earnings for the stockholders have been both pleasing and profitable.

The assistant cashier of the bank are Mrs. Eva R. Miller who has been a valuable employee since 1919 and George Y. Tanner since August, 1926. The friendly spirit and reliability of both these ladies has been appreciated by the customers as well as the bank.

A. B. Renaker

WILLIAM ALBERT PRICE  
ERLANGER, KY.

As cashier of the largest bank in How's County, A. B. Renaker ranked as one of the leading business men in this section of Kentucky, a position which he rightly attained nor easily held. His unwavering loyalty to the highest ideals of character and personal integrity is admirably illustrated by the hundreds of friends who know him well, and the countless ac-

William Albert Price was born and raised in Boone County and stayed there until the latter years of his life when he built a home home ground to his wife and children and brothers. He was born in the old homestead a short distance from Florence on February 24, 1856.

After going to Erlanger he assisted Harry Baker, another Boone County man, in organizing the Erlanger Deposit Bank in 1891 and was one of the directors. At the death of Mr. Baker, Mr. Price was elected President in 1901 serving until he retired in 1927. His outstanding kindness, obliging disposition, courtesy and helpfulness made him a success as President from the first. In the twenty-seven years that he was president he built the bank up to his own of the safest and most reliable institutions in the state of Kentucky. He received his education at Bethany, Va.

Close application to business was injurious to his health and after living his best years to the bank he died June 9, 1923 after a protracted illness. He was honored and mourned by all who knew him and Northern Kentucky suffered a loss that can never be replaced.

from what is now Cynthiana. In 1854 Boyers' parents, Paul J. and Mary Hucherson-Renaker, moved from Dry Ridge at which place the author of this biography was born on the twenty-sixth of January, 1863. His mother's family were natives of Virginia and among the first settlers of Harrison County, Kentucky.

Alvin Boyers Renaker grew up on a farm in the Dry Ridge community and attended the schools there. From an early age the author writes believe that the youngster had opportunities above the average of the ordinary boy of his father was one of the leading citizens of the town. He was the first president of the Dry Ridge Post Bank, now the Farmers' Bank and Trust Co., holding that office until his death in 1910. He was probably the source of inspiration for A. B. in his determination to enter the banking business. This he did at an early age for immediately after finishing school he accepted a position in his father's bank and eventually obtains his interest in that institution as a member of the board of directors.

In the meantime, though he knew nothing of it then, circumstances were arranging themselves in Boone County which would have decided effect upon the future plans of young Renaker. A new bank was being formed at Burlington and the choice of Cashier was a momentous one and Mr. Renaker should be preferred. Mr. Renaker was selected for such an important trust at the youthful age of twenty-two. Evidently the days of his youth could bear the same close scrutiny possible to withstand today for in the month of November, 1905, the young and eligible bachelor arrived in Burlington ready to commence his duties.

Perhaps at that time if any associate had suggested the possibility of his remaining for twenty-five years in Boone County at the idea for it is only natural

Crisher holds the important place of Superintendent of Hog Cholera Serum-Laboratory at the University of Missouri, where he also teaches.

June 9, 1918 he was united in marriage with Ruby Mildred Buckman, a member of the Beta Chapter of the University of Kentucky and native of Conway, Kans. They have one child, Robert M. Crisher, 9 yrs. old, who is in school in Columbia, Mo.

Dr. Crisher is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, the U. S. Livestock Sanitary Association, and the Missouri Veterinary Association. He is a member of the Boone County Association, and still retains his membership in the old Burlington Lodge No. 284 F. M. His work has taken him into nineteen states and in Canada, and according to his own statement if he could occupy the same position in Boone County as he holds in Missouri, back he would come.

MARY LOUISE RENAKER

For youth to assume, sometimes too quickly, that measure can be attained only in the bigger cities. The fallacy of this is clearly proven in the achievements attained by Mr. Renaker.

During the first two years of his position Mr. Renaker was without assistance of any kind as to clerical help. His rugged health was without-doubt quite a boon to the stockholders and directors who could easily have been in rather a muddle if he had been taken suddenly ill. It might be interesting to note that his salary was \$70.00 per month at the time he started with the Peoples Deposit Bank. He was ordinarily paid at that time for such positions. He had worked the first six months in the bank at Dry Ridge without salary which was not uncommon in those days of apprenticeship.

On December 11, 1907, he was united in marriage with Henrietta Riddell, a daughter of the late Fountain Riddell and the sister of Judge N. E. Riddell. Her family history can be found in this edition of the biography of Judge Riddell.

Mr. and Mrs. Renaker have one daughter, Mary Louise, a popular and beautiful young lady, now a senior in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Kentucky. She was recently elected Queen of the Junior Prom, being the second thus honored in the history of the University. She is president of her chapter, Kappa Delta, was selected as a Kentucky member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, a nominee for Y. W. C. A., a Stroller eligible, a member of the University Girl's Society, and is a reporter on the staff of the Kentucky Kernal. A very good likeness of this charming young lady will be found in this edition. The family resides in the old Riddell homestead, artistically remodelled, and located near the court house in Burlington.

Besides other of his numerous activities, Mr. Renaker finds time to look after his farm of 127 acres located along the highway at Sherman and handle his growing real estate business as a sideline. He served a term as Treasurer of the State Bankers Association and served as Treasurer of the Boone County Red Cross during the war.

He is a 32nd Degree Mason, a

He calls to mind several humorous incidents of his boyhood in Burlington, and writes us that we might get Kimer Krier to tell about the show that he and Dr. Crisher promoted where they fought a duel with wooden swords. This show was given in the old school house owned by the father of Dr. Crisher, and they used a two horse sled for a stage and Kirtley Rice painted the scenery. The curtain was made from paper flour sacks cut open and pasted together with flour paste. The painting was done mostly with a shoe brush, using ordinary shoe blacking for paint. This was a woodland scene and pictured the old oak tree before the Everests Hall house on the Petersburg Pike. It was a good show, no doubt, but those who participated and are still residing in Boone county are a bit reluctant to discuss the details.

A native of Gallatin County, Ky., himself and descendant of original pioneer, Kentucky stock, Mr. O. A. Whitson has been a leader in the business, civic and religious life of his community, ever ready to do his part for any meritorious cause.

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In February, 1895 He was married to Katherine Showers, a popular belle of Boone County. They have one daughter, Mrs. R. P. Coffman, now a widow who resides with her parents at Walton, they having moved from Verona a few years ago.

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On leaving the school he went into general merchandise business in Verona where he was most successful. In 1912 he was elected as Cashier of the Veron Bank, where he has remained since then, bringing the Bank to a high state of prosperity through his personal integrity and friendship with the public.

He was honored by the U. S. Government with a bronze plaque in honor of over selling the Bank's Liberty Bonds and other certificates during the World War. Mr. Whitson cares very little for politics, as far as he personally is concerned, however, he was the local Deputy-County-Clerk for Verona for several years. Mr. Whitson is a Mason and had the honor of being the first master of Veron Lodge No. 1212. He is one of the most enthusiastic baseball fans in the County and gets just as much pleasure from watching a boys' game attending one of the big league ball exhibitions. He is ever willing his efforts to movement for the betterment of the community.

member of the Knights of Pythias and a Modern Woodmen of America. He regularly attends the several churches in town but leans toward the Primitive Baptist Church, which both his parents were members. He gave the Missionary Baptists the Sherman farm as a plot of ground for their new edifice and was a substantial contributor to the building.

During the past two years many people have speculated as to the beneficent source of the "Santa Claus Purse" which brings Christmas cheer and joy in the form of both necessities and small luxuries to Boone County. The answer lies with Miss Willis, county representative with Miss Fortunate resident of Boone County. In conversation with Miss Willis, she stated that Mrs. Renaker with her daughter, Mary Louise, distributes the "Santa Claus Purse" to the poor and that Mr. and Mrs. Renaker with their daughter, Mary Louise, are the only persons who have made this philanthropy possible. It is the only fund of its kind in the county and until this it read probably not more than half a dozen people were aware of the donor's identity.

Mr. Renaker's hobby is automobile, deriving his greatest relaxation in this manner. He purchased his first car in 1911, the second automobile to be owned in Burlington, and which was a great curiosity to many.

Because of his various activities and his connection with the Peoples Deposit Bank, he is in constant touch with many leading and influential bankers in Cincinnati, whose admiration for him is as great as that of his home-town friends. Although the fact is known only to his most intimate friends, overtures have been made to Mr. Renaker by officials of some of the large City Banks offering him positions with them, but having a love for country life, he prefers to remain in Burlington with the bank in which he started. He is frequently called upon to advise many investors and has the handling of many estates. He is continuously striving toward the better building of his town and county and predicts for increased prosperity for all her people.

"Who's Who in America" says: "Edward Young Chapin, banker; born Petersburg, Kentucky, October 7, 1866; has been a leader in the business, civic and religious life of his community, ever ready to do his part for any meritorious cause. He was born in 1875 just over the line of Gallatin County but since the age of five has been a resident of Boone County. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Whitson of Verona, native of Boone County, both of whom have passed away."

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HON. E. Y. CHAPIN

BANKER AT CHATANOOGA

and Trust Company; associated 1912 with H. S. Probasco in founding the American Trust and Banking Company of which he is president; vice president, Star Laundry Company; vice president, Tennessee Furniture Corporation; also of Richmond Spinning Company; secretary, Crystal Springs Bleachery and United Hosiery Mills; director Chattanooga Steam Laundry Company; member, Community Council of Chattanooga; Hamilton County Board of Education; member of the organizing staff of the Chattanooga Public Library; Chattanooga Tuberculosis Sanatorium; Democrat; Mason; member of the Mountain City, and the State County; author of numerous booklets describing fiduciary services of trust companies; home 24 Brainerd, Tennessee."

This biographical sketch was not prepared in Boone County. If it had been noted that the subject being here under Miss Katie Davis, learned dental arithmetic under Professor Bluffe School after the Petersburg and under the renowned Walker; and finally went over to the Lawrenceburg School after the Petersburg instructors gave him up. The tendency toward industry indicated in the "Who's Who" sketch was not marked by either residents of Petersburg; its only manifestation being the piling and sparing of staves and the riving of hoops at the Cooper Shop.

An early bent toward commerce was noted when he opened a store at Second and Tanner Streets in 1885; but his old Preceptor, W. T. Stiles, located just across the street, gave him such competition that he sold out to a drug store of which he became the proprietor, not marked by either residents of Petersburg; its only manifestation being the piling and sparing of staves and the riving of hoops at the Cooper Shop.

While in Petersburg, he was a member of that coterie of which Ben Berkshire, John M. Botts, Frank Geisler and Harry Lyon are survivors. His "Who's Who" biography does not mention his membership in an order known as Tylus Tunsils to which they belonged; nor in the Cooper Shop Club under the presidency of Harry Kirkhof; nor the Sons of Temperance, who were to meet over Snyder's Store, and in which he rose to be Worthy Patriarch. It does not mention another office which he held—that of prosecuting attorney in the Kangaroo Court over which Judge George Beahm presided.

With these commendations we submit the "Who's Who" sketch to those who may be interested as evidence of what Mr. Chapin has been doing since he left off Boone.

**C. O. Hempling  
TAYLORSPOUT**

Charles O. Hempling is probably the most widely known and biggest producer of apples in this section of Kentucky, specializing in "Big Red" variety that he markets through brokers handling fancy eating fruit. He owns two farms along the River bottom at Taylorsport buying the first one, Parlor Grove, in 1903 and should take no little pride in the fact of having brought it from an unprofitable

time and would not be feasible today, however, such workmanship is of lasting quality.

Mr. Hempling's name is a certain index of the nationality of his forefathers and being of such sturdy German stock is perhaps one reason why he has been able to surmount many obstacles in his successful climb to recognized achievement. His father and mother emigrated to Cincinnati from Walzlarorf, Germany in 1836, later moving to Boone County in the year of 1847, where Charles O. was born at Constance, January 19, 1860. His parents were John and Elizabeth Dulock Hempling, respected and well to do farmers of the river bottom section of that community.

Mr. Hempling was educated at Riverside, Ohio, now a part of the city of Cincinnati, and received his business training at a commercial school in the latter named place. As a young man just out of school he accepted a position selling structural steel for a Chicago firm covering most of the middle west in his travels.

About 1880 he returned to Constance where the next year he was united in marriage with Lillie Kistmeyer of this county on Oct. 1, 1891. They have two sons and one daughter, C. Liston, the eldest who operates Parlor Grove farm; Charlie, who manages Webb Hall and Anita Florence, who married H. W. Bentham and now lives in Baltimore where her husband is in the wholesale sea food business. His daughter taught school in Boone County for a number of years and was a great favorite with her students as well as their parents. He has a son, Charles O. Hempling, now living in Constance, who was born in Cincinnati 31 years ago.

After his marriage Mr. Hempling spent six years with the Jones Fertilizer Company then accepting a better position with Fleishman & Co. of Cincinnati for approximately the same length of time. To satisfy his personal ambition he then purchased the farms as stated previously in this story.

He always has been interested in his county and community and was one of the first actively engaged in the now successful attempt to obtain good roads and rural free delivery. He has never sought political office himself but his support is invariably solicited by those running for any elective position.

In 1920 he became interested in the marketing of tobacco and helped to organize the growers in 1921 to form the Burley Pool of which he was county chairman. This has been closely identified with all phases of this product since that time and is now president of the Warehousing Corporation controlling twenty-two hose and houses in eleven counties of the North end of the state and a redrying plant at Carrollton. He helped form the Boone County Farm Bureau and always has been an interested member. Ever willing to aid in any meritorious cause for the good of the county he rightfully can take his place as one of the leading citizens of Northern Kentucky.

It has been just forty years ago when at the age of twenty-one Mr. Hempling began planting his

**Liston Hempling  
PARLOR GROVE FARM  
CONSTANCE, KY.**

The family history of Liston Hempling will be found with that of his father in another place in this edition. However, we will include here his own family biography which limited space keeps unduly brief. Mr. Hempling was born at Constance, Ky., on December 24, 1893 the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Hempling.

His boyhood days were spent in that locality and from his earliest years he was greatly interested in

**History of the Sand Run Baptist Church**

On March 20, 1819, because God had greatly blessed the people of Boone County and especially those of the North Bend Settlement, an 'and' owing to their remote residence from the meeting-house at Hallifax, it was therefore decided that the people in the North Bend Settlement form a separate and distinct congregation to be known as the Sand Run Church, having as its head our blessed Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The purpose was stated in their constitution was for the convenience of the people and the glory of God.

There were fifty-five charter members, among whom were the following: Bro. Chichester Matthews and wife, William Montague and wife, Wm. McCoy, Beverly W. Jeremiah Kirtley, Lewis Webb and wife, Nancy Watts, and Susan Goodridge. These were all leading members of the church at that time. There were also many negro slaves among the first members who attended the services regularly in the gallery.

Having thus started, this congregation met in the homes of the different brethren until a meeting house could be secured. In February, 1820, the church received the deed to three acres of land on which to erect a meeting house. This building was completed in July, 1820. The cost of it was \$2100, part of which was paid in cash and the balance was paid in tobacco, which was the leading crop in this part of the country at that time. The only relic remains of this first church building and that is the old chandelier which held the candles for lighting the building. It was the property of Sand Run Church was the Rev. Chichester Matthews, who was faithful to the charge until his death in 1829. He was followed by Bro. Whitaker, who also served the church faithfully until his death in 1872. Other pastors of the church in earlier days were Rev. Robert E. Kirtley and Rev. Lee Utz.

were planted the first "delicious" apple trees in the state of Kentucky. At one time Parlor Grove was a picnic ground for Cincinnati people presiding that of Parkers Grove, now known as Coney Island. The Hempling family removed the giant locust trees to make room for their growing orchards.

Besides this fruit growing Mr. Hempling has an extensive dairy and is interested in the raising of pure bred Holsteins, averaging about 20 head. On June 9, 1916, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Mae McGlasson of Lebanon, daughter of William T. and Alice Quigley McGlasson, of that place. His wife is a former Boone County school teacher and first woman juror to serve on a criminal case in the Boone County Circuit Court. Her training was in the Ludlow public schools. They have one child, Vaughn Carlton Hempling, aged thirteen.

Probably the greatest interest of Liston Hempling lies in the growing of fruit, however he is and has been for several years greatly interested in the organization of farmers for mutual benefit. Like his father he has ever read and contribute and assist in any worthy project for the good of his community or Boone County as a whole.

**B. C. Kirtley  
GRANT, KY.**

One of the most prosperous and respected men of the East Bend community is Bluford C. Kirtley, who has operated a farm in that section for many years and is an inveterate of wide renown. He was born in Boone County on Nov. 8, 1884, the son of William and Missouri Kirtley, who lived a "Rabbit Hash." He attended school at Rising Sun, Ind., as there was no high school in Boone County at that time. He was married to Christina Stephens of Grant, Ky.

**BLUFORD C. KIRTLY**

on the 19th day of Feb. 1921. They have three children, Howard, Reuben and Marie Kirtley. Mr. Kirtley is a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the No. 1 of P. Lodge. He was a conscientious member of the Boone County fiscal court from January 1, 1922 to January 1, 1930. He has been ever ready to respond to any movement for the good of the community or the county and has done his part toward the up-building of this whole section. His greatest hobby is fishing.

Thus they continued to grow and prosper and in 1880 it was decided to enlarge and remodel the meeting-house. This was done at a cost of \$1200.

The first Sunday School was organized by Bro. Owen Kirtley in 1812 and this Sunday School has been continued throughout the years. It has been a great blessing and had a great influence on the young lives that it has touched.

In recent years the church has organized a "Young People's League," which, although not as strong as it was in the beginning, is still functioning, and a "Woman's Missionary Society" which, by their contributions and special prayer seasons, is helping to carry the Gospel unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

In the fall of 1928 the church building needed repairing, so the members decided to again remodel it, adding Sunday School rooms. Through the faithful and untiring efforts of the pastor, Rev. J. N. Powers, the aid of all the members and friends, and the help of the Methodist Church, they succeeded in completing the building as it now stands.

The present membership of Sand Run Church is eighty-five. Rev. J. N. Powers, of Erlanger, Ky., is the pastor. — Alice Eggleston



**CHARLES O. HEMPLING.**

proposition to his present high state of prosperity. This place has 84 acres and at one time was the pleasure ground for residents of Cincinnati coming there for picnics by the boat load. Local opinion in Boone County brought it into use as farm land.

After building up this farm Mr. Hempling purchased Webb Hall, a beautiful estate of 272 acres that



**LISTON HEMPLING**

had been in the Webb family over one hundred years. This farm is given over to general crop, stock, hogs and gradually working into the production of Big Red apples and already thousands of bushels of peaches are grown each year. Webb Hall is one of the oldest,



**MRS. C. O. HEMPLING**

his father's work of rebuilding the Parlor Grove Farm to its present high state of prosperity and fruitfulness. He received his schooling at Saylor Park, then called Hom-City.

At the present time Mr. Hempling resides and operates that farm, which contains one of the most productive apple orchards in this section of the country. Here



**MRS. LISTON HEMPLING**

couldn't be done in this country, some of which was only too true but had to be dealt with and overcome. For the spraying of trees, home made apparatus was utilized that was rather crude in arrangement as at that time there was no machinery for the work such as we have today, and very little was known of effective insecticide. They mixed their own spray material.



**VAUGHN C. HEMPLING**

lime, sulphur and salt, just why the it is known unless it was to make the stronger, and the Lord knows it was strong enough on the face and hands of men taking the skin from the hands and some-

**HOME OF C. O. HEMPLING**

times part of the palls of finery here. There is not space enough here to go on through the many here in our northern Kentucky, initiated in by Mr. Hempling, but thanks to science and much help from experimental stations most of the disagreeableness has been taken out of this work.

Today Mr. Hempling and his sons peddle in Big Red apples and take off their hats to no man

**HOME OF C. O. HEMPLING**

nor to any locality anywhere in the world that can produce finer ones than can be produced right here in our northern Kentucky, on the banks of the beautiful Ohio River. Mr. Hempling gives all the credit to his father, Liston, who is manager of the fruits and he has any amount of testimonials to verify these statements, in the form of cups and ribbons won at many fairs and fruit shows.

**LISTON HEMPLING AND PRIZE WINNING RED APPLE EXHIBIT**

very probably the oldest house in this county, and still in a good state of preservation. It is constructed of walnut girdled with a whip saw and the building is partly lined with brick. The original weather boarding was put on with hand made blacksmith nails brought saddle back from Virginia. The original roof was covered with walnut shingles put on with wooden pegs, the holes being bored with an old fashioned gimlet. This process of building took plenty of

first orchard on the lands of his father, and through years of many discouragements and much hard work and expense, he in connection with his sons has attained that measure of success which only perseverance and stick-to-it-ness merit.

When he first began there were many discouragements in orcharding. Old orchards were fast disappearing and many people laughed at the idea of making profit from orchards. Many said it

Dr. C. G. Crisler  
CINCINNATI, OHIO

Dr. Carleton G. Crisler was born near Ballintute April 8, 1860, the only son of Richard H. and Lucretia Graves Crisler, whose genealogy will be traced back later on in this article. At the age of three years his father, who was also a physician, moved to Ludlow and it was here where Carleton received his public school education, getting his high school training at Woodward High in Cincinnati from which he graduated in 1878. He attended the University of Cincinnati and spent two years at the Ohio Medical College, finishing at New York University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College, where he was given his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1903.

The next two years gave him a great deal of training and instruction in surgery while serving as an intern at Bellevue Hospital in New York. In 1905 Dr. Crisler located in Cincinnati with an office at 7th and Race, specializing in general surgery. Today he is attending surgeon at Christ hospital, with his office at 262 Doctors Bldg., and is also associate professor of surgery in the medical department of the University of Cincinnati. Dr. Crisler holds the distinction of a Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons, awarded in June 1914.

On October 24, 1906 he was united in marriage with Elizabeth

St. Paul's Church

In 1798, the present county of Kenton was part of Boone County, and Florence at first was known as Madderstown, being named for a

legislator connected the name to Florence, when the town was incorporated. In 1851 the Burlington and Florence turnpike was begun, to replace a mud road previously connecting the towns. The same year Cornelius Ahern and his family came to Florence. They found only three Catholics in the village, Mrs. Scott, wife of the town doctor, and Joseph Egingrad, an innkeeper, and his wife. The Aherns invited Rev. Thomas K. Butler from Covington to say mass. The first Sunday the priest conducted services a large crowd attended, and Ahern suggested that a church be established. This was the beginning of the Catholic Church in Florence, Mass was celebrated in Ahern's log cabin on Shelby. St. Rev. Butler coming to town every three months. He was received in a kindly manner by the townsfolk and was invited to the Christian Church to explain Catholic doctrine, which invitation he accepted.

Rev. DeMarie, an Italian priest, said mass from time to time in the log cabin, until Dr. Rev. George Aloysius Garrell, the first bishop of Covington, Rev. Force was the first pastor appointed for Florence, and in 1855 Ezra K. Fish, a non-Catholic, donated two acres on Shelby St. and 120 feet on Center St. for a church site. The parish bought from him in 1856 another lot adjoining on Shelby St. and with the help of other men of the congregation, Ahern built the structure was of wood, 25 by 40 feet, with a steeple 30 feet high. There were no pews, plain pine benches serving as seats, and the building would accommodate 400 persons. It cost \$200 to build. Rev. Van De Wael improved the church by raising \$425 for the purpose. Ahern built the addition to the church and established the first school, which was taught in the church building.

Rev. William F. Kethman was

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Dr. Maiden, later on it became Connersville, named after the Congressman, an early settler. In 1830 Country Club, and the Commonwealth Club.

In taking up the ancestry of Dr. Crisler's family, we will take that of his father's first. We find that the first ancestor in the Crisler family who settled in America was Fawcett Crisler, who married Rosa Garr, a girl born in Germany on August 11, 1713 and who had come to America with her parents at an early age. They were married in Virginia. The next in the direct line is John George Crisler, who married Anna Magdalene Smith of Culpepper County, Virginia. John died there on April 13th 1818 and his wife on January 10, 1824. His son was John Crisler, born on September 18, 1783, and who died on September 4, 1858. On July 31, 1810 he was married to Elizabeth Price in Madison County, Virginia. She was born on June 28, 1758 and died September 20, 1850. Henry Price Crisler, the son of James, was the grandfather of Dr. Carleton Crisler and came to Boone County at the age of five with his parents. He was born in Virginia on September 29, 1820. He passed away in 1907. On Oct. 27, 1842 he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Crisler, who was born July 21, 1824 and was a native of Boone county. She died in 1898.

The father of Dr. Crisler, Richard H., was a much loved physician who spent the greatest part of his life as a practicing physician at Ludlow, going out at all hours of the night and looking after the welfare of many people with little compensation except the gratitude of the patient. He was a graduate of the Long Island Medical College class of 1857, going to Ludlow in 1853. He was born on April 15, 1848 in Boone County and makes his home with his son.

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ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL, FLORENCE, KY.

appointed pastor September 1, 1904, and he began the present brick church and completed by Rev. T. J. McCaffrey, who succeeded him in 1911. When Rev. George P. O'Dwyer became pastor in 1913 he closed the parochial school, which was being held in the dam's basement of the church. He improved the church grounds with roads and walks.

Rev. Herbert J. Egingrad, the present pastor, succeeded to the

Solon B. Ryle  
GRANT, KY.

For the past fifteen years Solon B. Ryle of Grant, Ky., has been prominent as one of the most successful breeders of registered Jersey cattle and Chester White hogs in Boone County. He was born in Boone County, on Jan. 29, 1880, the son of John P. and Elizabeth Ryle, who were residents of both Grant and Boone counties. On Sept. 28, 1910 Mr. Ryle was married to Viola M. Clore, daughter of William Clore of Boone County. They have nine children—Bruce, Percival, Dora, Howard, Sarah, Wallace, Solon Jr., Donna Jean and Loretta, all of whom were born in Boone County with the exception of Percival who was born in California during the five years his father spent there.

John P. Ryle, the father of Solon was born October 12, 1849 in Boone County, Ky., and is still hale and hearty and an interested citizen of the community. The father of John P. was David (Uncle Davy) Ryle and his mother, Mary Ann, was of Boone County. His grandfather settled on Middle Creek and John P. can remember his father showing him the place where he was a "boy" played with Indian

C. A. Winston

Charles A. Winston, the subject of this sketch, was born near Bullittsburg, Boone County, Kentucky, on December 6th, 1865; the son of

CHARLES A. WINSTON

Albert G. Winston and Gergetta Matson Winston. His father was born near Petersburg, Kentucky, and lived the most of his life in Boone County. He was for many years one of the most active and prominent attorneys in Northern Kentucky and maintained his offices here until his retirement from the practice in 1886. His mother was born and reared in the college town of Oxford, Ohio.

Charles A. Winston first attended the public schools of Kentucky and then Woodward High School in Cincinnati, from which he graduated in 1886. He matriculated some years later in the Law Department of the University of Kentucky, from which he graduated in 1891 with the degree of L. L. B., and was admitted the same year to both the Ohio and

Kentucky bars. He then matriculated in the Law Department of Harvard University, graduating there in 1893, and thereafter of L. L. B., and immediately thereafter entered into the practice of his profession in Chicago, Illinois. He was later associated with the law firm of Peck, Miller & Starr, one of the most prominent law firms of Chicago; John S. Miller of that firm being known for many years as the leader of Chicago's "Big Six," one of the best known practitioners in the country.

In the autumn of 1896, Mr. Winston left Chicago temporarily and spent nearly a year in the study of the peoples and institutions of Europe and Near East, and during his absence spent several months in India, Australia and Tasmania. Upon his return to the United States, instead of returning immediately to his practice in Chicago, he took a most graduate course in the Law Department of Harvard University, specializing in the study of Constitutional, Corporation and Civil Law. While still engaged in these pursuits and studies, he was offered a Professorship in the Law Department of the University of Minnesota, filling the Chair of Advanced Real Property, which position, Mr. Winston, etc. He found this work congenial and extremely interesting, but by reason of his financial position, etc. He is a financial and remunerative way, he determined to return to Chicago and re-engage in active practice, resigning from the work in the University.

Mr. Winston since his return to Chicago, has been actively engaged almost continuously up to this time, and has received great satisfaction in devoting his attention and efforts chiefly to Corporation and Real Estate practice.

It was in 1900 that this sketch was married in June, 1900, to Nina E. Wright of Houghton, Michigan, from which he is in the "National City," during the summer of 1897. At that time he had recently returned from Australia, and a kind fate brought about a meeting with his future wife by reason of their happening to be guests at the same hotel in 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Winston made a pilgrimage to Rome and celebrated their 25th anniversary amid the same scenes and surroundings where they originally met.

In politics Mr. Winston is a Republican, but he has never been active in politics, and has never held nor sought an elective office. He is a member of the Chicago Athletic Association, Vista de Lago Club, Harvard Club of Chicago and Kentucky Society of Chicago.

Mrs. Winston is a linguist (speaking five languages fluently), has been a profound student of Art and Sculpture both in this country and in Europe, and is a member of the Chicago Art and Sculpture Society, and is a member of the Chicago Women's Club, Highland Park Chapter D. A. R. and also "Le Cercle Francais," (a Chicago French Club). She is also a member of the Chicago Bar, having taken the Law Course at Chicago University, and later passed the Illinois Bar examination.

Mr. Winston's main interests in a recreational way are in all forms of athletics, in music, and he is a member of the A. S. A. His office is located at 1040 Ohio Building, Chicago, Illinois, and his residence is at 899 Sheridan Road, Wilmette, Illinois.

DR. CARLETON G. CRISLER

(Bees) Collier, daughter of W. R. and Belle Kirtley, Croupier of Boone County. Her mother is still living. This couple have one son, Richard A. Crisler, who was born November 7, 1907. He is a graduate of the aristocratic Hill Dr. Carleton School in Pottsville, Pa., and of Yale in the class of 1929 with the degree of Ph. B. Young Richard while at college was associate editor of the Yale Daily News, and greatly interested in athletics. Since graduation he has been with the Guarantee Company at New York, one of the big finance houses.

Dr. Crisler is the owner of a beautiful farm of 600 acres in the North Bend Bottom land in Boone County along the Ohio river, and he derives his greatest pleasure

FARM HOME OF DR. CRISLER BUILT IN 1798 IN THE NORTH BEND BOTTOMS

from looking after this farm. The house on this place is extremely old, having been built in 1798, and it was the first brick house built west of the Allegheny Mountains. Dr. Crisler is a member of the state, county and national Medical Association, as well as other numerous societies, of his profession. He was a member of the Sigma Chi College fraternity and the Nu Sigma Nu medical fraternity. Dr. Crisler is a member of some of the most exclusive clubs in town: Queen City Club, University Club, Cincinnati Country Club, Carnegie

Graves, who was born on April 6, 1860 and died on July 20, 1925. Her parents were Johnson Graves and Lucretia Souther Graves. They were married on February 28, 1828. Both were born in Boone County, the husband on February 26, 1813 and the wife on January 12, 1812. Both were born in Boone County, the husband on February 26, 1813 and she on March 25, 1887. The father of Johnson Graves and the great grandfather of Dr. Carleton Crisler was Joseph Graves, who married Melinda Watts, both of whom came to Boone County from Virginia.

youngsters and many other interesting things.

John P. Ryle's first wife was Mary Elizabeth Ryle and of their seven children two, Mrs. J. H. Walton and Solon B. Ryle live in Boone County. W. C. Ryle and Mrs. Gladys Hubbard live in California. E. J. Ryle in Latonia, Davis S. Ryle in Norwood, Ohio and Mrs. Anna Belle Boutin in Chicago. With the exception of two years



SOLON B. RYLE AND FAMILY

in Washington, D. C., six months in Oregon, four years in Indiana, and fourteen years at Frankfort, John P. Ryle has lived at Grant, Ky. He was County Superintendent of Schools of Boone County

from 1886 to 1890. Both father and son, John P. and Solon B. Ryle are real boosters for Boone County. John P. Ryle has lived at Grant and cooperate toward the upbuilding of this whole section



**Arthur Alloway**  
WATERLOO ON RY. 2  
BURLINGTON, KY.

Arthur Alloway of Waterloo has the distinction of being the only big league baseball player ever to come from Boone County. Perhaps the readers of this story would recognize the name a little easier if we called him "Podge," the nickname under which he has passed for many years. At the present time he operates a farm on Route 2, Burlington, raising mostly tobacco. His great grandfather on his father's side, John D. Norris, fought with Perry on Lake Erie, coming here from the east early in the last century.

**Arthur C. Roberts**

**MR. AND MRS. A. C. ROBERTS**

Arthur C. Roberts of Verona, Ky., is a carpenter by trade and also engaged in wall paper decoration and painting, and he has also operated a small general store in the town since December, 1908. Mr. Roberts was born in Boone County near Verona on May 30, 1863, the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Roberts.

He was united in marriage on October 6, 1897 with Lulu H. Powers, also of Verona, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Powers. They have no children.

Mr. Roberts received the greater part of his education at the League Institute in Verona, Ky., under the management of Miss Annie E. Hamilton and Mr. N. B. Hamilton in the eighties. Mrs. Roberts was educated in the League under this management also.

For forty years Mr. Roberts has been a valued correspondent to the Recorder, and each week his items are eagerly read by hundreds of people. Mr. Roberts is loyal to the traditions of Kentucky and is admired by all who know him for his integrity of character and the honesty of his dealings. He is ever ready to contribute and cooperate in any worthy cause toward the betterment of his community.

Mr. Alloway has been married twice, his first wife being Minnie Fauss of Lawrenceburg, Ind. They were three children by this union—Mrs. Lyndell Voris of Tulsa, Okla., singer of renown; Mrs. E. S. Lanikin of Grant, Ky., and Henry Taylor Alloway of Oxford, Kan., who is in the oil business. His second wife is Belle Shinkle of Boone County whom he married April 26, 1914.

Mr. Alloway is a Mason and an active member in the Christian Church. His hobby for hunting the natural history is his greatest hobby is as it should be, the great national game of baseball.

When the last Historical Edition of the Boone County Recorder was printed back in 1903 the Union Deposit Bank had not yet opened its doors for business but there was an article about the bank and a picture of Dr. M. J. Crouch who conceived the idea of organizing that institution and one of its chief promoters greatly interested in the success of the venture.

To quote the closing paragraph in the edition of twenty-seven years ago: "The Union Deposit Bank will begin its career well backed financially, well organized handsomely equipped and splendidly managed. The Recorder trusts it will exist a thousand years hence." The Recorder still holds to that hope and since those words were written nearly three decades have passed and many changes have taken place both in personnel and business growth.

One of the staunchest supporters and most interested, however, is still on the job in the person of J. L. Frazier, who as cashier, helped organize the bank and now, though at the age when most men

**UNION DEPOSIT BANK.**

retire, is still as active as ever in guarding and protecting the depositor's money. A complete biography of Mr. Frazier will be found in another place in this edition.

If being well off is a feature at the opening of the Union Deposit Bank it is no less an asset now for keen competition exists in banking circles these days just as it does in any line of business. The present officers and directors have maintained the confidence of the stockholders and depositors alike, fully meriting such approval from every standpoint. Lara Blankenbaker is now President of the bank with Owen Blankenbaker as Vice President, who with J. L. Frazier, C. C. Blankenbaker, J. W. Conner (who was vice president at the opening of the bank), T. E. Garrison and George C. Barlow comprise the present board.

The assistant cashier is Miss Lillian Bristol, who has been a faithful and trusted employee for twelve years. The writer doubts if any man or woman was ever held in higher esteem by a community than Miss Bristol is in that section of the county.

**Lurrel R. Miller**

**MR. AND MRS. L. R. MILLER AND NIXIE BERTHA**

For nearly one hundred years Landing, Ky., formerly Normansville, has had a successful general store and with the exception of a few years, this store has been operated by the Miller family, the present owner being Lurrel K. Miller, who succeeded John C. Miller twenty years ago.

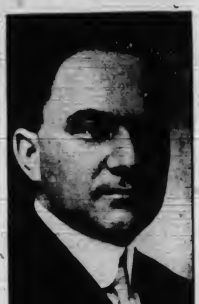
In the olden days Normansville was an important trading point where was located the only woolen mill in Boone County. This was later changed to a flour mill and was torn down in 1921. A picture of this old mill appears elsewhere in this edition.

Lurrel K. Miller was born at Sheldon, Ill. June 3, 1877 the son of Addison L. and Lucina Earl Miller. His father is dead but his mother is living in Mr. Auburn, Cincinnati. In 1883 Mr. Miller's parents moved to Kentucky, settling near Big Bone where they stayed a few years and later moved to Landing near the Ohio river. Lurrel grew up in that section and attended the local public schools there. On January 19, 1899 he was married to Bertha D. Miller, also of that place. Though of the same name there was no blood kinship.

This couple have no children however, they have been the same at father and mother to a favorite niece, Bertha Newberry, aged eight years who has lived with them for the last five years. Mr. Miller is a member of the Modern Woodmen. His greatest recreation is fishing. At his store in Landing he keeps in stock all sorts of necessities such as hardware, farming implements and notions, groceries. He also handles considerable produce. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have made hundreds of friends through their honesty of character and willingness to contribute and aid in any worthy project toward the betterment of their own community, or for the good of the county.

**Arthur B. Rouse**  
ERLANGER, KY.

Many columns of newspaper space has been used in the telling of important incidents pertaining to the life of Arthur B. Rouse and his activities as Congressman from the Sixth District of Kentucky, therefore this writer cannot find fault of attempting to add to the latter of those accomplishments and will not try to go into detail with the facts shown in this edition. There is little doubt but what every reader of these lines has a personal acquaintance with Arthur B. Rouse, for his numbers his friends by the hundreds, especially in Boone County the place



**ARTHUR B. ROUSE**

of his birth. Arthur B. Rouse was born at Burlington June 20, 1874, the son of Dudley and Elizabeth Hlythe because who were descendants of the oldest families in this section. His father was born here in 1826 and he died in 1912. The mother of Mr. Rouse was born in Boone County in the year of 1853 and passed away in 1929 surviving her husband eight years.

Arthur Rouse received his elementary education at the Burlington schools and later studied law at Hanover College, Hanover, Ind., where he received his degree. He started his law practice at Burlington which he conducted for a few years prior to accepting a secretaryship in Washington where he served in that capacity under two congressmen. In 1910 he was elected as Congressman from the Sixth District and served his constituents faithfully and loyally for six years. At the present time he is President of the Dixie Traction Company and holds the same office in the Dixie Coach Company and the Ohio Valley Company. He is also Vice President of the Dempsey Motor Car Company at Erlanger.

He was united in marriage in 1919 with Minnie E. Kelly and they have two children, Arthur B. Jr., and Robert K. ages 11 and 10 years respectively. Both of these children were born in Washington.

Mr. Rouse is a Presbyterian, Methodist and a member of the Summit Hills Country Club. He and his father before him were Treasurer of the Burlington Masonic Lodge holding the office for 66 continuous years. Mr. Rouse still retains his interest in Boone County and a love for her people.

**Wallace (Hop) Clore**  
GRANT, KY.

Wallace Clore, commonly known as "Hop" to his hundreds of loyal friends, was born June 6, 1827 at Bellevue, the son of Perry and Annie Wingo Clore, both of whom are dead. He is one of the best liked and most successful young farmers in this community, and with his wife, the former Mary Lida Shinkle, whom he married on December 19, 1918 make one of the best people of all ages. Mr. Clore attended the local schools at Bellevue where he showed an early talent for baseball, and is today one of the fastest outfielders in the Boone County League.

Mrs. Clore has been a correspondent for the Boone County Recorder for over fifteen years.

**LADIES AID SOCIETY BIG BONE METHODIST**

**Big Bone Ladies Aid**

The Big Bone Ladies Aid of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was organized July 1884 with ten charter members. The first president, Mrs. G. W. Baker. The purpose being to contribute to the welfare of church financially, spiritually and socially.

The organization now has seventeen members, one of which is a charter member, being a member for 36 years.

The society meets the first Thursday of each month at the home of the members. They meet for the entire day. The day is spent quilting and in a social way. A luncheon dinner is always served, and an enjoyable time is had by all. Sometimes the men come for dinner and enjoy an hour's fellowship together.

The present officers are: Mrs. J. L. Jones, president; Mrs. J. W. Aylor, Mrs. L. M. Moore, treasurer.

**PICNIC DAY AT WALTON BAPTIST CHURCH**

**The Petersburg Cemetery**

The Petersburg Cemetery is one of the best kept and on an solid and substantial financial basis any county cemetery in northern Kentucky.

This plot of ground was originally called "the graveyard" and was laid out into lots which sold for \$25.00 each. As the years went on the original purchase price received was expended in the upkeep of the cemetery, leaving the treasury practically bare.

About this time Mrs. Martha Norris Collins died, leaving \$500.00 in a trust fund, the interest of which was to be applied toward the upkeep of the entire cemetery. Later, Mrs. Nannie Berkshire Gates gave \$100.00 to be added to this fund. Then Ediger C.

Riley became interested in the enterprise and with the help of others interested pushed it toward completion. John Uri Lloyd gave the magnificent sum of \$5,000.00.

This was followed up by an additional \$1,000.00 given by E. Y. Chapin, a banker of Chattanooga and boyhood resident of Petersburg. Other contributions were received from Miss Elizabeth Olds, \$550.00; Mrs. L. N. Early, \$100.00, and others in amount ranging from \$50 to \$100.00 until the permanent endowment totals over \$11,000 and the fund is still growing.

The present official board of the Petersburg Cemetery is composed of B. H. Berkshire, president; C. Riley, secretary; Wm. Stephens, treasurer; L. S. Chambers and H. H. Grant, directors.





**History of Point Pleasant Christian Church**  
(By Katherine White)

(Taken from History by B. F. McClusson.)  
Late in the fall of 1834 Walter Scott held a two weeks meeting in the old Point Pleasant School House, not a great distance from where the church now stands. The first week he had one convert, Mr. Platt Kennedy and the following week Mr. Park Walton made the good confession. The meeting closed but the seed sown during that meeting were bound to bring forth fruit in time to come.

Then in the fall of 1839 Walter Scott again held a meeting—one of the most successful ever held at Point Pleasant, for the time had come when the seed sown in 1837 by this same good man had put forth an abundant harvest and all that was wanting was some one to proclaim the restoration of primitive Christianity and no one was better prepared to do so than Walter Scott.

After the close of this meeting the church was organized with sixty-one members and called Point

a successful minister.  
Between 1841 and 1856, Benjamin Franklin held several successful meetings for our church. His last meeting was in 1856. Bro. Philemon Vawter came to the church about this time, and served it successfully for fourteen years. Bro. Vawter was liked by everyone and at the close of his ministry, the church was at its zenith.

Then came Bro. W. S. Keene, who also served the church for fourteen years—he also left the church in a prosperous condition. Bro. Keene was a splendid church worker. Since that time we have had a number of good young men among whom were: T. M. Hurst, W. E. Rambo, J. A. Seiff, E. J. Curry, G. W. Wain, Edgar D. Jones, Roger T. Noe, P. H. Duncan and R. H. Carter whom you have all known well.

In some respects we feel quite proud of "Old Point Pleasant Church," for she is the "mother" of churches. Constance is an off-spring of Point Pleasant. Burlington once drew on Point Pleasant but finally her church go down. Florence also drew on Point Pleasant to start her church. Bullitsville organized from Point Pleasant.

**Ward Yager**  
COMMONWEALTH ATTY.  
WARSAW, KY.



WARD YAGER.

Ward Yager is an attorney-at-law residing at Warsaw, Ky., and though not a native of Boone Co. certainly has a place in the edition due to the hundreds of real friendships in this section that have come to him since he made his way to this place at the time he ran for the office of Commonwealth Attorney in the 15th District. He has made law breakers realize that this district is a good one to avoid and has held the respect and confidence of the best people because of this and other traits of high character.

His hobby is "associating with people" as all can attest who have enjoyed talking with him during his spare moments, which are rather hard to find as his energy keeps him constantly on the move.

He was born in Oldham County, the son of J. B. and Elizabeth Almy Yager, on the second day of July, 1861. He was married to Miss Ruth Graham, a Gallatin county girl. They have two girls, Zerelda and Billy Graham, both in school at Warsaw.

We asked Mr. Yager to submit a short impression of Boone County folks which is printed herewith.

During the summer of 1927 I entered Boone County as a stranger, visited most of the homes, met most of the people, and on every side was given a cordial welcome.

From my association with Boone County I have observed that the people are to a large degree of native stock, whose parents and grandparents, by their thrift and sturdy character, set a high standard of citizenship in the County.

The County is full of successful farmers who take great pride in the beauty of their land and buildings. Many of the farmers are specialists; dairy, fruit growing, poultry, and other lines, and in the state and nation.

I have also observed that the young men and women who have gone to our colleges and universities and into business have gained for themselves positions of highest honor.

Indeed, Boone County possesses a successful, happy and contented citizenship.

**History of Red Cross Public Health Work**  
(By Emmie B. Willis)

In November, 1925, I began the work of awakening the citizens of Boone County to a need for health education. At that time the local Red Cross had some \$300.00 left from war drives. With that small sum, and a realization that before it was exhausted the idea of Public Health and its advantages and importance must be sold to the people of the county, I commenced this pioneering in my own home county. At that time there were accurately speaking four people in the county believing that the undertaking would prove worthwhile. From them and from the National Red Cross family who directed me, I drew my inspiration and courage to do my daily work.

Since the definition of Public Health was quite vague to the people generally, my first efforts were directed in defining it to the representative people of the communities which make up the county. This I did at churches, P. T. A.'s and mothers' meeting then using the schools as my demon-

stration field.  
I inspected the children in every school in the county that first year, notifying the parents of all defects found and personally urging medical advice and care. Sometimes I met with resentment on the part of parents, "I was interfering with their private affairs" to them at that time, but as time has passed they have wonderfully responded and after four

years, health workers from adjoining counties and states have watched it with interest, the National Red Cross points to it with pride, and has often used its program talks at Regional Conferences. When a Philippine nurse came to Washington in 1929 requesting of the Red Cross to be sent by them to two rural services where she might be helped in doing rural work in the Islands, one of the

places to which she was sent was to Boone County.  
I have put the best of myself I could command into this work, and have received in return wealth untold, the confidence and trust of parents, the love and faith of little children, and my father who idolized me as a child, both of whom ever held before me the ideal of being kind to humankind, and I have drawn from my home and my memory of them a longing to help others to make their homes just such a source of inspiration.

My work in Boone County has spilled over the edges of the coun-



**HERBON LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Pleasant: The following officers were elected: James Ellis, Park Walton and William McClusson; James Callum, Jedediah Foster and Simpson Riggs, Deacons, and John Riggs, Sr., Trustee. They continued to hold services at the school house and at different homes throughout the neighborhood until 1841, when Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brown donated land, and a church building was erected. They then had another meeting and had many accessions to the church.

ant: Ludlow received many of our good members, among them two elders, and last, but not least, Erlanger got many of our members when we most needed them.

There is another thing we can feel proud of—look at the number of young men who have commenced preaching in Point Pleasant Church. F. N. Arnold preached his first sermon here. W. S. Keene was a beginner here. W. E. Rambo, John A. Jayne, Harlan C. Runyan, Walter C. Gibbs, Edgar D.

**FLORENCE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

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**WALTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

After this time they ministered their first regular ministry, "Old Father Masters" (as he was called) who was not at all extravagant in his price, as he preached for \$12.00 per year.

By this time H. St. John Van Dake (among the first to unite with the church and a charter member) had become a good preacher and by the way the first preacher sent out by Point Pleasant.

At that time we had no colleges of the Bible to educate our preachers, but Bro. Van Dake would get his elders together, take them to the woods, seat them on a log and preach to them, asking them to criticize him, which was an inspiration to him as well as to the elders. Bro. Van Dake removed to Indiana and became one of the leading ministers.

Elder James Challen held two very successful meetings and had many additions. His last meeting was in 1877.

Father Masters became feeble in health and was unable to attend church regularly and the church employed James Weekly in about 1864 or 1865. The minister's salary had begun to increase by this time and Bro. Weekly received \$36.00 per year.

Some of the other ministers who served the church were: Bros. William Stratton of Cincinnati; Perrin of Covington; John Taft of Cincinnati, a relative of Pres. Taft; and John Taft, under Judge Taft and Judge Burnett, but became dissatisfied with his profession, began preaching and made

Jones, Roger T. Noor, R. H. Carter and many others preached for us in the early part of their ministry, and have gone out into the world to make their mark as ministers of the Gospel, which they are doing with credit to themselves and the church. The church erected in 1841 was razed early in 1913 and the present building erected and dedicated September 28th.

**OLD BAPTIST CHURCH, VERONA**

1913.  
Since that time our congregation has not been very large. We have lost as many of our members by death and removal and some by indifference, but a few of us are still trying to keep things going as best we can and would be glad to have everyone in the community join in with us and try to build up our congregation to what it was a few years ago.

Bro. Charles Crawford preached for us every Sunday at 11:00 a. m. and 2:00 p. m.

**PRESENT BAPTIST CHURCH, VERONA**

**First Universalist Church**  
Was organized May 27, 1876. Church building was erected in 1879. Organizers were Lewis Conner and wife, John T. Craven and wife, Noah Craven and wife, Jas. D. Cloud, R. D. Jones, Oscar Gashes, H. P. Crisler, C. C. Conner and Elizabeth Mirick, Rev. S. P. Carter, Pastor.

Some of the early pastors of this church were W. M. Jones, J. W. Henry, S. B. Burdette, A. Grandy, C. C. Conner and others.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH, GRANT, KY.**

and one-half years I am their friend, and they seek me for advice, rather than my having to search them out as I did in the beginning.

Through the schools and the health teaching of the children and parent co-operation, I have been able to get a correction of 856 physical defects, which defects

From my home and its associations, of my wonderful mother, who believed in every thought I ever had, and my father who idolized me as a child, both of whom ever held before me the ideal of being kind to humankind, and I have drawn from my home and my memory of them a longing to help others to make their homes just such a source of inspiration.

**The Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company**  
(By R. B. Huey)

The Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company was organized April 8th, 1847, and began business the following November with \$10,000 on the books.

The following named gentleman have served as its officers during the fifty-two years that have elapsed since its organization:

Presidents: J. A. Gaines, N. S. Walton, J. S. Huey, Edgar Gropper and N. C. Tanner.  
Secretaries: Oscar Gaines, Maluhou Souther, R. B. Huey and F. H. Agents: Wm. Rogers, R. B. Huey, R. W. Rouse and L. R. Barlow. Treasurers: Jas. Duncan, P. A. Utz, H. E. Youall and The Peoples Bank.

**Dudley Rouse Blythe**

Dudley Rouse Blythe, though still a young man, has been in business in Burlington for twenty-one years, and is one of the most influential men of his community and county. He was born on September 28, 1887 the son of George and Laura Huey Blythe, both of whom are natives of Kentucky and descendants of old families. In his younger days "Dud", as he is called by his friends, attended the local schools under good teachers, and was interested in farming up until the time he was twenty-two years of age. On October 26, 1909 he was united in marriage with Floss Botts, who was born at Petersburg on

state building once owned by his uncle, after whom he was named, though owned by his father, George Blythe, at that time. On June 7, 1921, this old store building burned to the ground with a loss to Mr. Blythe of \$3,000, being only partly covered by insurance. A disaster of this kind to a young business man would be most disheartening at the best, and many would have given up in despair. Instead of admitting failure Mr. Blythe bought the lot on which the old building stood and promptly built a beautiful new two-story brick structure, which was a decided asset to the town as well as to the owner, and a great improvement to the appearance of

**Ezra K. Tanner**

their entire married life has been spent on the farm where Mrs. Tanner was born in 1826. Her name was Alameda R. Tanner. They have one son, Harry L. Ezra K. Tanner was born near Florence, Kentucky, on the 23rd day of February, 1857, the son of Simon and Rachel Tanner. Mr. Tanner has been a hard worker all his life, and looked up to as a man of honest character, ever ready to assist in the many improvements for the good of the community. Both Mr. and Mrs. Tanner have been members of Hopeful Lutheran Church from the days of their youth, and Mr. Tanner served as superintendent of Sunday School, chorister of church, and member of the church council for many years.

**MR. AND MRS. TANNER TAKEN ON GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

On June 30, 1929 Mr. and Mrs. Ezra K. Tanner celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, being crossed that day in the same clothes worn on their wedding day in 1878. The accompanying photograph taken that day will show they are both in the best of health despite their advanced years.

**Hubert Conner**

As president of the Hebron Bank Hubert Conner is well known to all in his community and has the respect and confidence of his fellow-men to the utmost degree. He is primarily a farmer at which occupation he has spent the greater portion of his life and has attained a success beyond most people. He resides on a beautiful place just east of Hebron where he raises general farm products and has a number of Holstein dairy cattle of which are registered stock.

Mr. Conner was born October 7, 1872 at Hebron the son of John L. and Laura M. Heddes Conner, who were also born and reared in Boone County. He married Lillie Goodridge October 25, 1909. She was the daughter of Allen and Allie Milberts, natives of this county, and among her most respected citizens. They have five children, Mary 4½ age 29, wife of Ralph Jones, Cecil age 24, John L. age 21, Dorothy L. age 12 and James C. age 9.

Mr. Conner has played an important part in the life of the people of Boone County and there is not a man here who is more interested in his community than he, and any worthy enterprise never fails to find a strong supporter in this gentleman farmer and banker.

**Chas. Winfield Myers, Sr.**

Charles Winfield Myers, Sr. holds an enviable position in the hearts of thousands of Boone county residents who have known him for many years and have traded with him throughout the greater part of their life. At the present time and since the inception of his business in 1921, he holds the franchise for the sale of Ford cars and allied products. It is noted throughout north-east Kentucky as being one of the fairest and squarest automobile dealers in this section, and the purchaser of any car from this company is always assured of complete service at the lowest possible prices.

**FORD GARAGE, FLORENCE, KY.**

Mr. Myers should take no little pride in the fact that once a man purchases a car from his agency he seldom goes elsewhere when another new car is needed. Mr. Myers carries a complete line of Ford cars in stock, selling about one hundred seventy-five per year not counting the used cars which would run the total up to about three hundred fifty. He sells Standard Oil products and has handled the Goodrich, Goodyear, and Firestone tires for many years. Mr. Myers was born at Alvan, Ky., on August 16, 1867, the son of Henry and Agnes Boyle Myers. His father was born in Germany, coming to this country at an early age and settling in Boone county in 1878.

The boyhood of Mr. Myers was spent in Ludlow and Florence where he attended the local schools. Later his father was in the business at Florence and young Myers assisted him in that line until 1882, when he started clerking for F. L. Switzer, store where he remained nearly four years. At this time he entered business for himself, opening a dry goods store in Florence in 1884 which he conducted until starting the garage in 1921.

Mr. Myers was married in January, 1891 to Georgia B. Snyder of Boone County, the daughter of James P. and Sallie Springer Snyder. James Snyder was born in Virginia, coming to Boone county as a young man. He was a victim of a crisis of heart when he married, Cincinnati capitalist.

**Chas. Winfield Myers, Jr.**

Charles Winfield Myers, Jr., is a young business man of Florence and a recognized leader in many county enterprises. He is in business with his father at the local Ford car agency since starting in this endeavor immediately after his school days were over. Mr. Myers was born at Florence on February 21, 1900, the son of Charles Winfield and Georgia Snyder Myers. His biography up to two years elsewhere in this edition. "Winnie," as his friends call him, attended the local public schools at Florence, spent three years at Woodward High in Cincinnati, and received his preliminary business training at Littleford Business College, also located at Cincinnati.

Mr. Myers was united in marriage with Dorothy Virginia Pickett on December 24, 1925. They have two children, Dale Preston, aged three and one-half and Nancy Gay, aged two months. Mrs. Myers, Jr. is the daughter of Clarence and Laurine Pickett of this county.

Mr. Myers is a member of the Mission Lodge, Good Faith No. 35, at Florence and Kichnee Grange of Covington. He finds his recreation in all kinds of sports, having a preference for golf, fishing and tennis. Both he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. He is treasurer of the Florence Building and Loan Association and Chairman of the Boone County Red Cross. Like his father, Mr. Myers is greatly interested in anything working toward the betterment of his county.

Mr. Myers is a member of the I. O. O. F. Venus Lodge No. 54 of Florence. He is president of the Florence Building and Loan Association and director of the Florence Deposit Bank. Both Mr. and Mrs. Myers are members of the Baptist Church. Mr. Myers is devoted to his business and derives his greatest pleasure from mixing with friends and enjoying the companionship of his family. When anything is undertaken for the good of the county the assistance of Mr. Myers is invariably sought, and his willingness to cooperate and assist is never lacking if the cause is worthy.

**BLYTHE'S STORE, BURLINGTON**

February 17, 1892 a daughter of John and Carrie Smith Botts, Mr. Botts is a carpenter by trade and both he and his wife are natives of Kentucky and descendants of old families here. Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Blythe have two children, Arthur Edson, born June 29, 1910, who is now married to Hazel Clore. They have one little daughter, Marcetta Blythe, aged six months.

The other child is Martha who was born on October 27, 1914. She is a very attractive girl and very popular with young and old. She is in her second year of high school and one of the best students at the Burlington institution. She enjoys basketball and was one of the valued players on her team last year.

In January 1910, following his marriage, Mr. Blythe started working for E. E. Kelly in his general store at Burlington. Here he showed unusual efficiency and made many friends, so that when he bought out Mr. Kelley on June 10, 1919 his own business was soon quickly established. At that time only about one-half the amount of stock was carried in his store that is found today at this modern mercantile establishment. On January 13, 1921 "Dud" moved his store across the street into the old House

that corner. By mighty hard work and personal supervision he erected this building in a little over two months and opened for business in his new store on August 20, 1921. He and his family reside in an attractive and pleasant apartment of six rooms on the second floor of this building.

Mr. Blythe carries a complete line of general merchandise, including shoes, hardware, notions, dry goods, groceries, paints, meats, cold drinks, ice cream, cigars and cigarettes—in fact, most anything necessary for a man and his family. Claude Greenup is a valued clerk where for the past three years his capabilities and friendly manner have won him additional friends to the store.

Mr. Blythe is a member of the Masonic Lodge at Burlington, the Scottish Rite at Covington, and the Oleks Shrine at Lexington. Mr. Blythe is a member of the Eastern Star. There is no more ardent baseball fan in Boone county than "Dud" Blythe and he has done much to make this wholesome sport possible in this section. He is public spirited in every way, greatly interested in his county and ever ready to contribute and cooperate toward any movement for its betterment.

**J. Frank Grant**  
(By E. Y. Chapin)

Born in Louisville in 1843, J. Frank Grant came to Boone County in his early childhood. He was the eldest of four sons of Dr. E. L. Grant—a physician-farmer who held an eminent place in his community. Frank Grant remained

which came to J. Frank Grant during the generation which knew him. For many years he represented his community in the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows for Kentucky, becoming its Grand Master in 1890. Ever since as long he represented his state in the national gatherings of that order.

He was a recognized leader in the politics of his county and his

**FLORENCE BAPTIST CHURCH**

upon his father's farm until 1870 when he and his brother, W. Ed Grant, purchased the general store of Mr. John Gaines and became the leading merchants of Petersburg. Later, W. Ed Grant was made to Louisville to study medicine and to become one of its most prominent physicians, and J. Frank Grant went on alone.

He remained the most prominent merchant in Petersburg until the middle eighties, when he conducted the Bank of Petersburg. He conducted that enterprise until he went to Baltimore in 1897 to become Grand Secretary and Adjutant General of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He died in Baltimore in 1904. His remains repose in the Petersburg Cemetery. No man enjoyed greater prominence in Boone County than that

state, representing Boone County in many Democratic conventions. At one time he was a formidable candidate for Congress. He was the leading layman of the Methodist church and the Presbyterian. A man of broad intellectual ability, he collected the largest private library in his community. The works of many of the great authors of his time, notably those of Dickens, were brought to Petersburg by him and circulated there through his generosity.

The brightness of his mind and the warmth of his heart brought many friends to J. Frank Grant. His public spirited interest in his community and the enterprise which he displayed in connection with it made him its civic leader. He won the respect and the regard of his neighbors.

**HOPEFUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**WALTON ADVERTISER OFFICE, WALTON, KY.**

**Walton Advertiser**

Fifteen years ago R. D. Stamer began publishing a small weekly paper in Walton with pages only nine by twelve inches and meager advertising patronage. Their circulation did not exceed two or three hundred copies each week, and their mail was carried to the postoffice in a small chip basket. As the years went on the paper became a popular locally and about fourteen years ago he associated himself with B. Wallace in publishing the publication of a six column, four page paper.

Mr. Wallace was an old newspaperman with both daily and weekly experience, just prior to this time being associated with his brother, B. Wallace in publishing a weekly paper at Warsaw, Ky. This Gallatin County publication was established in May, 1880 and

was sold to other parties in 1906. The Walton Advertiser began growing until it was found necessary to enlarge the paper to an eight page, sixteen column sheet. For seven years the paper was hand set, until about three years ago, realizing the necessity of the assistance of Mr. Myers, it was installed together with a large eight column press.

The paper which once was carried in a chip basket now requires over twenty-five mail sacks each week, realizing its growth. Its good efforts for Walton and the surrounding communities has been recognized, and the press owners have refused several offers to take it to sell to different parties. This establishment is also equipped with a nice job printing department that added materially to the revenue of the business.

C. Scott Chambers

A biographical history of progressive citizens and old families of Boone County would not be complete without a sketch of the life and work of our leading undertaker and worthy citizen, C. Scott Chambers of Walton. Like so many other men who have made their mark in the world, he was born and reared on the farm. He attended the county schools of the neighborhood, finishing his elementary education at the Aurora High School, Aurora, Ind. After this he engaged in farming for several years, successfully managing and operating his father's extensive acres.

On November 7, 1900 he was united in marriage with Alta Terrill of Petersburg, daughter of John and Mary Terrill of that place. They have two very attractive daughters, Alene, who was born on July 25, 1902, and who is the wife of Reuben Conner, cashier of the Citizens Bank of Erlanger. The second daughter is Mary Scott, who was born on May 29, 1904 and who married Wallace K. Grubb, both of whom are associated with her father in business. Mr. Chambers also has a beautiful little granddaughter, Jeanette Chambers Grubb, aged nine months.

A dear little girl four years of age from the Orphans Home in



ELLA MAY CHAMBERS

joined with his ability makes him one of the leading undertakers in northern Kentucky. Both Mr. and Mrs. Grubb are also licensed embalmers and undertakers and are qualified in all modern methods of the profession. Mr. Grubb was one of the first lady undertakers in the state. Although many fine compliments have been passed to Mr. Chambers relative

Edgar Surface Graves

One of the happiest and most congenial families in Boone County is that of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Surface Graves. Undoubtedly their happiness has been conceived because of their willingness and readiness to use the right thing at all times and under all circumstances. They reside on a beautiful farm near Hebron where they raise general farm products and specialize in registered Jersey cattle and Chester whites. The late Mr. Graves' father William and grandfather John were born on the farm where they now live. His mother and her parents were from Ohio, whose ancestors were originally from Virginia.

The parents of Mrs. Graves were natives of England. Her father, Joseph Bullock, was born March 16, 1835, at West Indulsey in Yorkshire, England. Her mother, Mary Elizabeth Abbe-son was born in Liverpool, England on July 23, 1849. They were married at Yorkshire, England June 25, 1871, less than a month later coming to America where they resided in Cincinnati for a few years. During the first of their married life was spent in Hebron, where both passed away causing the spring of 1920. Edgar S. Graves was born at Bullittsville on May 18, 1881, the son of Wm. Gaines and Mary Jane Surface Graves. Mr. Graves spent his boyhood days around Hebron, attending the local public schools at Bullittsville and Hebron and received his further education in private schools.

On June 21, 1906 Mr. Graves was united in marriage with Grace K. Bullock who was born at Hebron, the daughter of parents named above. They have two children living—Robert Linton, aged 17, and Wm. Edgar, aged 9. The first child, James Alvin, who was born on June 2, 1909, died at the age of sixteen. Robert Linton, the eldest living, was graduated from the 1930 class of Hebron High School, and has been a great worker of the 4-H Club. In 1928 he was Kentucky State corn growing champion.

Mr. Graves is a member of the Masonic Lodge, and though never aspiring to political office, he served eight years as Deputy Assessor. Mr. Graves is known throughout the county as a man of highest character, whose honest achievements have come about through an intensive knowledge of up-to-date farming operations, and his willingness to co-operate toward the upbuilding of the county, his name has never been questioned.

James A. Riddell AURORA, IND.

O. M. Rogers ERLANGER, KY.

Although away from Boone County years, as far as his residence is concerned, O. M. Rogers has never lost track of his home county and is as much interested in the people of this section as though he had lived here during all those years. He is an attorney at law with a practice second to none in this territory with many cases in the Boone county and those of Kenton County. His son, James a graduate of the law school at the University is associated with him. Their office is located in the Covington Trust Company building at Sixth and Madison streets, Covington. Mr. Rogers has a beautiful home situated in one of the most desirable residential sections at 319 Erlanger Road, Erlanger.

Mr. Rogers was born near Bellevue on November 21, 1872 the son of James and Mrs. Walton Rogers. He married Katherine Smith a daughter of Dr. J. Francis Smith and Virginia Webb Smith, early settlers of Boone County and where Dr. Smith practiced his profession for fifty years.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers have three

JAMES A. RIDDELL

We challenge the state of Indiana to produce a druggist who has been in business for himself at an equal location for fifty-six years to equal the record of James A. Riddell, the subject of this brief and inadequate biography.

Mr. Riddell was born at Petersburg, Kentucky, May 3, 1846, the son of Marcellus and Martha C. Riddell, who resided in that town. During the latter part of the Civil War, he was attending the private school of Mr. Sackett Mead at Covington, Kentucky, and after a preliminary education secured while in the dry goods store of William C. Berkshire, at Petersburg, Ky. At the age of eighteen he left Petersburg to take a position as clerk in the drug store owned by John Ferris at Lawrenceport, Indiana. After leaving this position he went to Shoals, Indiana, for one summer in the same capacity. He also served as clerk with Charlton and Andrews, pharmacists, at Seymour, Indiana. Mr. Riddell in 1874 moved from Seymour to Aurora and, forming a partnership with John B. Morrison of Seymour, opened a drug store under the firm name of J. A. Riddell and Company, January 31st, 1883 this partnership was dissolved, Mr. Riddell continuing the business until January 17, 1890, then selling his place to Lester H. Boese, of Indianapolis, Indiana, doing business in the same town fifty-six years, lacking four years.

He never was married, and resides with his sister, Margaret Riddell at 203 Hanover-st., Aurora. He is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, being a Knight Templar, Scotch Rite, and deacon and a member of the Shrine. His great



O. M. ROGERS

children, Laura Frances, James Coleman and Louise Woodward, Laura is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati and Louise is now a student at the University of Kentucky.

Mr. Rogers is a member of the Masonic and Elk lodges and derives his greatest relaxation and pleasure from good books and flower gardening. He is called upon frequently to give his time and money for many divers and noble purposes and his response is always forthcoming if the cause is worthy.

Everett L. Ayler WALTON, KY.

Everett L. Ayler was born at Linburg, Boone County, June 17, 1881 the son of Thomas B. and Julia Jones Ayler who were also natives of this county. He has been a farmer throughout his life and has been most successful at his chosen vocation.

He married Mabel Vest, daughter of Wm. Vest and wife and they have two children, Helen V. and Rev. John R. Gilpin, now pastor of the First Baptist Church at Russell, Ky., and Wilbur R. Mr. Ayler is a loyal member of the First Baptist Church at Walton and one of its strongest supporters and workers. He is intensely interested in his county and is always ready and willing to help any meritorious cause.

His hobbies are flowers and birds. Mr. Riddell was elected a director of the First National Bank at Aurora, Indiana in 1910. In 1914 he was elected President of the First National Bank.

Although away from Boone County for sixty-five years Mr. Riddell has kept in constant touch with this county and its people. His business life has been spent across the river, but he still holds dear the memories of his happy boyhood days at Petersburg.

C. SCOTT CHAMBERS AND FAMILY

Louisville came to the Chambers home on a visit about two years ago and when the parting-time came she had become so attached to him and his family that she wanted to remain, so out of sympathy and the pure kindness of his heart he has kept this little girl and given her parental care, which she seems to realize for she says, "I have the best daddy in the world."

Mr. Chambers came from Petersburg to Walton about twenty years ago and entered the undertaking business. By his industry, courage and kind consideration of his fellow men, he has built up a large patronage not only in his own community but in the adjoining counties as well.

On deciding to make this profession his life work he attended the Cincinnati College of Embalming, taking a course preparatory to trying the state examination. This he passed with highest honors, and he is both a licensed embalmer and undertaker in the three states of Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio. He has an up-to-date establishment equipped with all the modern facilities necessary for his business, and he spares neither time nor expense to attain perfection and today has an equipment second to none in the state. His latest purchase was the purchase of a new hearse and a new invalid coach and ambulance, having the belief that "Boone County has the best people they deserve the best equipment." His personality and kindness to others com-

to his direction of funerals, this writer wishes to add that his grave service is second to none. The very latest type tents, awnings, and lowering devices make this service one of beauty, and Mr. Chambers is himself a genius in the arranging of flowers.

Below follows a concise history, as near as as space will allow, of one of the oldest families in this section whose family on both sides are of Scotch-Irish descent.



HOME OF C. SCOTT CHAMBERS

Scott Chambers was born in the Petersburg precinct on February 13, 1871, the son of Alfred E. and Laura Scott Chambers, the father a native of Boone County and the mother of Kenton.

The writer will take up Mr. Chambers' paternal ancestors first. The great grandfather of Mr. Chambers was Robert Chambers,

who came from Virginia and settled at Burlington about 1800. He married a girl by the name of McAllister of Scottish descent. The grandfather of Mr. Chambers was Alfred E. Chambers, who was born at Burlington on October 16, 1809. He married Amanda Sanford who was born on May 8, 1811. She was also a native of Boone County.

Mr. Chambers' maternal grandfather by the name of Cleveland Scott was born in Kenton County, and he married Alira Collins, a native of Burlington. Cleveland Scott's father and great grandfather were Amos Collins, native of Massachusetts, who married Priscilla Swing native of Kentucky.

Mr. Chambers is a member of the State Board of Examiners of Undertakers at Louisville, having serv-

FUNERAL COACH OF C. SCOTT CHAMBERS

ed in that capacity for several years. He is affiliated with the O. O. F. lodge and a staunch member of the Masonic Order. In politics he has followed the teaching of his youth and is a loyal Democrat of the old school. He is progressive and always contributes liberally toward every worthy cause that has for its aim the upbuilding and development of his town and county. He is a member of the Christian Church and as an Elder is an active worker for the cause. He is Chairman of the Official Board and has been superintendent of the Sunday School for a number of years. He never absents himself from church service unless kept away by business or illness. He is devoted to his mother and seldom fails to make her a weekly visit at Petersburg, and continuously does something for her pleasure and happiness. Mr. Chambers deserves all the good things in life that have come to him, and he doubts but what many more are in store in the days that are to come.



LITTLE JEANETTE GRUBBS, WALTON, KY.

**John L. Vest**

No man in Boone County, or for that matter in northern Kentucky, is held in greater esteem by his fellow citizens than John L. Vest, of Walton, whose successful business career has been rounded out by years of service, friendship and charity to others. He is a lawyer of the highest type whose business has been confined principally to all kinds of civil and corporation law. As a matter fact, he has had but three criminal cases since being admitted to the bar and these were taken against his wish. He has an extensive private practice and is retained as counsel for many prominent business and banking institutions.

John Lewis Vest was born near Verona on November 13, 1875, the son of Carter Hamilton and Miranda Jane Lewis Vest. His ancestry dates back on his father's side to the pioneer families of this state. His great grandfather, also of the name of John Vest, was born in Virginia on March 12, 1741 and died in Boone County on March 28, 1848. There was a family of four brothers who came from England prior to the Revolutionary War. Two stayed in Virginia, one mi-

**JOHN L. VEST**

grating to Kentucky and one to Missouri. John L. Vest is descended from the Kentucky branch of this family. The grandfather of John L. Vest was Payne Vest, who spent his life time in this county. He was born on May 4, 1814 and died March 23, 1886. He married Sallie Hamilton of Verona, who was a descendant of original settlers of what is now the state of West Virginia. The father of Mr. Vest, as stated before, was Carter Hamilton Vest, and he was born on January 19, 1840 and died on March 23, 1907. A peculiar thing might be noted here to the extent that each of these three ancestors of Mr. Vest died during the month of March.

Carter H. Vest married Miriam Lewis, who was born in Covington on Feb. 3, 1857 and who moved to this county as a young girl. The maternal grandfather of John L. Vest, was Charles D. Lewis of Boone County, and he married Elizabeth Bolling, a descendant of the illustrious-Virginia family of that name.

**BOONE COUNTY CHEVROLET CLUB, WALTON**

John L. Vest received the most of his elementary school training under the tutelage of Miss Nannie E. Hamilton in her famous school at Verona. From there he went to the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio and when at about the age of eighteen he started the study of law during the time he was teaching school in various places. He spent two and one-half years in the law office of J. G. Tomlin at Walton and was admitted to the bar in 1909.

At this time he went to the county seat town of Independence where he "hung out his shingle" and established a considerable practice.

**Boone County Chevrolet**

Three and one-half years ago the franchise for the sale of Chevrolet cars in Boone and Gallatin counties was taken over by John L. Vest of Walton, with whom is associated Devoes Blasett acting in the capacity of manager of the Boone County Chevrolet Co. The organization is housed in an especially constructed building on Main-st. with a 50-ft. frontage and a depth about the same. The business is one of the most successful in this territory, and this company is the only Chevrolet dealer in the two above mentioned counties. They handle altogether about five hundred cars each year, new and used. They keep a complete line of Chevrolets on display at all times, including runabouts, phaetons, coupes, coaches and sedans and trucks.

A full line of parts of all kinds are carried in stock and most modern and improved machinery will be found in the repair shop. They employ three service men, all of whom are graduates of the Chevrolet Service School and are competent to give the unexcelled service given by this organization to all purchasers of their cars. William M. Collins of Crittenden is their salesman and he has been most successful in this branch, being a member of the One Hundred Car Club, a Chevrolet organization.

He remained there until 1904 when he came to Walton where he has remained since that time. The first six years of his sojourn in Walton, he was associated with J. G. Tomlin and on January 10, 1910 he arranged a full partnership with Mr. Tomlin in this business that lasted until the death of Mr. Tomlin in September 1919. Since that time he has been alone and has built up a lucrative and extensive practice.

On January 3, 1906 he was united in marriage with Edna May Loomis of Kenton County, who was born on May 11, 1883 the daughter of Walter T. and Georgia Coleman Loomis, both of whom were natives of Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Vest have one child, a son Walter Dudley, who was born on March 6, 1908. He is a graduate of the Walton High School and received his B. S. degree from the University of Kentucky in June, 1930. He is now taking a post-graduate course at the University in the study of law. During the time of his university days he was a member of the school band and of the student Council, and was president of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Besides his law practice Mr. Vest is financially interested in many diverse enterprises, principally as a large stockholder of the Income Life Insurance Co. of Louisville, of which he is a director; the Anglin Ave. Tobacco Warehouse of Lexington, of which he is a director and secretary and the Economic Insulation of Cincinnati, where he is a director and one of the large stockholders. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Bank of Independence.

Mr. Vest has all degrees of Masonry up to the thirty-second, is a member of the Komati Shrine Temple of Louisville, the Indra

**Dr. Edgar D. Jones**

Back in 1902 fate sent a striking minister to Boone Co. fresh ly equipped with an education for his profession and natural talents for his calling that few other ever possessed. Whether Edgar DeWitt Jones knew of these talents is uncertain, but pursuing the philosophy of the parable in the book of Books he had learned so well, he utilized those talents so tellingly that the fact that she cradled him preaching at Old Pt. Pleasant in Boone County that he soon attained a prominent place "in the sun" of the world of America's Clergy men.

**EDGAR DE WITT JONES**

Though Edgar DeWitt Jones was born in Texas he lays claim to Kentucky citizenship that came from his heart. Should any other county than Boone claim him as a native son a controversy would arise that would be held the world around. With a style that was so eloquent, so captivating, yet at the same time so plain and homely, he inaugurated his every hearer. In Boone County he preached at Pt. Pleasant, Petersburg, Bullittsville, in fact there are few Christian pulpits in Boone that he has not filled at some time or other since he began his career here nearly thirty years ago.

While Dr. Jones no doubt loves Boone county for her people and the fact that she cradled his ministerial career, yet a certain young lady, the then Miss Frances C. Willis, now Mrs. Edgar DeWitt Jones, doubt played a principal role in moulding his affections for this part of the county.

Dr. and Mrs. Jones have five children, two girls and three boys. They include Edgar DeWitt, Jr., Dorothy Louise, Frances Virginia, John Mrs. John R. Westbrook W. Dr. Jones as said before was born in Texas, first seeing the wonders of this universe at Harro, on December 26, 1876. He was the son of DeWitt Clinton and Virginia R. Jones, both of whom passed away when he was but a boy.

Dr. Jones at present is the pastor of the Central Christian Church at Detroit. It is one of the largest churches in that vast city and the building of which serves as a crowning achievement of Dr. Jones. He was instrumental in its construction and it may recall to his mind the days and weeks in 1902 that he spent in securing funds for the erection of the Erlanger Christian church just over the Boone County boundary. Reverting to his early career in 1903 he was called to the Franklin Circle Church in Cleveland, O. where he stayed until 1906. During the next four years he was called to the First Christian Church at Bloomington, Illinois. Feeling that his work had been accomplished in that place he moved to Detroit in 1920 to accept his present pastorate.

Besides his many duties as pastor of so large a church he found time to write a book called "Faith: hope, the Annals of a Country School" which was published in 1917 by the McMillan Company of New York. The scenes of this book are laid in Boone County, although the characters are conceived and drawn from many sources.

Dr. Jones is a 33rd Degree Mason and a member of the Kanpa Sigma Fraternity. He is a lover of birds and among his hobbies is mountain climbing and collection of rare books.

Always a Booster for Boone Co.

**Benj. H. Berkshire**

(PETERSBURG, Ky.)  
(B. W. D. Atwood)

As one of the most prominent men in the county and the operator of one of the largest and finest farms in this section, Benj. H. Berkshire has an extensive acquaintance, not because of his sterling character and ancestry of purpose, he numbers his true friends by the hundreds. The beautiful home, where he has lived for the past twenty-seven years, rests majestically atop a high bluff along the Ohio river at Petersburg, affording a wondrous view of his own fertile acre, as well as many miles of the Indiana shore line and undulating hills. He is the possessor of over 500 acres, 226 of which is river bottom land that intensively yields all kinds of farm produce. The uplands are dotted with cattle and sheep and the raising of hogs is an important feature of the success of this modern farmer.

Ben Berkshire was born at Petersburg on July 24, 1867, where most of his boyhood days were happily spent. He attended the public schools near Petersburg a six year course. The first years of his life were spent away from Boone County when his parents moved to Davis county, where they remained four years and the Gatlin county for two years. As the son of a farmer he took up that as his lifelong occupation and he has succeeded to a greater extent than even he perhaps dreamed would be possible. He is a self-made man, and nearly self-educated, because his vast store of accurate knowledge of many things could never have been gained in a country school.

On July 19, 1892 Mr. Berkshire was united in marriage with Ethel Norris of Petersburg who is also a descendant of an old Kentucky family. They have four children, Robert Ewing, born Sept. 25, 1893, who has three children and whose biography appears elsewhere; Melvett Ann, born July 10, 1895, she is the wife of S. H. Palmer and has two children, Robert B. and John David; John Norris born January 29, 1900 assists his father in his farming operations; Cordelia Mary, born March 29, 1896, is the wife of H. D. Woodruff. John Norris enlisted in the Marines at the age of sixteen and was honorably discharged after six months service, during which time he qualified as a sharp shooter and was awarded a medal for his accomplishments.

The family history of Benjamin Berkshire in this county goes back nearly to the birth of this state. His paternal grandfather was also named Benjamin and was born here having come as a child with his father from Virginia. He died in 1841. His wife was Lucy, the daughter, who preceded him in death by four years. The father of Benjamin Berkshire was also named William Berkshire who was born in Petersburg on May 2, 1837. He saw much service during the Civil War as a favorite soldier in the Orphan Brigade under General Morgan, one of the greatest of the Confederate high officers. Before

**Lamar Hamilton**

**Congleton**  
BURLINGTON, KY. R. I.

Lamar Hamilton Congleton, tho not a native of Boone County, was born and bred in Kentucky, having been born in Gatlin County on October 4, 1888. He is the son of Isaac A. and Cora I. Congleton, who reside near Georgetown, Ky. Mr. Congleton was united in marriage with Irene Kirkpatrick of Burlington Dec 23, 1925. They have one daughter, Gladys Jean Congleton, age 2 years. Mr. Congleton is an ex-soldier, having enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1920 and served in the Panama Canal Zone. He came to Boone County in February 1925 from Scott county, Ky., where he has rapidly assumed a leading position as a rising young farmer in this community.



**GLADYS JEAN CONGLETON**

the war he operated a drug store at Petersburg although most of his active life was spent at his chosen occupation of farming. John William was married shortly after the war to Melvett McNeely, the event taking place on October 30, 1908. She was also a native of Petersburg and was born there on January 8, 1841. John William died March 2, 1893, and his wife on April 19, 1911. Melvett McNeely was the daughter of John and Rebecca Alloway McNeely, the former a native of Pennsylvania, who died here in 1882 at the age of 88. His wife was a life long resident of Boone county. She died in 1894 just a year after her husband's death.

Ethel Norris, the wife of Benjamin H. Berkshire, was born October 19, 1869 the daughter of John D. and Margaret Jones. Her paternal grandfather John Norris was of Maryland stock and came here for the Indian wars after serving his country during the stirring days of 1812. He was a naval officer under Com. Perry at the battle of Lake Erie and was awarded a medal for his prowess in those engagements. His name is also engraved among the heroes of Lake Erie on the monument

**HOME OF B. H. BERKSHIRE**

Dr. Jones predicts that "twenty-five years from now there will be hundreds of city dwellers who will have their own perfect highways with plenty of fresh air, an abundance of small fruit, surrounded by a few acres, intensively cultivated close enough to the city for all practical purposes yet able to live amid the high hills in the Kentucky hills and the perfect highways and a heap of happiness thrown in for good measure."

Dr. Jones and his family have made annual visits to this county where his many friends, relatives and acquaintances are always happy to see them.

there, commemorating that event. He was born in Petersburg where he died on January 5, 1879 at the age of eighty-eight. John Norris married Elizabeth Dowden, who died at Petersburg in 1833. Their son John D. was the father of Mr. Berkshire and he was born October 8, 1838, at Petersburg, where he spent the greater portion of his life. He died at Osgood, Indiana, on October 17, 1899. On July 21, 1859 he married Margaret House whose ancestry is traced to among the earliest settlers of this section. Margaret House was born October 6, 1809, in Missouri, but resided in

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**Richwood Church**

On the first Sabbath in May, 1834 Richwood Church, within the bounds of Ebenezer Presbytery was organized by the Rev. C. Harrison by virtue of an order therefore by said Presbytery on a petition of the following thirteen individuals:

- Mr. Elisha Hudson and Mrs. Peter Hudson.
- Mrs. Mary Hughes.
- Dr. E. Smith Clarkson and Mrs. Caroline F. Clarkson.
- Mr. Wm. H. Menzies and Mrs. Eliza M. Menzies.
- Mr. Eph. M. Carter.
- Mrs. Phebe Ballard.
- Miss Armstrong.
- Mrs. S. Harrison.
- Sarah Frances Johnson.

On that same day the church proceeded to elect Eph. M. Carter and Wm. H. Menzies as elders. This was signed by Wm. H. Menzies who was session clerk. Thus read the first page in the record books of the Richwood Presbyterian Church, written ninety-six years ago.

Like the United States, this church was organized with thirteen original members. The first church was organized in a school house and Mr. Harrison engaged for half his time as stated Supply on a salary raised by popular subscription. At the same time he was a Missionary employed by the General Assembly Board.

In January, 1835 a protracted meeting was carried on from house to house. When we think of what those county roads must have been at that season of the year we can appreciate the interest that must have been in evidence to carry out a meeting which lasted one week.

The first Richwood Church was stated by Rev. Samuel C. Clore in 1842, though no accurate record shows exactly when the church was completed. Rev. Wm. H. Menzies, church from 1837 to 1847 and solicited the funds for the erection of this church by the Rev. W. G. White.

From 1866 to 1867 the church was served by Rev. W. G. White

**L. H. Voshell and Wm. Shinkle**



**L. H. VOSHELL (Left) WM. SHINKLE (Right)**  
This is a picture of the two youngest old boys in Boone County (not twins, however) both were born on the same day, August 13, 1843 and they met for the first time eight years later, at a time when this photograph was taken. On the left is L. H. Voshell and on the right is William Shinkle, both of whom reside at Union, Ky. Mr. Voshell is a veteran school teacher and Mr. Shinkle a Civil War veteran. Both of these gentlemen are at this time enjoying very good health though approaching their eighty-seventh year.

by this Presbytery. The Misses Emily and Mary Foreman, missionaries to India, are descendants of this man. Rev. W. G. White, the founder of White Haven, was the father of Benjamin White, missionary to China. Dr. E. W. Bedinger had three children

**John Samuel Clore**  
BELLEVUE, KY.

John Samuel Clore holds the very responsible position of assistant cashier at the Citizens' Deposit Bank at Bellevue, and takes his rightful place as one of the leading business men of his community. He was born in this same town on July 15, 1900, the son of Robert H. and Belle B. Huey Clore. On July 3, 1922 he was united in marriage with Laura Luella Rogers, this couple having two children—Leland, born October 19, 1926 and David Dean, born on February 11, 1928. Mr. Clore was born on July 18, 1901, the daughter of William B. and Ella G. Scott Rogers.

Like his grandfather, John Samuel Huey who served with Morgan's Rough Riders, John Clore also felt the lure of adventure with the armies. He enlisted in the United States Army August 1, 1917 at the age of seventeen. He was discharged July 24, 1919 at Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Ky.; stationed at the following camps:

**Edward Maurer**  
LOUISVILLE, KY.



**EDWARD MAURER.**

Although Edward Maurer left his home at Bellevue in 1869, becoming his apprenticeship as an Ohio River pilot and has been away during all of these thirty-one years, he still retains a great love for old Boone and the memories of his happiest days spent here as a boy. He retained his legal residence in Boone County until 1915 and voted here each election until that time. He has risen far in his chosen profession, now holding the position of United States Local Inspector of Hulls and Steam Vessels at Louisville, with his office in the Customs Building at that city. He resides at 2810 W. Kentucky.

He was twenty-two years of age when he started out to learn the winding channels of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, and in the capacity of beginner he served on various lines ranging between Cincinnati and New Orleans. Though river traffic at this time was not at its previous height much cargo was carried that since has been conveyed by trucks traveling over

**JOHN SAMUEL CLORE**

F. Thomas, Ky. August 1st to September 1, 1917, at Gettysburg, Pa. from September 1st to November 17th; November 20th to January 1, 1918 Camp Greene, N. C. from January 1, 1918 to February 23rd to Camp Merritt, New Jersey. John had four other brothers in the service also—Robert and Willard in the army, Lee and Franklin in the navy.

He sailed from Hoboken, N. J. on the French liner Maui at 8 a. m. February 23, 1918 and after thirteen days at sea landed at St. Nazaire, France. Mr. Clore was gassed while at the front, but did not leave his company until after they had been sent back to camp. He was a number of others, was sent to the hospital at Longdon, France for treatment, but in a few days thought he was alright and went back to his company and from there to Fifth Division Hdqrs. as a mounted dispatch messenger.

They moved into ERIC Luxembourg, and here had their headquarters until they moved to Treves, Germany. Here Mr. Clore took double pneumonia with the flu and again found himself in a hospital, his time in Luxembourg City, the capital of the Duché de Luxembourg. The Grand Ducesse of Luxembourg, who was in the magnificent palace to the Americans for a hospital. He entered this hospital February 20th and on March 15th was operated on after several attempts had been made to draw the puss of his lungs. He was transferred from time to time from one hospital to another until at last they sent him to Brest, France, and in a few days was put aboard the steamer Agamemnon and in nine days was in New York. He was over seas a little over fifteen months.

After being in several New York hospitals he was sent to Rahway, N. J. and then to Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky. Mr. Clore was with the same outfit all the time. Company K 3rd Battalion, 60th Regiment and 5th or Red Diamond Division. He had the privilege of being with Sgt. Samuel W. Woodfill during his two years in the service. Mr. Clore is affiliated with the I. O. O. F. Lodge, a prominent member of the American Legion of Boone County. He obtains his greatest pleasure from baseball. Mr. Clore is interested in the development of his community and community efforts to cooperate toward this upbuilding.

**Cecil Leslie Gaines**  
FLORENCE, KY.

The gathering place for young and old in Florence is the confectioner, store owned and operated by Cecil Leslie Gaines and wife. Their ability to make friends has been a decided asset toward the success of his business venture. They carry in stock, candies of all kinds, cigars, cigarettes, soft drinks, stationery, drug sundries, and have lately added to their stock for periodicals, handling magazines of all kinds.

Cecil Leslie Gaines was born at Petersburg, Ky., on August 21, 1886, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Gaines, who is the former judge of the Circuit Court of Boone County. The biography of Judge Gaines appears elsewhere in this issue.

In his younger days Mr. Gaines was interested in farming, later accepting a position as cashier of the Erlanger Deposit Bank, where he stayed two and one half years when he was offered a better position as cashier of the Citizens Bank.

After nearly three years at this latter occupation ill health caused him to move back to his farm near Lima, Ohio, where he stayed about five years. On September 18, 1926 he purchased the confectionery and livery room at Florence, which he now operates.

On August 28, 1907 Mr. Gaines was united in marriage with Virginia Snyder of Burlington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Snyder. Her father is the superintendent of Schools of Boone County for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Gaines have two children—Mildred and Helen, aged twenty and fifteen respectively.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Gaines are active in Baptist Church work at Florence and were sincere workers for the new building recently erected. Mr. Gaines holds a prominent place in the business, social and civic life of his county due to his willingness to contribute and aid in any way possible for the betterment and building of his town and county.

**RICHWOOD CHURCH**

who also organized a school called White Haven where many young people for miles around were educated. The buildings are still standing and are owned by Mr. Lynn Frasier of Union.

In 1870 Rev. E. W. Bedinger was called to the pastorage of Richwood and Florence churches. He also had preaching points at Union and Walton. During a protracted meeting while he was pastor over twenty persons were added to the church.

It does not appear in any of the records that Richwood Church was more or less a missionary church, but in looking backward from this point of view we see it was organized by a missionary under the General Assembly Board ready to go more than half way in a missionary sermon he preached and that Rev. Charles H. Barksheere, a missionary to be supported

go as foreign missionaries—Rev. W. L. Bedinger, missionary to Brazil; Misses Emily and Mary Foreman, missionary to Mexico; and Anna Bedinger, missionary to Korea. Grandson Robert Danney Bedinger was a missionary to Africa. Also a niece to Mexico.

Rev. Solon T. Hill, called March 1914, pastor for seven years. During his pastorate the first furnace was installed, also the first modern lighting system. Through him was reorganized the Woman's Missionary work into Mrs. Winsborough's circle plan. "Woman's Auxiliaries" of the church.

Rev. V. T. Spears took up the work as stated supply from January, 1922 to November, 1928. Students from Lane Seminary and other pastors filled the pulpit until June 17, 1928, when was called the present pastor, Rev. C. C. Carson. Rev. and Mrs. Carson and two daughters are still with the "old kick by the way-side."

leaving toward baseball and, like most throughout Kentuckians, relishes the opportunity of seeing the thoroughbreds round the turn and come down the home stretch. Next to his family Mr. Barksheere is interested in the growth and development of his county. He has never sought elective office, though he served as a deputy collector of internal revenue at Petersburg under the Wilson administration for a period of several months.

This writer has enjoyed the privilege of meeting both Mr. and Mrs. Barksheere several times and, on hot days for many years to come will envy them the delightful breezes and wonderful view to be found at their beautiful home high above the banks of the winding Ohio.

**VIEW OF GAINES CONFECTIONERY, FLORENCE**

the improved roads. Passenger traffic on steamers of those days was greatly in excess of the present time as the passenger lists now number only those going for pleasure and relaxation.

Captain Maurer received his license as first-class pilot on Sept. 5, 1900 and Masters license in 1902. His first berth as pilot was on the steamer Henry Stanley. For seventeen years he served as Master or pilot mostly in the Louisville and Cincinnati trade on the steamers, City of Cincinnati and City of Louisville. According to his own statement, Capt. Maurer's steamship career was uneventful. This may seem so to him in the light of his vast experience, but to this writer the fact of safely transporting hundreds of lives and thousands of dollars in cargo day in and day out is certainly something to be proud of. Mr. Maurer covered approximately 1,000,000 miles in the navigation of steamers and never experienced any serious accident.

There were four brothers in the Maurer family, each one being licensed Masters and pilots and Edward had the pleasure of having his brother, William Maurer, who died in the year 1908, as his partner pilot for four years on the steamer City of Cincinnati. That partnership and the thoughts of passing in the night-time and home located on the river bank at Bellevue, where there was always a light shining from the window or door in the hand of mother or sister as answer to the whistle signal, always will be fond memories and will offset the many dark and dreary nights faced in such a vocation.

Capt. Maurer was the last regular pilot on the late steamer City of Louisville, which was lost in the time as the passenger lists now number only those going for pleasure and relaxation.

Edward Maurer was born at Grant (Bellevue) on July 24, 1861, the son of Joseph and Rebecca Cook Maurer. Both of these parents are now deceased, but all of their married life was spent at Bellevue.

In December, 1915 Mr. Maurer was united in marriage with Martha H. Board. This couple have two children, Joseph E. and Frances E. Maurer, ages eleven and nine respectively. After the death of Mrs. Maurer began considering giving up steamboating in order that he might enjoy the pleasure of being at home to the competitive examination for the position of Local Inspector of Steam Vessels, and under date of December 1, 1917, was appointed local inspector at Pittsburg and was transferred to the same position at Louisville, Ky. in 1922, which position he now holds.

Mr. Maurer is a thirty-second degree Master of the O. G. F. and Rebekah. He belongs to the High Twelve and Propriety clubs, the United States and the National National Federation of Federal Employees. He is also a member of the Board of Managers of the Louisville and Lexington Home. Mr. Maurer is interested mostly in his home and family.



# BOONE COUNTY RECORDER

## Harmon Hayes Jones BEAVER LICK, KY.

No more delightful family can be found in northern Kentucky than



**FAMILY OF HARMON JONES**  
That of Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Hayes Jones at Beaver Lick. Every member of the family is intensely interested in one or more farm projects that will ultimately prove of vast profit to both themselves and the community.

Mr. Jones was born at Bullittsville Sept. 7, 1893, the son of Thomas and Jennie Acra Jones. Thomas was born on June 8, 1850 and died May 25, 1920. His wife was born on December 12, 1854 and passed

## Wilford Monroe Rice WALTON, KY.

Wilford Monroe Rice is the youngest bank president in the state of Kentucky whose ability far exceeds ones expectations—only the youth of this man is considered. He is now at the head of the Walton Equities Bank. His experience has been varied in this line and his training includes both city and small town institutions. His early years of banking were spent in one of the big financial houses of Cincinnati and he was ready to accept the position of cashier of the newly formed Hebron Deposit Bank when called though only twenty years of age at that time.

Mr. Rice was born at Newport, Ky., September 13, 1900 and is a member of one of the old and prominent families of that state. The Rices have been Kentuckians for more than a century and through four generations. His great-grandfather was a native of England and on coming to America located at Kalamazoo Springs near



WILFORD MONROE RICE

Engler in Boone County where he developed a farm and lived most of his life. His son James was born there on July 16, 1812 and also spent his life as a farmer. He died in Boone county in 1870. December 10, 1829 he married Judith Carpenter, who was born in Boone County Feb. 13, 1814 and died in 1896. Their children were John Milton, Lucy Ann, Elizabeth



JOSEPH JONES AND PRIZE PIG

most progressive farmers in this whole section and the cooperation he gives to his children could well be used as a model for other farmers in the United States who apparently has some difficulty in keeping the children contented and interested in farm projects. He is a great lover of registered Holstein cattle and has a wonderful herd of these dairy cows numbering over twenty head. General farming operations are carried on and he always raises much corn an alfalfa. As with others in this section, of course, tobacco is also a good paying crop most of the time.

Mr. Jones grew up amid surroundings of the typical Kentucky stock and horse raising gentleman farmer. In her girlhood days she was taught perfection in cooking and housekeeping, as well as learning to ride from her earliest years. She was never defeated at any Fair in a contest for the quickest harnessing and hitching in a horse. She also won many prizes in Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio as a champion lady rider, and won prizes at the Carthage (O.) Fair. No lady in the county can surpass her record for prize winning on cakes, rolls, bread, jellies, preserves, pick-

lebees and Theopisus.

Teopisus Rice, the grandfather of the young Walton Banker, was born in Boone county and spent nearly his whole life as a live stock trader and breeder at Walton. He died while on a visit to Louisville in 1896. He was married to Elizabeth Records, a native of Boone who died at Walton. Wm. Felix Rice, their son, was born at Walton in 1874, was reared and educated there and for a number of years has lived at Latonia and Covington. He is a conductor for the L. & N. railroad. He is a Democrat in politics, is a member of the Walton Baptist Church and is affiliated with the I. O. O. F. and the J. O. U. E. M. lodges. He married Pearl Swothen at Newport. She was born at Knoxville in 1880 and died at Latonia in 1901.

Wilford Rice, only child of his mother, was reared at Walton finishing his high school term as a sophomore. He took a course in Commercial Law and Bookkeeping at Miller's Business College in Cincinnati and in December 1917 began his active career. For six months he was postmaster at Walton and then became a bookkeeper in the Fifth-Third National Bank of Cincinnati and had been advanced to the auditing department when he resigned to accept the position at Hebron as cashier of that bank. Mr. Rice was only seventeen when America entered the World War but he proved the value of his patriotic services by doing a splendid work as a salesman in the War Savings Stamp drive. One day he netted \$20,000 worth of these stamps and another day \$70,000 worth.

On April 24, 1930 Mr. Rice was united in marriage with Grace Gladys Dudgeon, daughter of T. and Mattie McCormick Dudgeon. Her father was postmaster at Walton the time of her marriage and she, like her husband, is a descendant of pioneer stock.

To accurately describe the honors given to Wilford Rice, both in Cincinnati, and in his home county would take more space than this history would permit. He has held offices and been the leader in many enterprises of civic and religious nature besides those given to him in his profession by reason of his personality and ability and at present is editor of the Banking Bulletin of the American Institute of Banking. His men get as far in their chosen vocation in a whole lifetime as Mr. Rice has accomplished before reaching the age of thirty. Those who know him can predict many more honors to come will be proved by yet larger undertakings and accomplishments.

## Alpha Rogers GRANT, KY.

In focusing the spotlight of public opinion on the life of Al Rogers of Grant, Ky., we find revealed a man respected, honored, and looked up to by his hundreds of friends and countless acquaintances. Al Rogers was born near Bellevue on November 21, 1872, the son of James and Laura Walton Rogers. His family on both sides is of old Kentucky stock that came to this state from Virginia shortly after the close of the Revolutionary War. His great grandfather was the first of his family in Boone County and made his home on what has later been called the old Goodrich place, not far from Bellevue on the old Burlington Pike.

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ALPHA ROGERS

operations, which he has continued up to the present time, though, in 1903 he purchased a general store at Bellevue which he conducted thirteen years, selling out to Roberts Henley, the present proprietor. The beautiful farm of 135 acres

now operated by the son of Mr. Rogers was purchased from Mr. Henley and other about fourteen years ago. On December 12, 1893 Mr. Rogers was united in marriage with Virginia, both boys—Edward, aged eight, and Alpha Lee, aged seven. Edward attended the Bellevue high school from which he graduated in 1913, and spent three years at Centre College in Danville, where his advanced education was interrupted by the World War. He entered the service of his country, being honorably discharged after the Battle of Belleau Wood. He is a member of the S. A. E. Fraternity and gets his greatest pleasure from all kinds of sports, preferring his horse back to a pitcher on the Centre College Baseball team.

Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Rogers have made their home in their beautiful residence at Bellevue for a number of years, and the son has operated with his father's farm for about ten years. They are very successful in the raising of fine stock, cattle and general farm produce.

Mr. Al Rogers can be said to have no hobby, unless it be politics, which greatly interests him. He has been solicited to run for various offices, but he has never sought or wanted that preference. He and his father are prominent members of the Baptist church and are hard workers and contributors to the same. Mr. Rogers is and has been a director of the Peoples Deposit Bank since 1912. A spirit of cooperation and unselfishness is manifest in the daily life of Al Rogers, and no one in Boone County has been more active in anything toward the upbuilding and betterment of his community and county.

## Edwin M. Johnson WALTON, KY.

The spot on which the Christian Church of Walton now stands was



EDWIN M. JOHNSON

the location of a log cabin housing the great-grandfather of Edwin M. Johnson, who as a Revolutionary soldier left Ft. Mifflin and settled at Walton about the year 1790. If not the first, it was one of the first houses built in that town. The grandfather of Mr. Johnson was born in this crude cabin in the year of 1790. He grew up at that section, married and lived his entire life in Boone County. Rev. Lafayette Johnson, the father of Edwin, was born on 1816 on a farm about one mile from town.

Edwin M. Johnson, the subject of this sketch, was born on his father's farm July 5, 1880. As stated above, his father was Lafayette Johnson and his mother was Frances Muller Johnson, both of whom are dead. Mr. Johnson was married to Mary E. Perival. They have three children—Jesse, Sarah, and Matilda. Mr. Johnson is a competent farmer, and at the present time is serving as a conservator of the estate of his mother, who is the good people of this section when he was elected a member of the Masonic Lodge, and his hobby is the conservation of wild life.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers have one child, James Edward, and Laura Whitecreek, of Harrodsburg, this event taking place on June 10, 1920. Edward Rogers has two children, both boys—Edward, aged eight, and Alpha Lee, aged seven. Edward attended the Bellevue high school from which he graduated in 1913, and spent three years at Centre College in Danville, where his advanced education was interrupted by the World War. He entered the service of his country, being honorably discharged after the Battle of Belleau Wood. He is a member of the S. A. E. Fraternity and gets his greatest pleasure from all kinds of sports, preferring his horse back to a pitcher on the Centre College Baseball team.

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## SYCAMORE TREE ON HARMON JONES FARM 31 FEET 7 INCHES IN CIRCUMFERENCE

No girl has more friends in Boone County, nor has attained a higher place in the hearts of the youngsters, than the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Virginia Pearl. She was captain of her basketball team at the Walton High School and was the star player on the team. She has been a member of the 4-11 Club for the past seven years and is the only club girl that advertises certified chicks that she ships to all parts of the world, having the finest golden buff Plymouth Rocks for sale. Upright and correct. Her excellence in school work, athletics and the breeding of poultry has given her a wide acquaintance and made her hundreds of friends.

Mr. Harmon Jones though unassuming in character and asking little from others, has rapidly taken his place as one of the most influential men in Boone County. With the exception of his farm, and farm the interest of his community and this section is foremost in his mind and he is always ready and willing to cooperate for anything toward the upbuilding of Boone County.

Joseph H., the next oldest son, is a 4-11 club boy who has the name of being a pig raiser that is hard to beat. He has never been defeated at any Fair in Hampshire and Chester. With a pig, and he also won a golden medal in algebra among freshmen over all at the Boone County Tournament. He is a real school boy and is interested as much in that work as he is in his farm projects.

**Jerome Bristow Respass**  
FLORENCE, KY.

Jerome Bristow Respass is recognized by those in a position to know, as the leading horseman in Kentucky today and one of the fast disappearing class of old school horse fanciers and breeders.

Mr. Respass was born on his grandfather Bristow's farm located between Florence and Independence on November 12, 1863. While Jerome was still an infant his father moved the family west to Union, where he purchased a small place. Here they stayed until

**Francis Marion Voshell**  
PETERSBURG, KY.

Francis M. Voshell resides at Petersburg where he is interested in farming on a rather large scale. He is particularly noted as a raiser of fine hogs, and last year had the second highest ton litter in Boone County and one of the best in the state.

He is a descendant of an old Kentucky family, energetic, thrifty and a man of such character that he is looked up to by all who know him. He was born in 1877 near Petersburg, Ky., the son of George C. and Mahala Johnson Voshell, who formerly lived at Aurora, Ind. In 1908 he was united in marriage with Elizabeth J. Laws of Moores Hill, Ind. They have two children—Francis Leroy, age twenty-one, and Leslie Wilson, age thirteen.

Mr. Voshell is a member of the I. O. O. F., at Moores Hill, and a member of the Modern Woodmen Lodge of America at Aurora, Ind.

In connection with hog raising, the above is interested in raising and breeding of grade and registered Jersey cattle. At the present time fourteen cows are being milked and a nice bunch of young heifers, growing into future cows, are being raised on the place.

**John R. Coppin Co.**

Founded, owned and operated by Kentuckians for Kentuckians, the John R. Coppin Company departs from store at Macjones- and Seventh-st. Covington, is truly a Kentucky institution in which not



**JOHN R. COPPIN CO.**  
COVINGTON, KY.

a few Boone counties are interested in.

Established in 1873, one of the most unassailable epochs of American history, the Coppin store had a very modest beginning. It survived the rigors of the period and gradually expanded under the guidance of its founder until department after department was added in order that the public of Northern Kentucky might be better served.

In 1915, the Coppin store was acquired by Frank E. Thorpe and during the last fifteen years the expansion and development of the popular establishment has been notable. Innovations and improvements were created so that the steadily legions of patrons would be served quickly, efficiently and satisfactorily.

With the last year even greater strides to add to the comfort and convenience of its clientele were taken by Coppin executives. One of the most outstanding factors in the success of the store is the attitude of courtesy and friendliness which the management always strives to have manifested by each member of its organization. The need of this store and its instructions to its co-workers is that the patron is always to be regarded as a guest rather than just a customer.

With this friendly feeling exuded by its employees, the Coppin store has won innumerable new friends. Folks who are reluctant to patronize the huge departmental institutions of today need have no hesitancy about trading at Coppin's. One gets the personal attention

**Benjamin Thomas Kelly**  
Burlington, Ky.

Benjamin Thomas Kelly of Burlington is a stout grower and farmer of wide acquaintance in this section. He was born here March 30, 1863 the son of James P. and Lucinda Craven Kelly. Through his life-long endeavors in his community he has won the friendship of hundreds through his honesty and a sincere desire to cooperate in any movement for the good of Boone County. He was married on Oct. 21, 1884, to Ollie Mae Clark. He is the father of four children—Arthur, Frank, Alice and Ora, all of whom are living, except Arthur.

Mr. Kelly is one of three surviving heirs of a family of thirteen children, nine boys and four girls. His granfather, Jesse Kelly, came to Boone County about 1810 and established this family in Kentucky. He wrote was Jane Forster. They also had a family of thirteen children, eight of whom were boys and five girls. All of these children lived to mature age. Each of these eight boys were six feet or more in height. Mr. Kelly is a member of the K. of P., and his hobby is the raising of fruit.

Editor's Note: Mr. Kelly, during the progress of the publication of this edition, passed away on July 4th, after an operation for appendicitis.

There is lacking in so many of the great machine-like stores in the larger communities and you are hurried in and hastened out.

As a Kentucky institution, the Coppin store is a great home store manned by local people. It helps to maintain schools, public institutions and the general welfare of the state as well as county and city.

It provides employment and a livelihood for several hundred persons and its earnings do not go to Wall Street but get right back into the pockets of Kentuckians to be reinvested in Kentucky and her progress.

Patrons may have free parking if they buy or shop at Coppin's. This convenient parking station is located about a half-square from the store. All one need do is drive your car to the parking lot, go to Coppin's, make purchases amounting to a dollar or more and get the sales-check authorized by a store employe. Then when ready to go home or leave the parking station, present the authorized sales-check to the attendant and you get your car without any charge.

Other arrangements are contemplated at the Coppin store for the near future and it will prove profitable for every reader to visit this interesting store soon if you are not one of those from Boone county and vicinity who make it a regular custom to shop there.

**Charles M. Carpenter**

Charles M. Carpenter resides at Deon, Ky., on Dixie Highway, on N. C. 4, Erlanger, Ky., and has a lucrative position with the Andrew Steel Co. of Newport as a steel pourer. He was born at Richwood, Boone County on April 1, 1891, the son of Theodore and Mary Harris Carpenter, honored and respected life-long residents of this community, whose biography appears elsewhere in this issue. He was united in marriage with Mary H. Darby, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Darby, of Point Pleasant, Ky.



**CHARLES M. CARPENTER**

He is a strong Democrat and never scratches the ticket. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge and a Modern Woodman of America. His favorite hobbies are dancing and horse racing. He is very proficient in the first named art, and his friends say he is a pretty good picker in the last.



**MRS. CHAS. M. CARPENTER**

**Bluford Watson Adams**

Although the subject of this brief biography, Bluford W. Adams, died on February 12, 1912, the memory of his unselfish activities will never be forgotten. He was the first president of the Peoples Deposit Bank at Burlington, was active in its affairs and greatly instrumental in its later successes.

Mr. Adams was a Confederate soldier and served four years under circuit clerk for many years. The first ancestor of Mr. Adams that settled in Kentucky was his grandfather, Thomas, who came from Virginia shortly after the Revolutionary War and settled in what is now Grant County. Mr. Adams' father was Presley Peck Adams, who was born on October 16, 1810 and who died on January 18, 1872. His mother was Mary Ann (Polly) Stevens born March 4, 1813, the second of ten children of Samuel and Elizabeth Powell Stevens.

Bluford Adams' parents were married August 15, 1831 and he was born February 3, 1844, one of eight children of his parents, all of whom are dead with the exception of Mary Ann Adams. On February 9, 1874, Bluford Adams was united in marriage with Fannie Bell Allen, born September 20, 1855 the daughter of Benjamin and Lucille Johnson Allen. The father of Mrs. Adams was a native of Virginia and her mother a native of South Carolina. This couple had but one child, Lizzie Pearl Adams, born Nov. 30, 1874, and died Oct. 27, 1880.

**JEROME BRISTOW RESPASS**  
OWNER HIGHLAND STOCK FARMS

Jerome was about sixteen when his father bought a farm near Florence.

In 1883 Mr. Respass started making fairs showing saddle horses, which naturally and eventually brought him into the owning and raising of thoroughbreds.

In 1898, thirty-two years ago, he started the breeding of these thoroughbred animals that have been synonymous with the great state of Kentucky. The first sixteen years as a breeder were spent at Woodlawn, Ohio, where he raised some of the best horses of that day. All horse fanciers will remember the great "Dick Welles" connection, his up to "Man o' War". He was foaled in 1900 and died in 1923 and is buried along the Dixie Highway.



**JEROME RESPASS, JR.**

opposite the home of Mr. Respass.

Back in those days purses were smaller and few stake races brought more than \$10,000 that today would bring \$50,000. In one race "Dick Welles" won \$7,200. This was in 1903 when he was started fifteen times and came in won in front fourteen times out of the 15 starts. Altogether this horse won \$42,000 for his owner. If the purse was paid today had been in effect then "Dick Welles" would easily have been the means of his owner taking down a quarter of a million dollars in purses and stakes. For instance, a purse valued at \$800 today only paid \$235 then.

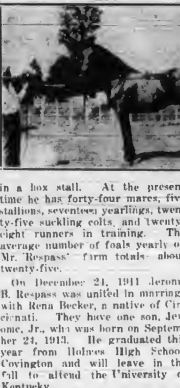
"Whitgreen" a son of "Dick Welles" won a Kentucky Derby in 1903 for Mr. Respass and paid him \$3,000 for the race. Today that same stake usually pays between \$65,000 and \$85,000. Mr. Respass bred and raised "Billy Kelly" which he sold at a yearling for \$1000. This horse proved to be the best two-year-old of that year, 1917, and was later disposed of for \$40,000.

At the present time Mr. Respass



**GRAVE OF "DICK WELLES"**  
FAMOUS RACE HORSE OWNED BY J. B. RESPASS

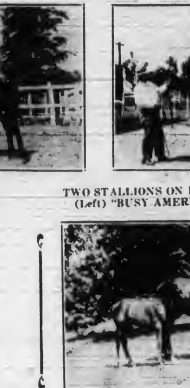
is the owner of a beautiful place of 200 acres near Florence, called the Highland Stock Farm. He has a beautiful home situated on the highest point of his farm overlooking the blue grass pastures, surrounded by wide fences and dotted with scattering cedars. The stables with their beams with an over abundance of high spirits. He has nine horse barns on his place that can stable one hundred forty head, each one



**TWO STALLIONS ON HIGHLAND STOCK FARM**  
(Left) "BUSY AMERICAN"; (Right) "HILDUR"

On December 24, 1911 Jerome B. Respass was united in marriage with Rena Becker, a native of Cincinnati. They have one son, Jerome, Jr., who was born on September 24, 1913. He graduated this year from Holmes High School, Covington and will leave in the fall to attend the University of Kentucky.

The father of Mr. Respass was William C. Respass, who was born near Centerville, Bourbon County, in 1817. He died in 1910. The grandfather of Jerome was a native of Virginia, coming here early in the nineteenth century. He married Susan Corlie, a Kentucky girl. The mother of Jerome Respass was Katherine Bristow, who passed away in 1876. Her parents were Ruben and Statira Stephens Bristow, natives of Boone



**MARE AND FOAL ON HIGHLAND STOCK FARM**  
OWNED BY J. B. RESPASS

County and residents of the Union State. The maternal great grandfather of Jerome, the father of his grandfather, was Leonard Stebbins, who owned 5,000 acres of land between Florence and Independence—one of the wealthiest men in the county of his day. He and one other man paid for the building of the old Baptist Church



**MARE AND FOAL ON HIGHLAND STOCK FARM**  
OWNED BY J. B. RESPASS

in Florence.

Jerome Respass has "fought shy" of publicity throughout his lifetime, and though unassuming in his business and private life he has done much good with the influence that has come to him by reason of his industry, perseverance, and knowledge of his business.

**Dr. Lewis C. Hafer**  
LUDLOW, KY.

There is not a resident of Boone County who can claim descendants of the anti-bellum day excess of Dr. Lewis C. Hafer, who was born in Boone County and still holds dear the memories of his

**Hafer Family History**

The Hafer ancestry on both sides can be traced back for many generations. However, the most complete record is found in the ancestors of Lavinia Alice Conner, who is the wife of George Owen Hafer and the mother of Owen Clyde Hafer and married Lavinia Alice Conner on November 10, 1870. Lavinia Alice Conner Hafer came from most distinguished ancestors, who can be traced back on both sides of the family to late seventeenth century beginnings in America.

There is not enough space here to go into detail about the whole family. Many of them were active in the Revolutionary War and the war of 1812. Col. James Taylor, who was born in Medway, Caroline County, Va., in 1748 and died in 1814 as numbered in the records of the Kentucky Historical Society and in the family records of the Taylor family association as James Taylor IV because he is the fourth in that name in a direct line in this county. He was the great-great-grandfather of Mr. L. C. Hafer and Owen Clyde Hafer. This Col. James Taylor was prominent in his community, holding office in his county in Virginia during the old French and Indian war, for which he received recognition from the King of England for his services. When the Revolutionary War began Col. Taylor went to his boyhood friend, George Washington and offered his help in the cause of the country. He served as colonel under Washington during the entire period of the Revolution and often by the side of this famous leader. He also helped to fortify the frontier near Staunton, Va. After the close of the war he became active in the affairs of the state of Virginia. In recognition of his services he was given land in Kentucky County on the western waters, and he visited Kentucky at least once but he made his home in Virginia where he died.

Philip Todd Richardson, the great grandfather of these Hafer boys served in the War of 1812 as an ensign in the nineteenth Infantry, being wounded on the twenty-eightth of February, 1814. Six months later he was commissioned a second lieutenant and he was honorably discharged June 15, 1815. Richardson was captured by the Indians while on duty in the Ohio and was more or less a slave until the tribe. As the months went on the Indians permitted him

**Owen Clyde Hafer**

Owen Clyde Hafer, of Hebron, was born on October 26, 1877 at Hebron, Ky., where his father owned and operated extensive farm lands. He grew up in this section, attending the local schools after which he went into farming



**OWEN CLYDE HAFER**

at which he remained throughout his life time, with the exception of three years in the government service at the post office in Livingston from 1901 to 1904, and six months in 1904 as postal clerk at St. Petersburg. He completed a short course at the State University, College of Agriculture and since that time has been greatly interested in and identified with Junior Agriculture Club work in this county.

About 1920 Mr. Hafer purchased the one hundred twenty-five acre farm of his father-in-law, where he now resides. This farm is a beautiful place and Mr. and Mrs. Hafer have made it their home for twenty-five years. He has a large dairy of registered Jersey cattle and has bred and developed some real producers. His son, Robert, who was a member of the Galf Club raised a better record making the highest record of any club in the county.

On November 24, 1901 Mr. Hafer was united in marriage with Lura Haysman, daughter of Frank and Sophie Keller Haysman. They have three children, Alice, twenty-four, who is at home; Robert, aged twenty-three, who helps his father on the farm; and a son, aged twenty-one, who is with the Western Electric Co. of Cincinnati.

**W. W. Gaines**

William W. Gaines is the son of George W. and Elizabeth Winston Gaines, and was born on his father's farm near Bullittsville, Boone County, on the first day of January, 1867.

Mr. Gaines has been located in Atlanta, Ga., for the past 38 years. He is a lawyer by profession, having his office at 206-7 Atlanta National Bank Building, Atlanta. His first schooling was at the grammar school in Bullittsville. Finishing there he went to Georgetown College, where he graduated in 1887. To complete his education in his chosen profession, he studied law at Washington and Lee University, taking his degree in 1891, going direct to Atlanta to "hang out his shingle." Atlanta at that time was not the big city of the south it is today, and Mr. Gaines has kept pace step by step with the progress of the city.

He was united in marriage with Miss Zula Williams, the daughter of a lady of Carroll county, December 24, 1896. They have no children. Mr. Gaines is a Mason, Odd Fellows and a member of the Grand Lodge. He will not permit a complete resume of his many activities but to enumerate a few of the most important: He is a member of the City Democratic Executive Committee of Atlanta, a frequent contributor to newspapers on religious, educational and political subjects and has lectured many times on religion, education and politics. He has

**J. D. McNeely**  
GRANT, KY.

It is but natural for any young man who starts out with all the advantages, especially wealth and education, to make a success of his life; therefore, a man who starts out with nothing and succeeds in spite of his handicaps is all the more worthy of public tribute, respect and confidence. J. D. McNeely, of Grant, Ky., could be well included in the latter class.

He is a man who has risen high in the business and community life of his section by reason of his continuous effort and a strict adherence to the highest ideals of honesty and integrity of character. For sixteen years he has been a director of the prosperous bank of Heleville, and has done his part in building that institution to its present high state of prosperity.

Mr. McNeely was born at Jackson Landing, Gallatin County on August 3, 1861, the son of G. H. and Mary Agnes Clements McNeely, who resided at Napoleon, Gallatin County, at his death. On January 14, 1885 he was united in marriage with Fannie I. Kyle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Kyle, a prominent family residing near Beech Grove School House. Mr. and Mrs. McNeely have four children, all of whom are C. E., R. C., Lee R., and J. B. Mr. McNeely spent his boyhood days in Tallatin county, moving to

**FARM VIEW OF J. D. McNEELY'S HOME**

been, and still is, a member of the Board of Education for ten years and was President of the Board several times. He is a member of the Atlanta Savings Library for several years and its president. He has been a Moderator of the Atlanta Baptist Association for four terms, and is a former Vice President of the Southern Baptist convention. Indeed, W. W. Gaines is one of the most widely known citizens of his city and state.

Though being away from the county of his birth for nearly forty years, Mr. Gaines has kept in constant touch with this community, partly through the medium of The Boone County Recorder to which he has been a subscriber all of these years; and before leaving the county was the Bullittsville correspondent for this publication. He still owns his ancestral homestead; and he comes home yearly or two.

Boone after his marriage and settled in the county where he had land on Gunpowder Creek given his wife by her father. During the passing years he bought additional land and became prominent in the county as a raiser of live stock and tobacco.

About the time his youngest son was born Mr. McNeely purchased an eighty acre farm near Waterloo, moving there and where he hopes and expects to spend his remaining days.

Mr. McNeely is treasurer of the Masonic Lodge No. 544 and though he has several hobbies he has had little time to indulge in them. He has found time, however, to wield his influence to contribute and cooperate with any forward movement looking toward the betterment of his community and state.

**Oak Woods Baptist Church**

Whereas that part of the members of the Baptist Church at Mullick, who reside in what is called the Oak Woods Settlement in the County of Boone and State of Kentucky, having heretofore taken into consideration the propriety of forming themselves into a new church for the Glory of God and their own convenience and having obtained the consent of Mullick Church to which they belong and applied to the neighboring churches for aid and counsel to examine into the situation and to substitute them if it should be thought advisable. Be it, therefore, resolved that on Saturday the 26th day of March of the year of our Lord 1825 at the house of Brother James Finnels agreeable to the following resolutions: From Bank Lick, George Vise, Lewis Kiest, Jos. Stephens, Elin Grizzle, Madlick, Lewis Cooper, Daniel Roberts, James Emitt, Edward Adkins, Bethel, Matthew Adams.

Of the Church of Gunpowder, Lewis Conner, Wm. Conner, Thos. Cashner, Chris. Walton.

Bullittsburg, James Dicken, Absonom Graves.

The church, then, after praise and prayer, proceeded to business. Brother Lewis Conner was chosen moderator and Absonom Graves Clerk.

**WALTON METHODIST CHURCH**

to go on hunting parties with them and finally he began to enjoy himself, going farther away each time and remaining for longer periods. Finally he was able to leave their camp for four or five days at a time without exciting suspicion, and on one of these trips he broke away and finally reached civilization after a hazardous trip thru the wilderness.

years his increased activities have necessitated his eliminating this interest.

On July 30, 1902 Dr. Hafer was united in marriage with Katherine Crigler, the daughter of John W. and Agnes Walton Crigler. At that time Dr. Hafer was operating an extensive farm near Hebron. Mrs. Hafer is a direct descendant of George Walton, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and is an eligible of the Society of Colonial Dames. The Walton family have long been prominent in

**Big Bone Baptist Church**

(By Mrs. Ora B. Presser)

In May on the twenty-fifth day in the year 1840, forty-two members composed the congregation of the Big Bone Baptist Church and were instrumental in the organization and development of this temple of worship.

Brother Robert Kirtley served as

Kentucky enterprises and society, the family coming here from Virginia shortly after the Revolutionary War. Dr. and Mrs. Hafer have two daughters, Georgia who was born August 11, 1906 and Mary Katherine born the 20th of February, 1908. Both girls are graduates of Ludlow High School and Berea College. Georgia, the elder daughter, the daughter of St. Elizabeth Hospital and Mary Katherine, who graduated from college last year, is a teacher of home economics in the Holmesdale High School at Covington.

**BULLITTBURG BAPTIST CHURCH**

pastor from the start until 1874 and the first two deacons were Thomas Huey and John C. Riley being ordained the fourth Saturday in 1843.

A building committee was selected on Nov. 17, 1806. In October 1828 Rev. R. A. Johnson answered a call to this church and has done a wonderful service, the total enrollment now being 253, and during this period four deacons have been ordained, Everett Jones, J. L. Jones, Lynn Hubbard and Tom Hayes.

Editor's Note: The above is a small part of the fine history prepared by Mrs. Presser and was regretted that lack of space prohibits the use of the complete writings.

Charles A. Fowler  
BURLINGTON, KY.

Charles A. Fowler was born at Burlington on September 13, 1857, the son of Edward and Susan Scott Fowler whose history will be taken up later in this article. Charles Fowler, the youngest of eleven children, attended the public schools at Burlington whereupon he learned the painters trade which in those days necessitated a thorough understanding in the mixing of paints. He followed that profession in Burlington until leaving for Ohio during the winter of 1885. At Athens, Ohio, and various other places in that locality, he followed the painters trade during the summer and taught dancing during the winter.

He married a girl of that town by the name of Ellen Logan, daughter of J. W. and Mary Woodruff Logan. This event took place on February 16, 1888. Mr. Fowler has two children, Eugenia Scott, born at Burlington March 2, 1901, the wife of C. H. Bridgewater of Akron, Ohio, and they have two children, Mary Ellen and James Fowler Bridgewater; Jerry Logan Fowler born at Athens, Ohio May 25, 1903, who married Hazel Crow of Greenville, Mich. They live at Hebron

JAMES E. ROGERS  
GRANT, KY.

born in Kentucky about 1750. This ancestor was probably the first one of his line to be born in Boone Co. as Benjamin's father came here from Virginia. Benjamin Fowler was married in 1826 to Ann Scott Brown who was born in 1783 and died in 1861. This was the second marriage for each and both had children by the first marriage. Charles Fowler's father, Edward Fowler was the eldest son of Benjamin by his first wife and the mother of Charles Fowler, Susan Scott Brown was the eldest daughter of Ann Scott Brown by her first husband. Though step-brother and sister there was no blood relationship. Edward Fowler was born near Union in 1806 and died in 1884. Susan Scott Brown, his wife, was born in Missouri in 1814 and died in 1868.

Edward Fowler was superintendent and keeper of the poor in Boone County from 1836 to 1839. He was deputy sheriff under W. H. Baker from 1861 to 1865. He was elected assessor in 1860 and served in this office twelve years. His bondsmen for this office were N. E. Hawes, M. Hamilton, and G. W. Wenner. He served one year as constable in 1878. In 1881 he was again elected superintendent of the poor and held this office until his death.

The grandfather of Charlie Fowler, Benj. Piatt Fowler, built the first stone house near Union, now known as Smith House. This home was erected in 1817 of solid limestone with walls twenty-two inches thick and an excellent chain laid in the mortar at each story. Charlie's father and mother were married there in 1830. Benjamin Fowler also built the "old" Boone House and operated a hotel there. This building has since been remodeled and is now the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Renaker.

Besides their two living children, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Fowler had one child, Lena Gady, who was born January 25, 1889 and died

Farmers Bank

The Farmers Bank of Petersburg opened its doors for business on July 1st last day July 1903 with every prospect for a brilliant and prosperous future that has been proven by the years of wise and judicious handling of the depositors' money. At the start the bank was capitalized for \$15,000, which has since been increased to \$25,000, and from the beginning the stockholders have been men of sterling worth and financial strength.

The original stockholders were wise not to spend the greater portion of their first capital by the erection of an elaborate oversize building. However, a banking house was built that answered the purpose in every respect and, best of all, a late improved and burglar proof safe was installed for the safe keeping of the depositors' funds. The bank has been and still is one of the most important cogs in the wheels of commerce turning around the city of Petersburg and in the adjacent countryside.

The first president of the institution was Bolon R. Early who, at that time, besides being an extensive farmer, was also a magistrate in



CHARLES W. RILEY

The original family from which Charles W. Riley of Hebron is descended, who of probably Irish extraction, really is of French descent is as much as two brothers of that name settled in Flanders, France many years prior to our American Revolution. Two of these descendants came over with Lafayette as found the American branch. His mother's family have been Kentuckians since 1792, though going to Louisiana in 1829, the family, coming back to Kentucky many years ago. Mr. Riley's great grandfather on his father's side came to Ky. about 1808 from Virginia.

Mr. Riley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Riley who resided a few miles west of Hebron, where the object of this sketch was born on December 15, 1901. Mr. Riley took advantage of the available schooling in his community by attending the common schools and finishing at Covington High School and Transylvania College. His desire for education not being satisfied, he is now finishing his second year in law.

In 1910 he was united in marriage with Miss Oona Hankins, one of the most popular young ladies in Boone County and they were blessed with a son, George II, who is now nine years of age.

Until the time that he accepted the position as Cashier of Hebron Deposit Bank in December, 1922, he had been a successful operator on a large farm near Hebron. He entered the Bank to fill the place of his father-in-law who was in ill health and was elected Cashier in his own right during June, 1923. Mr. Riley is a Mason and a past master of his lodge. His greatest hobbies are hunting and fishing which is not surprising considering the pioneer stock from which he came.

CHARLES W. RILEY

Roy L. Clutterbuck  
BEVERLY HILLS, CAL.

Though away from Boone County for twenty-three years, Roy L. Clutterbuck still retains many happy memories of the years spent in Boone County and remains greatly interested in the welfare and up-building of his old home county.

In the latter part of the last century he with his brother, H. G. Clutterbuck conducted a general merchandise business in Burlington under the name of Clutterbuck Brothers. Ten years later, about 1907 Roy was compelled to seek a milder climate because of the health of his son, Lawrence, the family moving to California where the boy passed away in Los Angeles in May, 1907. At the present time Mr. Clutterbuck is a salesman for a wholesale grocery house in that city and resides in the well known suburb of Beverly Hills at 232 South Sycamore Drive.

Mr. Clutterbuck was born at Florence, Ky. the 12th of September 1881 the son of James R. and Belle Sennott Clutterbuck. The father of Roy will be well remembered



ROY L. CLUTTERBUCK

by the older generation as one of the best sheriffs Boone County had during those years. In October 28, 1909 Mr. Clutterbuck was married to Anna Lessing Garrison, also of Boone County. They have two children, Roy William age 22 and Homer Warren age 24.

being the same date as George Washington's, however, the subject of this short biography first saw the light of day many years later, to be exact, February 22, 1869. His parents were John and Nancy Sandford, respected and honored citizens of the Burlington community.

The majority of his boyhood days were spent in and around Burlington, the memory of those happy days still linger, and he received his education at the old Morgan Academy in that town. His mother passed away when he was but two years of age and three years later he went with his father to Nebraska where they remained



MRS. A. C. TAYLOR  
DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. CALVIN CRESS

nearly a year. At the age of ten he went to live with his grandparents in Hebron and later became the owner of most of it.

Prior to this time after his mother's death he lived with his grandmother Sandford, who operated the hotel of that name in Burlington. In June of 1866 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Cason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Cason, whose family history goes back to the beginning of Kentucky as a state. They have no children.

Mr. Sandford is a member of the Knights of Pythias and for amusement likes nothing better than base ball unless it is harness horse racing. We know his many friends in Boone county wish for both him and his wife a long and prosperous life in their adopted home.

CHARLES A. FOWLER

and have one child, Mary Margaret. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Fowler returned to Boone County in 1916 where they now live. However, prior to this time they spent two years in Burlington as propagandists and supporters of the old Boone Hotel.

In 1917 Mr. Fowler was appointed jailer, later being elected to the office which he held for twelve years. He refused to make the race for this office in 1929, not feeling equal to the occasion. He said a job worth doing at all is worth doing well, and he was afraid his ill health would not permit him to do justice to the position. During his term of office he had three hundred fifty-six prisoners under his charge, all of whom caused him very little trouble with the exception of one Ben Sweeney, who through trickery and taking advantage of Mr. Fowler's goodness struck him over the head with an iron bar.



CHARLES A. FOWLER

MARY MARGARET FOWLER

which nearly caused his death. This prisoner and two others left the jailer for dead and made their escape. This occurred the night of Nov. 19, 1926. The other two have been captured, but Sweeney never was heard from. There is little question in the minds of the Boone County people that Mr. Fowler made one of the most capable jailers ever elected to that office.

Mr. Fowler's paternal grandfather was Benj. Piatt Fowler, who was born in 1770 and died in 1851. Jacob Fowler, father of Benj. Piatt Fowler married a Piatt probably

MINIATURE GOLF COURSE,  
FLORENCE, KY.

August 2, 1893. She was born in Burlington and died in Athens. O. One sister of Mr. Fowler is still living—Laura Harlan Fowler who was born in Burlington January 31, 1849. She is in splendid health considering her advanced age of eighty-one years. She is living at Clearwater, Fla., where she has spent the last twenty years. Her husband was a prominent jeweler in that town for many years, the store being operated at present by Reed Tilley, his nephew who took over the business upon the death of Mr. Tilley.

Chasteen E. Fowler, a brother of Charlie, was born in 1864 at Burlington. He was killed in a dynamite explosion in the state of Illinois on the 16th of October, 1893. He had two sons, Thomas, who is

FAMILY OF CALVIN CRESS

about forty-two years old, and Elmer about the age of forty at the present time. Both were born near Marlbury, Ill., and both are living. Martha Frances Fowler, the sister of Charlie Fowler, was born in Boone County November 19, 1836 and died September 9, 1925. She was united in marriage with J. B. Hawes in February, 1865. They had three children, Mary Hawes, who was married to the late telephone exchange, Joseph Edward Hawes is married and has two children. The third child of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hawes was Alpha, who died April 11, 1888 at the age of eighteen.

Charles Fowler's father and mother were members of the Burlington Presbyterian church for fifty years.

FAMILY OF CALVIN CRESS

George W. Sandford  
GLENDALE, ARIZ.

In 1917 Mr. and Mrs. George W. Sandford left Boone County in search of a warmer climate which they found at Glendale, Arizona, where they have a most pleasant home at S. Central Ave. Mr. Sandford is an extensive grower of citrus fruits and raises pure blood poultry. His open lid character quick endeared him to the residents of his new home where he has taken his rightful place as a leader in his community.

Mr. Sandford is a native of Boone County, having been born just one mile west of Burlington in what was known as the Chesley Birke place. His birthday is celebrated all over the United States,



**Robert Ewing Berkshire**  
(By W. D. Atwood)

As publisher of a local newspaper, Circuit Clerk and Master Commissioner of Boone County, there can be little doubt that Robert E. Berkshire is known to every man, woman and child in this section and his friendly disposition, with a high degree of selflessness, has made him hundreds of loyal friends.

When Mr. Berkshire purchased a half interest in the Recorder from Judge Riddell in 1924 he had little or no knowledge of the "fourth estate" except a maternal talent that was soon brought to light by steady improvements in this county seat journal. Not quite one year later he became sole owner and since that time has used the prestige of his columns toward what he earnestly believed to be for the best of the community. His paper has never been subsidized by local or foreign influences; however, when it has become necessary to take a decided stand on questions of moment he has been unwavering in ability by his own and faithful only after careful and judicious



**ROBERT EWING BERKSHIRE** thought. Today he is looked upon by "brother editors," in his own and adjoining states, as a leader in his field, whose advice and counsel is sought upon many occasions in all branches of the newspaper business.

In the year of 1921 he received the nomination for Circuit Clerk of Boone County without opposition and was elected that fall, taking his office in January of 1922. He is also Master Commissioner and Trustee of the Jury Fund. These offices of public trust he has faithfully fulfilled with satisfaction to all concerned and in 1927 was again given these same positions by the voters of this county. Until the



**MRS. R. E. BERKSHIRE AND DAUGHTERS MELICENT ANN, HELEN AND ROBERTA** spring of 1928 he accomplished the almost impossible task of running his newspaper and taking care of his clerical duties without aid, other than the mechanical help at the printing plant.

Robert Ewing Berkshire was born near Petersburg on September 25, 1893, the son of Benjamin and Ebel Norris Berkshire whose family ancestry appears elsewhere in this history. His elementary education was received in the same old country schools attended by his father and at the age of ten he entered the Petersburg public schools when his parents moved to that place. He graduated from the High School there in 1910 and from the Aurora High School in 1912, where, beside his studies, he found

**PEOPLES DEPOSIT BANK**  
**Peoples Deposit Bank**

In 1934 a number of influential men in Boone County made the decision to formulate plans for a new banking institution at Burlington. Naturally, the first procedure was to sell the capital stock and Owens Watts was delegated the authority to make this attempt. His success was not immediate, and so not to delay longer W. P. Beemon was asked to see a number of his friends and acquaintances on this proposition. The final results of Mr. Beemon's endeavor proved conclusively no better man could have been chosen to dispose of this stock, for in mighty short order the original capital of \$20,000 was over-subscribed.

After the pledging of this \$20,000 in capital stock a meeting of the stock holders was held in May 1935 with Owen Watts appointed chairman and D. E. Castleman secretary of the meeting. At this time the following directors were elected: O. P. Conner, W. Adams, F. J. Walton, W. L. B. Rouse, A. W. Corn, W. P. Beemon, C. W. Riley, Henry Clore and H. C. Dunham. These officers and directors adopted a resolution that a cashier be obtained at a salary of \$600 per year, if a competent man could be obtained for that figure. That same day the directors met and elected B. W. Adams as president and O. P. Conner as vice-president, and a committee of O. P. Conner, W. L. B. Rouse, W. P. Beemon and B. W. Adams were appointed to locate the site. On June 4th these men reported that they had purchased the land where now stands the old bank building. Because of the fact that no cashier had been appointed, temporary treasurer, and a call for 10% of the stock was ordered payable to him at once to start the erection of a bank building and to pay for the lot.

At a meeting of the directors on August 11, 1935, Mr. A. B. Renaker was elected cashier of the bank by unanimous vote. At this time a call for 40% additional of

**INTERIOR PEOPLES DEPOSIT BANK**

the capital stock was made. Though greatly instrumental in the formation of the Peoples Deposit Bank O. P. Conner, the vice president, died before the bank was opened, and E. H. Haskenkopf was elected as a member of the board and W. L. B. Rouse named vice president.

From the very start, the bank made success and started paying dividends at the end of the first year of 3% semi-annually. This increased gradually to 4% in 1937 and in 1938 a 10% semi-annual dividend was paid. Business increased materially as the years went along and in 1928 a 12% semi-annual dividend was played, which has been maintained since that time. In August 19, the capital stock was increased from \$20,000 to \$30,000, giving the bank a wider latitude in business affairs and increased materially the opportunity for benefitting the depositors. Some of this additional stock was scattered among the old stock holders, but most of it was disposed of to other residents of the county. The first President, H. W. Adams, served from the beginning of the Bank until his death in 1912 at which time W. L. B. Rouse was elected to the Presidency and served until his death May 29, 1930 and on June 2, 1930 Judge E. H. Riddell was unanimously elected as President and he now acts in that capacity with this institution. Since the start of the bank the phenomenal large amount, considering the size of the county, of \$130,990 has been paid to the stock holders of this bank in dividends.

The day the Peoples Deposit Bank opened for business the records show a deposit of \$10,297.38. This was on November 6, 1935. Five years later the deposits had increased to \$138,037.85. On Nov. 6, 1935 the deposits had surpassed the one quarter of a million mark and totaled \$361,198.17. On June 30, 1925 they had nearly doubled this figure with the total of \$616.

**PEOPLES DEPOSIT BANK**

300.95, and on June 30, 1927 they totaled nearly \$1,000,000, to be exact \$254,872.58 and the deposits of June 30, 1930 total \$1,043,226.81.

Today the Peoples Deposit Bank of Burlington is the largest in the county and here are none stronger in proportion to size than this bank. It has a capital stock of \$30,000, a surplus of \$100,000 and undivided profits of \$55,000. The directors of the bank at the present time are all influential and prominent men of the community, each of whom have been most successful in their businesses and private enterprises. A. W. Corn, Henry Clore and W. P. Beemon were directors at the start of the bank and are now honored and valuable members of the board. Other directors of this bank include R. S. Cawen, A. L. Rogers, N. E. Riddell, C. F. Blankenbaker, F. L. Metzlason and Dr. S. B. Nunnemeyer. The bank has a new president in the person of N. E. Riddell, who was elected to fill the vacancy of C. H. Youd who he died suddenly May 26, of this year.

Judge Riddell, while a new president of the Peoples Deposit Bank, is not new to the banking business as he was at the head of the old Boone County Deposit Bank before it was merged with the Peoples Deposit Bank. A. W. Corn is vice president and has held this position for seven years. A. B. Renaker is cashier, which position he has faithfully held since the start of this financial institution. Miss Nell H. Martin is assistant cashier, having been with the Peoples Deposit Bank over a period of twenty years. The other assistant cashiers are I. B. Beemon, who has held this position with the Peoples Bank for ten years. G. S. Kevly also has 13 years banking experience with the exception of eight months spent in the war, 10 of these years he was with the old Boone County Bank and since the merger, with the Peoples Bank, C. L. Cropper, the junior assistant cashier, has been in the banking business five years, two of which were with the old Boone County Bank and the last three with the

Peoples. This personnel in charge of the daily business of the Peoples Deposit Bank is most efficient, and ready and willing at all times to render the ultimate in service, to the bank's customers.

As was stated before, the Peoples Deposit Bank purchased the assets of the Boone County Deposit Bank, this event taking place in February, 1927. The Boone County Deposit Bank was the older of the two, having been founded in August, 1885 with Fountain Riddell as president of the institution. Two years prior to the merger the old Boone County Deposit Bank built a beautiful new building across from the court house, moved into its new home (October 29, 1925), and of course since the merger this new building has housed the Peoples Deposit Bank.

The building is a two story structure of wire cut brick and stone trimmings. The building faces the north and one enters two large French doors 4 to 6 or 8 feet high, long. At one end of the lobby is a ladies' restroom with beautiful wicker furnishings, for the



**OLD WOOLLEN MILL AT LANDING**

benefit of the public, where one can meet friends and business associates. The counters are of mahogany with plates glass and marble forty inches high. The vault used for the storing of the bank's money, books and valuable papers is constructed of solid concrete two and one-half feet thick, heavily reinforced with steel. The door is of docked ten inches thick of the latest type, and weighs more than 20,000 lbs., making an absolute burglar proof vault. The second floor of the building is utilized as a lodge room by a number of different organizations.

At the time the Peoples Bank took over the new building after the merger the bank held open

**TOBACCO PATCH ON WOOLFER CREEK**

time to make the track team, winning several medals for ability in those events.

At this time Bob, as his friends call him, was determined to study law, therefore the year before he was found him enrolled at the University of Kentucky where he spent two years preparing himself for that position to say the least. When home on vacation, he was severely injured by the kick of a mule while working on the farm and for a time his life was despaired of by the attending doctors and specialists. This hurt was undoubtedly a turning point in his life for, though he started in with his university work that fall, he was unable to continue through the spring and was brought home by the same operation, with his illness that summer making study impossible. While at Lexington he was a letter on the track team when he did the hundred yard dash in ten and one-half seconds against the best sprinters at the University of Cincinnati. Among these was Dr.

Victor Fishback, now a prominent specialist, and well known to Boone County people.

On January 12, 1916, Mr. Berkshire was united in marriage with Lella Thompson of Petersburg, daughter of James M. and Ida Allen Thompson. They have three lovely children, all girls, Melicent Ann, age 13; Helena, and Roberta, age 9, all of whom attended the schools at Burlington.

For two years after his marriage Mr. Berkshire carried on farming operations near Petersburg before accepting a position as a clerk in the store of the Berkshire Company of that place. He had varied career that included many activities which were to prove most valuable, especially in newspaper work, where such information is really essential. In the fall of 1916 he accepted a position as a marker in the Aurora Loose Leaf Tobacco market and the next spring, as a partner with Edgar C. Riley, purchased the two-story building of White Bros. and Berkshire Com-

**AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL TEAM**

pany combining them into one business which they operated for several months before reselling to the White Brothers. At this time Mr. Berkshire opened up a truck freight line from Petersburg to Cincinnati that he was carrying on at the time of his election to public office and in April of 1922 he moved his family to Burlington where they have since resided.

Mr. Berkshire has been a member of the Petersburg Christian Church since the age of twelve years and is a member of the Knights of Pythias of that town. He has a membership in the Masonic lodge at Burlington and of the Scottish Rite at Covington. He is also affiliated with the Burlington Lodge, Moderns No. 1008. He is interested in all forms of sports with a preference for baseball, and is a leader of the national pastime in this section. Besides his other activities Mr. Berkshire is Chairman of the Democratic County Convention and vitally interested in the growth of Boone County.

**SENATOR TOLIN AND HIS 10-YEAR OLD BIRTHSE**

house to celebrate his opening on Monday, February 11, 1927. There were gifts for the ladies and cigars and cigarettes in abundance for the men. The lobby was banked with floral pieces as gifts from their banks and banking friends. Representative were here from New York, Cincinnati and Louisville. Estimated attendance that day was conservatively placed at 500, which was a pleasant surprise to officials of the bank as it served as conclusive proof of the popularity of the merger. The man who made the first visit of this bank in its new home was J. M. Barlow (Uncle Jimmie), who had long been a friend to this institution.



**Walton Equitable Bank**

The Walton Equitable Bank at Walton, Ky., is the result of the merger of two organizations in that town, namely The Equitable Bank and Trust Company and The Walton Bank and Trust Company. This event having taken place in February 1927. The capital stock totaled \$50,000 and they had a \$100,000 surplus with \$50,000 in undivided profits and combined reserves of \$760,000.00.

At the time of the merger the following respected and representative men were chosen as directors: R. C. Greene, President; D. J. Mayhugh, Vice President; J. B. Wallace, E. K. Stevens, Oliver Brown, G. N. Powers, A. M. Edwards, D. E. Dudley, J. C. Bedinger and R. E. Kyle. R. B. Brown and Chas. W. Ransler were also vice presidents with Alan H. Gaines secretary and F. Sleet West, cashier; J. B. Doan and R. C. Greene as assistant cashiers. J. D. Mayhugh was later elected president and died in death in March 1930. J. D. Mayhugh Rice was selected to fill that high place making him the youngest bank president in the state.

After the mortgage and deed effected a beautiful new home for the bank was erected at a cost of \$52,000.00. It is a two-story limestone building with one hundred frontage on the main street of Walton. The exterior is decorated with the work of a natural quarried oak finish. A ten-inch vault door guards the public's money further protected by a safe. Burglar Alarms. Safety deposit boxes are available to all who need the use of such a depository. It is a stock bank with trust powers and a member of the Kentucky State Bankers Association.

The present directors represent the leaders of their community. They are, Wilford M. Rice, President; R. B. Brown, an attorney; Chas. W. Ransler, real estate; Gene C. Kolb, president of Washington Bank, Cincinnati; A. H. Gaines, president of the Walton Lumber Company; J. C. Bedinger, farmer; Wm Brittenheim, capitalist; D. E. Dudley, retired; A. M. Edwards, President Washington Company; G. B. Powers, real estate; R. E. Kyle, physician and D. B. Wallace, retired banker and real estate. Officers are: Geo. C. Kolb, Chairman of the Board; Wilford M. Rice, President; R. B. Brown, President; Chas. W. Ransler, President; Dr. R. E. Kyle, Vice President; Alan H. Gaines, Secretary; F. Sleet West, Cashier; J. Ben Doan and H. E. Metcalf, assistant cashiers.

The Equitable Bank and Trust Company was organized September 7, 1907 by J. G. Tomlin, A. B. Tompkins, D. B. Wallace, J. L. Doan and R. M. Byland who made up a capital stock of \$50,000.00. At the first meeting of the stockholders the following men were elected as directors: C. L. Griffith, Pres.; J. L. Vest, Vice Pres.; J. B. Donaldson, B. B. Alphin, A. B. Thompson, E. H. Currey, T. J. McNeill, J. C. Miller, O. S. Watts, W. M. Hinson and H. A. Perkins. D. B. Wallace was the first cashier and served as such until elected president about 1916, serving in the latter capacity until 1925 when he retired and J. C. Miller became president. The bank was successful from the start and pays a six percent dividend on its stock, then eight, ten, twelve, and fourteen percent each year thereafter.

The Walton Deposit Bank was started in 1890 as the first bank in Walton, and as a matter of fact the only bank between Williams-town and Covington. The capital of \$25,000 was made up but only one half was called for by the other half being made up by dividends which was the regular practice in those days. The first officers and directors were Dr. Allen President; T. P. Drakey, vice president; D. M. Bagby, John Hensley, John T. McClure, Elijah Greene, John T. Johnson and Geo. W. Ransler. R. C. Greene was the first cashier until he followed Mr. Ransler by into office as president. In 1907 the name of the bank was changed to the Walton Bank and Trust Company when R. C. Gaines was elected president serving until July 1929.

**Hebron Deposit Bank**

In the year of nineteen hundred and twenty, just ten years ago, the Hebron Deposit Bank was opened for business to fill a much wanted necessity in the community and with the full cooperation of the influential men and women of that thriving section of Boone County. A new building was erected to house the bank which was a credit to both the new enterprise and to the town of Hebron in which it was located. A great deal of thought and judgment was exercised in purchasing the interior fixtures for the bank and, when completed, a safe was installed as near burglar proof as possible to procure.

The capital stock was confined to a total of \$20,000 at the start that by diligent endeavor of the officers and directors business increased sufficient to raise that amount later to \$30,000 as it is today.

The business of banking in a city is more or less of an assured success due to the great number of individuals and business houses who have need for a banking connection. In a town of smaller size with limited population and fewer businesses being operated one can well be proud of the fact when a bank attains the success which has come to the Hebron Deposit Bank.

The stockholders were particularly wise and fortunate in the selection of officers and directors that were to guide the destinies of this bank from the very start, when Joel C. Clore was elected President and John B. Cloud vice president. No less far seeing were they in the choosing of the present board; whose character and standing in the community can bear the closest scrutiny. The present officers are: Hubert Conner, President; G. H. Grant, Vice President; Charles W. Riley, Cashier; Mrs. Owen Acra is Asst. Cashier, having held that position with honor and trust since the bank started. The directors are, Robert Conner, G. H. Grant, Liston Hempling, Henry Galpe, William Goodridge, B. R. Conner, C. C. Hafer, C. C. Hafer, S. B. Nunneley and M. L. Crutcher. Of these Messrs. Conner, Hafer, Kiddell, Galpe and Goodridge were on the original

board when the bank started and are probably greatly instrumental in the wonderful success attained.

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**Robert Schuyler Hensley BELLEVUE, KY.**

Robert S. Hensley is a prominent resident of Grant, where he carries on an extensive general store business which he purchased of W. E. Yelton in August, 1925. Mr. Hens-



**R. S. HENSLEY STORE**  
 He was born at Somerset, Ky., on May 5, 1895, the son of Howell and Mary Ellen Keith Hensley who now reside at Ft. Worth, Texas. The father of Robert Hensley, was a well known clerklyman and was pastor of the Baptist church at Bellevue for a good many years. He was loved and respected by all who knew him and his fine traits of character have been handed down to the son, who numbers his friends by the hundreds.

Robert Hensley was taken by his parents to Texas at the age of three years. He grew up in that state and remained until 1909, when his father again returned to Bellevue as pastor of the Baptist church.

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The present school has built over a third-of-a century ago. Mr. Len Voss, now of Union, was the superintendent of Boone county at that time. It was a one-room building until ten years ago. Constance had grown to a village that a one-room school would not accommodate. Another room was added and another teacher was employed.

Constance has continued to grow, and a two-room school will no longer accommodate the children. A modern three-room building will be erected. The Constance school has continued to make progress, and is now one of the leading schools in the county. The school has won scholastic events in the Boone county tournaments for one and two room schools for three consecutive years. Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Lents are the teachers of the school. They have recently been employed by the County Board of Education for their fifth consecutive year. Mr. Lents hails from Western Kentucky, having been born in Marshall County, February 22, 1896. He received his common school education and two years of high school from the Constance School, Hardin, Ky., and graduated from the

**Geo. W. Kottmeyer CONSTANCE, KY.**

George W. Kottmeyer whose ancestry has been given above was born on May 8, 1887 at Constance, the son of Henry and Martha Jodwick Kottmeyer. George grew up at Constance and attended the Ludlow public schools. After his school days he learned the machine trade, at which he worked until the past eight years when he purchased a general store in Constance which he now operates.

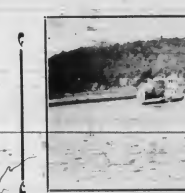
He was married on September 30, 1913 to Virgie Riggs, born on March 11, 1888, the daughter of J. P. Wood and Carrie Weir Riggs of Pt. Pleasant neighborhood. Her father was a native of Boone county, his family coming here from Virginia and her mother coming here from Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. George Kottmeyer have one son, James Woodford, aged twelve.

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Mr. Kottmeyer carries a general line of merchandise at his store, including feed, hardware, notions, groceries, etc. He is also postmaster at Constance. Mr. Kottmeyer is a member of the Masonic Lodge. He is greatly interested in his community and county and is ever ready and willing to contribute and cooperate toward its upbuilding.



**ANDERSON'S FERRY, CONSTANCE. IN KOTTMEYER FAMILY THREE GENERATIONS**

The Constance School By R. V. Lents

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**WALTON EQUITABLE BANK**

Inscriptions Copied in the Old Bank Building at Walton, Ky. Known as the Harrison place, below North Bend in Boone County, Kentucky.

"Sacred to the memory of Captain John Brown, who born the State of New Jersey, October 22, 1820. A Patriot and Soldier of the REVOLUTION. He sustained thru life the sentiment of a true Republican. Braved an immigration to the Western wilds at an early period. Died November 19th, 1824."

Then follows on an adjoining stone the names of the officers who married General Zebulon M. Pike, the Army officer who afterwards died in the West Indies. "Sacred to the memory of Clara H. Pike, widow of the late General Zebulon M. Pike. She died at her residence in Sugar Grove, Boone county, Kentucky, in the 64th year of her age. She was willing to die and believed on her

Savior; therefore her home is now on High!" and below that is the following: "Oh in your bright world of beauty May thy loved ones all appear Forming one unbroken circle Chattering round thee, Mother dear."

General Pike's daughter by his wife, Clara Brown, married Colonel John Cleaves Symmes, Harrison, son of General William Henry Harrison, whose wife was a daughter of Colonel John Cleaves Symmes (who was also an officer of the Revolution.) Colonel Symmes at the time of the war had between the two Miami Rivers (30 miles along the Ohio) and extending back from Ohio for a distance of 10 miles.

The above mentioned John Cleaves Symmes, Harrison, is also dead in this century at Sugar Grove. This burial spot is now in a very neglected and run-

**OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF HEBRON DEPOSIT BANK TAKEN JUNE 14, 1921**

down condition. The Elizabeth Kington chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution have had a bronze tablet made to be placed on the grave of Clara H. Pike.

General Pike, when he married Captain Brown's daughter, was only an unknown young man and father Brown did not have much faith in him; so he had Pike given back (which was then a law in Kentucky) that he would support the new wife. Pike did give such a bond, and it is recorded at Burlington, the County Seat of Boone County. This bond was signed by William Bates, the great grandfather of Mrs. Lallie Kennedy Southgate. Mr. Bates was buried on his farm and it is still in the possession of one of his descendants, Mr. Emily Moore, III. of Western Springs, Ill.

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**Ezra Owen Rouse**  
BURLINGTON,  
Florence Pike.

**James Lynn Frazier**

James Lynn Frazier, aged 82, of Union, Ky., is a decedent of old Scotch pioneer stock whose ancestors came to this country in 1740 settling in the outskirts of what is now Philadelphia but then only an outpost of civilization that must be defended against the native Indians. Directly following the close of the Revolutionary War two boys, descendants of this family, came west to a new frontier at McClains Fort located where now is the thriving city of Georgetown, Kentucky.

The immediate grandfather of Mr. Frazier entered a tract of land near Cynthia about this same time settling down there to wrest a living from the virgin soil. The father of Mr. Frazier, Joel B. Frazier, married America Snodgrass in 1838 in Harrison County, Ky., and almost immediately located in Boone County on what is now called the old Frazier farm just outside of Union. They started there in 1840 and on that same farm James Lynn was born in 1846. He grew up to young manhood in this neighborhood attending the popular and aristocratic Whitehaven



JAMES LYNN FRAZIER

place in the community as gentleman farmer until he was literally drafted into the position as cashier of the Union Deposit Bank in 1903 at the insistence of his friends

**H. A. Rogers**

H. A. Rogers probably holds the honor of being the youngest bank cashier in Boone County, and has made an enviable reputation for himself through his efforts with the Farmers Bank at Petersburg. He was born October 5, 1902 on his father's farm between Grant and Petersburg, the son of Bernal and Ora Hyle Rogers.

He attended the local public schools of Grant during his early days, later serving as assistant cashier and cashier at the bank at Grant. He spent four years in Cincinnati with the Fifth-Third

Mr. Frazier is very active and most cheerful, always ready with a bit of humor and still actively in charge at the bank. There is but one older man in the state in the banking business.

He was married late in life to Miss Nannie Bristol, who passed away seventeen years ago. He was a hunter and fisherman of note in the days gone by and was a rider and raiser of fine horses. He was interested in travel and



H. A. ROGERS

Union Trust Co., going to Petersburg a year ago to accept his present position. He is from a family of Kentucky natives, both his father and mother having been born in this county. In October, 1928, he was united in marriage with Iva Rose Tostwalt. They have no children. For relaxation and amusement Mr. Rogers is interested in all kinds of athletics.

**W. G. Kite**

No man in Boone County has tried harder to improve the lot of the farmer than W. G. Kite, of Waterloo, with his successful experiment in pure bred stock and the best grade of seeds.

He is a farmer residing on Route two, Burlington, and besides the many activities necessitated in the operation of extensive land, he also operates a general merchandise store at Waterloo. This store was opened on Sept. 10, 1931, by his father.

Mr. Kite was born in this county on July 10, 1873, the son of J. W. and Joanna (Clare) Kite, both of whom reside at present on R. 1, Grant. Mr. Kite was united in marriage with Nannie E. Pope, on Dec. 16, 1908. His wife is the daughter of William and Addie McCosken, of Boone Co. This couple have one daughter, Jeanette Lee, 20 years old. Mr. Kite is an Odd Fellow and has attained the respect of all who know him by his willingness to cooperate in all worthy enterprises. He has been a member of the church of Christ since he was 18 years old.

**Bert Smith**

Bert Smith is a modest and unassuming gentleman, but although away from Boone county for 16 years he is still greatly interested in his home county and is willing to contribute and cooperate toward its upbuilding. Mr. Smith was born on Woolper Creek Oct. 20, 1877, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Laystra A. Smith. He attended school at the old

**EZRA OWEN ROUSE**

Ezra Owen Rouse, son of William Eli and Nancy Louisa Rouse who were born in and life long residents of Boone County, was born near Gunpowder, January 3, 1851. He was married to Nancy Benham, October 29, 1878, who with her parents, John and Elizabeth Benham, came to America from Lankshire, England, in 1839. Mr. Rouse has been actively engaged in farming for many years. He operated the Gunpowder store from 1890 to 1925. From that time he was a stock trader, carrying on his father's occupation in partnership with his uncle, Mr. Fred A. Utz. He also for several years operated a hardware store at Erlanger, Ky.

On his farm, which was the home of his parents, is one of the oldest cemeteries of the county, also a barn which was constructed from the logs of the old Lutheran church near there.

Mr. Rouse has been a member of the L. O. O. F. Lodge at Florence for many years. He has also been a member of the Board of Directors of the Florence Deposit Bank since its organization in 1904.

Their home is one of the prettiest places on the Burlington Pike and is easily recognized by its three large Beech trees in the yard.

Their daughter, Violeta, was born at Pleasant Ridge July 23, 1893. She was married to Robert James Eastman June 27, 1917. Mr. Eastman served in the Marine Corps during the World War, having seen nine months service in France. Mrs. Eastman was active in her local chapter of the Red Cross at that time. They have three children: Nancy Elizabeth born July 14, 1925; Robert V. born June 12, 1922; Ruth Rouse, born January 1, 1930.

Mr. and Mrs. Rouses' 11 daughters, Mrs. R. C. Eastman, and husband, have built a new colonial home on the Burlington Pike near Florence, and expect to make it



"WHITEHAVEN" OWNED BY JAMES L. FRAZIER

Boarding School which he has since purchased. His advanced education was received at Bartlett College in Cincinnati. On leaving school he took his

**Philip Taliaferro**

In giving the brief sketch of the family of Philip Taliaferro we will start with Hays Taliaferro his great grandfather, who was born in Culpepper county, Virginia in 1776 and who married Elizabeth Tate. Philip was a son of theirs and the grandfather of the present member of that name. He was born March 19, 1822 at Winchester, Ky., and died at Union, Boone county in January 1897. His wife was Mildred Clarkson Parrish born June 1832 and who died Aug. 1, 1909. Her parents were Stockaday Parrish and Mildred Clarkson Parrish. The son of this couple was the father of Philip Taliaferro.

of our government. At the expiration of this service the family was moved to Erlanger where the father entered the insurance and real estate business.

Philip completed his education in the latter named town, accepting a position with a railroad shortly there when he went to Montgomery, Tennessee where he was associated with a large coal company. In the fall of 1914 he returned to Erlanger at the death of his uncle, H. G. Blanton, and succeeding him in his undertaking business. Preparatory to taking the state examination for Undertaker and Embalmer he attended the Cincinnati College of Embalming, receiving his license in the spring of 1915. Having a firm belief in the fu-

**VIEW OF BEACH GROVE, JERSEY FARM OWNED BY KITE AND PURDY**

ture would like nothing better than to see all the nations of the world. He counts his friends by the hundreds and whose loyalty will never diminish.

is charmed with the arrangement of the rooms with the two tone high light effect of the walls blending with the furnishings. There is gum woodwork throughout in walnut finish and the paneled walls are in grey color. The chapel at the left will seat one hundred on red chairs in black and gold color upholstered in velour to match. The family room adjoins the chapel and has a home like appearance satisfying with its splendid appointments. This room can be completely shut off from the rest of the house. It passes the short hall way to reach the slender room beautiful and restful with rose colored and tiled linings.

Philip Taliaferro was the only one of an enterprising either Boone or Ken-



THE TALIAFERRO FUNERAL HOME

As stated at the beginning of this article his name is John William Taliaferro and he was born at Crittendon on March 4, 1860. On June 26, 1884, he married Sallie Blanton, who was born March 7, 1867. Both of these parents are living at Erlanger with Philip. Sallie Blanton's father was Dr. Wm. H. Blanton, a native of Owen county, born in 1838 and practiced his profession for many years in Boone county. He married Ella Gale, a daughter of Josiah Gale. Dr. Blanton's father was Henry Blanton who came here from Virginia.

Philip Taliaferro is known to hundreds of people in this section of northern Kentucky by reason of his long established undertaking business at Erlanger. Mr. Taliaferro was born at Union, Ky., on February 13, 1889 the son of John William and Sallie Blanton Taliaferro whose ancestry will be traced out later on in this article. His first schooling was received at Union, his parents later moving to Petersburg, where they spent five years in the service

long growth and development of his community Mr. Taliaferro erected a new funeral home on a beautiful lot in the heart of Erlanger and moved into the building in the fall of 1929. The home must be seen to be appreciated for as one approaches the building from the street along the stone sidewalk laid in concrete with ribbon joints the first thing noticed is that all the windows are set in Bedford facing masonry. The roof is of colored tile in perfect harmony with the cut brick of the walls. The lot fronts one hundred and fifty eight feet along the Dixie Highway and the glow of the bronze wire screens on doors and windows enhance the outside appearance. In the basement entered from the exterior on the north side is storage space for funeral coaches, ambulances and sedans of the latest type that go to complete this modern establishment. On entering the front door one



FUNERAL COACH OF PHILIP TALIAFERRO

ton counties who answered the call in the colors during the world war. He was an embalmer in Unit 31 Graves Registration Service, starting as an ordinary private and rapidly promoted to the highest grade in that service of Quartermaster Sergeant-Senior Grade. A man holding such a high grade can be promoted or demoted only from Washington. Mr. Taliaferro was sent to France on September 1, 1918, going direct to the front near Verdun and thence to the Argonne forest where he saw service until the signing of the armistice. He carried on with his company until July 29, 1919 when he was ordered to the States and was mustered out at Camp Dix a few days afterward.

Mr. Taliaferro is a member of the Erlanger Baptist Church, Good Faith F. & M. number 887; U. C. A. M. Benton Council number 28; Daughters of Venus Lodge, L. O. O. F. number 154 Florence; Sumner, the American number 123, Country Club, Secretary and Treasurer Ky. Rural Assn. of Covington.

**MRS. EZRA O. ROUSE**

their permanent home. They have three grandchildren, the oldest is Betty, age 10, who is quite a student. Bobby, age 8, whose ambition it is to be a farmer; Ruth, age 5 months, is the "Lady of the Home" and was born on New Year's Day, the second of only two births reported in the City of Covington on that day.

**Chester and Chas. Souther**

Boone County has produced many notable men, but none have gone farther in their chosen professions than the two subjects of this sketch—Chester A. and Dr. Chas. T.—Souther, twin sons of Albert

and branches. This work required twenty-one months to complete, and necessitated visiting many large cities in widely separated parts of the United States. This meeting with Durant was the real beginning of what would later be termed an business. When the Revenue Act of October 3, 1917 was passed by Congress, which made the first of the war income tax acts, and the first excess profits tax act, he decided to abandon all other active efforts and devote all of his energy to income tax. That this decision was a lucky one is attested by the fact that the first income tax work for Durant he saved his company a million dollars. Thereafter he was placed in charge of all Federal Income tax matters for General Motors Corporation, which position he held for over ten years. The General Motors Corporation, recognizing his worth to it, paid him a large salary and a still larger bonus and made him what, in Boone County, would be considered a very rich man. Because of the fact that the affairs of General Motors Corporation are given the widest possible publicity, it is revealing no secret to say that during the first years during which Chester had charge of its income taxes these amounts were more than thirty million dollars annually. A great many interesting details of this business are available but lack of space prohibits their inclusion here. Few people realize that it takes five men working six months to make the tax returns for one of the General Motors Corporation and its eight subsidiaries, or that it easily exceeds a billion dollars in one year.

**CHESTER A. SOUTHER**

Clifton and Rose Ashby Souther, who were born on March 10, 1876. As they grew up they attended the local schools of their neighborhood as well as the private school conducted by Mrs. Hirtley. From here on the lives of these two boys began to separate as far as business and future profession were concerned. However, they have never lost the close personal association usually found in twins.

First of all the writer will take up a short resume of their family ancestry. Their father, Albert Souther was a tailor by trade and was born in Boone County on May 14, 1851 and died October 14, 1928. His parents and the boys' paternal grandparents were Linville C. and Margaret Conner Yeager Souther. Linville was born in Boone County on the old Allen farm on Price Pike in 1815 and the house still stands there today. His wife, Margaret, was a daughter of an old Boone County farmer and she was born in Florence in 1827. They had three sons—Louis, Frank and Albert.

The great grandfather of these two brothers was John Souther, who married a girl by the name of Walton. This ancestor was born in Virginia and he died in 1865 at the age of eighty-four. They had ten children who grew up to marry. The mother of Charles and Chester Souther, Rose Ashby, was born on September 20, 1847 and died July 19, 1929. Her father was a doctor, dying at the comparatively young age of thirty-five from an infection received in his profession.

We will now take up in a brief way the lives and accomplishments of some of the subjects of this sketch. Chester Arthur Souther started his life work as a bookkeeper at the age of sixteen with the old Hammond Paperwork Co. in Cincinnati at a wage of \$24.00 per month. To get a varied experience as possible and to more or less find himself for his work he made several changes during the next few years; first with the Bradstreet Commercial Agency, then with the American Express Co., with Davis Carriage and Harness Co., and later with the American Oak Leather Co., where he served as pay master. After accomplishing a book-keeping system as best of his accounting ability he accepted a position with the American National Co., and became secretary of it shortly thereafter. This was about 1909. Mr. Souther had charge of the audit in the Nashville County, Ky, covering a period of five years, and requiring the services of four men, which was a most complete. Some idea of the scope of this audit can be gained when it is known that six hours of consecutive reading was necessary in making the report to the Fiscal Court at Lexington.

Shortly after this Chester entered business for himself as a certified public accountant. While in business for himself he was sent to Flint, Mich., to make a special inspection of the Chevrolet Motor Co., and while on this work met William C. Durant, the president of the Chevrolet Motor Co. Mr. Durant was so impressed with his work that he gave him the job devising and installing a complete accounting system for the Chevrolet plants

**DR. CHARLES T. SOUTHER**

eral cases for surgery and was called in consultation many times during the first two months. That year he visited the Eastern clinics at Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, New York, and John Hopkins Hospital at Baltimore, where he saw operations performed and received much data of great profit to his profession. In 1906 he made his first visit to the Mayo Clinic for study and has been there every two or three years since. The next year in 1907 he moved his office to 17 E. Ninth St., where he also lived. That year he became Gynecologist at St. Mary's hospital and also began as general surgeon on the staff. In 1914 he was clinician at the General Hospital and surgical instructor on faculty of the Ohio Medical College.

He entered the service of the Government on May 1917, just a little over a month after he was declared and by reason of his experience and prestige was commissioned a captain. He remained in service seven months. Before going over seas he spent some time at Camp Sherman, and his next service was eight months at Base Hospital No. 43 at Albany, France. The last two months of this time he was chief surgeon at Base Hospital No. 43 at Camp 27, between 1500 and 2,000 patients, most of which were surgical cases. He was at the St. Mihiel hospital after the signing of the Armistice and a few months later he was transferred out at Camp Five on February 27, 1919.

When he went to the army he gave up everything, including his very lucrative practice and on his return it was like starting all over again. At this time he opened an office in the Graton, Ridge, and Race, where he is now located. Soon after he was made a member of the staff of the Seton hospital, which was later merged with the Good Samaritan. Former patients and friends were soon seeking his services, and as was said before he is recognized as a leader in the surgical treatment of hernia and almost as prominent in all other surgical cases. He performed over one thousand cases altogether. In 1919 he became a member of the staff of the Bethesda hospital and the following year he was taken in the staff of the Deaconess Hospital. In 1927 he was made a member of the staff of the Metropolitan Hospital of Covington and last year was made consulting surgeon of the Whitland Clinic at Athens, Ohio. He has the extreme distinction of a fellowship in the American College of Surgeons, and was president of the Ohio Academy of Medicine in 1912. He is affiliated with the county, state and national medical societies, and is head of the American Medical Association. He was president of the Ohio Medical Society, Western Surgical Association, and American Association of Surgeons of Ohio in 1916 and served as an officer in various capacities for eight years. In his professional life he has been a member of the Ohio Valley Medical Society, Western Surgical Association, and American Association of Surgeons of Ohio in 1916 and served as an officer in various capacities for eight years. In his professional life he has been a member of the Ohio Valley Medical Society, Western Surgical Association, and American Association of Surgeons of Ohio in 1916 and served as an officer in various capacities for eight years.

Dr. Souther started his study of medicine with the insignificant sum of \$50.00 paying tuition to enter the next four years by helping Dr. Ricketts in his surgical work. Dr. Souther's first two years of college were at the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery and two years at the Ohio Medical College on Clifton Ave., now a part of the University of Cincinnati. He graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Medicine and was given his degree of Doctor of Medicine. He spent one year at Cherokee hospital in Wichita, Kan., and another year at the Wichita Hospital, Wichita, Kan., where they were a little more liberal with their financial remuneration.

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In March, 1904 Dr. Souther started a private practice with an office at 424 Broadway. Considering the fact that he was just starting out for himself, his first year was most successful, and had sev-

**David Bruce Wallace**

In David Bruce Wallace of Walton, Kentucky we find a capitalist with interests in various fields and whose career has been colored with many great accomplishments. As a banker for many years he wielded great influence and is today one of Boone County's most outstanding figures in farming, commerce and financial circles. Wallace was born on December 23, 1850 at Cincinnati, the son of William R. and Mary Wallace of that place. The father was a native of Scotland and his mother was of Irish descent.

At the age of ten young David Bruce started work in the printing office of the old Cincinnati Gazette and at the extremely youthful age of fourteen was a full fledged printer earning the regular wage of two dollars per day for such work. Two years later he started a Job-Printing Shop of his own located on Sixth street to which he devoted every ounce of his energy for the next five years much to the detriment of his health. To regain his strength he decided to take a vacation and was engaged in fishing down the Ohio river on a house boat hunting and fishing for a prize when he picked up an occasional piece of printing that he turned out on a small job press installed on the boat. This was the beginning of his printing career. At Warsaw, Kentucky he was prevailed upon to stay there, and start a newspaper which he accomplished in May 1880. Though but twenty-one years old at that time he soon had the respect and confidence of the whole community by his unswerving determination to be fair to all regardless of creed or politics. This same policy, which carried over during the next fifty years of his life and probably is a main reason for his many successful enterprises, was followed by Mr. Wallace as chief in 1907 when it was established and remaining with it eighteen years. He has extensive holdings in Florida and owns about five hundred acres of farm land in Kentucky.

which he was connected thirty-eight years. He was president of the Kentucky Press Association in 1916.

He was a delegate to the National Republican convention that nominated Ben. Harrison for president; was the McKinley presidential elector when Kentucky gave

**DAVID BRUCE WALLACE**

McKinley and Hobart its electoral vote. Mr. Wallace was also elector in the Sixth Congressional District for Roosevelt and Fairbanks and was the Republican candidate for Congress in the Sixth District of Kentucky in the Taft Campaign of 1912 and ran over 2,000 ahead of the ticket. This latter statement shows in a small measure the high esteem in which he is held throughout northern Kentucky.

Mr. Wallace was president of the Equitable Bank and Trust Co. at Walton, beginning with this institution as cashier in 1907 when it was established and remaining with it eighteen years. He has extensive holdings in Florida and owns about five hundred acres of farm land in Kentucky.

Mr. Wallace is affiliated with the Royal Arch Chapter F. and A. M. a member of the F. O. O. F., Eastern Star, K. of P. and Heralds of Liberty. As before stated, David Bruce Wallace has made a phenomenal success and in this position is constantly being called upon to assist in diverse enterprises and charities. This he never fails to do if the cause is worthy and the betterment and upbuilding of the county the object.

**The Petersburg Christian Church**

Nestled beneath the beautiful, verdant slopes of the hills of the little Brown church in the vale, whose clear ringing bell has for centuries proclaimed the glad tidings of the Gospel.

**PETERSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

almost a century doing the folks of the village to worship on the Sabbath Day.

In 1826 of 27 Alexander Campbell coming from Virginia on horseback, blazing the trail with his preaching of the Gospel, here by the banks of the beautiful Ohio river, he organized this church body.

**PETERSBURG METHODIST M. E. Church**

Founded 1850

The above inscription is over the door of the oldest church in the little town of Petersburg.

The sweet toned bell contains forty percent of silver, and has called many of our older citizens to worship, to these many years.

A few years since it was the leading church in membership and activities, but owing to the deaths and a number of the members of the church moving away the membership is not at present what it has been in many years. This church has the distinction of having had the only lady member, Miss Mollie Merriman, who held a series of meetings for 1894.

James, of Detroit, Mich., considered one of the twelve great preachers of the world and Miss Althing of San Diego, Cal., a very able man also one of the finest of the brotherhood, received their training in a public school and met their wives in this community.

**Judge John M. Lassing**

John Maurice Lassing, eldest son of Dr. H. C. and Anna E. Lassing, was born at Elm Tree near Union Boone County, Ga., in 1864. He received his elementary education in the common schools of Boone County and his collegiate course at Central University, Richmond, Kentucky, from which he graduated in 1886. For the next two years he taught school and studied law in his spare time under Fountain Riddell, an eminent lawyer practicing at Bur-

From early historical Virginia ancestry, in the latter part of the seventeenth century, came our Boone County Gaiques. The first Sir George (followed later by two brothers—Capt. William M. and (church) to Burlington; and a first cousin, Abner, to Walton, which place was named by him for a faithful carpenter, Walton, who built his first log dwelling.

We can imagine for these and other early settlers their laborious yet thrilling trip in covered wagons across the rough, untravelled country, braving the Indians and many dangers, to pave the way for civilization to follow, focussing, at last, the "Old Kentucky Home," where queens and real housewives, our mothers, reigned supreme and were the unknown "powers behind the throne."

Our mothers should occupy next to our Lord,  
—A throne, perhaps at his feet,  
And we, thoughtless children, by act and by word  
Should revere and press toward that Seat.

Abner (Gaines) and Elizabeth Mathews (Gaines) were the parents of eight children: Mrs. Elizabeth Hubbell; Arch and James M. of Walton, Richmond and Covington; senator John P., United States war veteran and prisoner in the war with Mexico, elected to Congress in 1849 from Boone County, Arkansas; and Governor J. W. Gaines of Arkansas and New Orleans, husband of Nancy Ann Daniel, of Danville, Kentucky, who in the United States war with Mexico, father of Mrs. Sue Burke, who in 1881 was the founder of the New Orleans Times Democrat and the inspirer of some of its best deeds. She was also the mother of Lindsay, the young man, who, with three other Ames boys, so heroically stood at his post in the service of Belgium, in the Congo Free State, and was killed; Mrs. Mildred Davis and Benjamin P. Gaines of Chicot County, Arkansas; and Mr. William Gaines of Hot Springs, Arkansas, who died at ninety-seven years of age, an active business man most of life and known in his old age for his extreme gentleness and kindness.

His son, James M., was the father of George T. Gaines, a farmer and stockraiser of Boone County, who married Susan Randolph Harrison, daughter of Rev. J. C. Harrison. To them were given William T., Joseph C., Mattie Mooga, George T. of Arizona, James M. of Jacksonville, Florida; Mrs. E. F. Bedinger, Mrs. Mary G. Bedinger and Mrs. Geston Gardner of Rome, Georgia.

**JUDGE JOHN M. LASSING**

To complete this study he entered the Cincinnati Law School in 1890 finishing the regular two year course in one year graduating with the class of 1890 ranking seventh among a total of ninety students. He, at once, resumed the practice of law at Burlington and became actively identified with Democratic politics in Boone County and the Sixth Congressional District.

In 1891 he was elected to the office of County Attorney which po-

**JUNE LASSING**

sition he held for the three-year term fixed under the new constitution. At the expiration of this term he was re-elected in '94 and held this office until the death of John W. Green, Circuit Judge in this District when Mr. Lassing was appointed Circuit Judge resigning the office of County Attorney. He was elected to this office by the people at the November election following his appointment and at the expiration of this term was

**HOME OF B. F. BEDINGER**

on the Appellate Court Bench, was elected to the United States Senate creating a vacancy on the Appellate Court from this District. Judge Lassing was appointed to fill that vacancy and held under this appointment until the next regular election when he was nominated by the Democratic party and elected for the remainder of that term when he was again nominated and elected for a full term. He held this office until impaired health caused him to resign.

He held each of the above mentioned offices approximately seven years, thus giving him twenty-one years of public service along the lines of his chosen profession. His political record is unique and perhaps without parallel having been twice elected to each of three offices and having voluntarily resigned each.

Shortly after leaving in Burlington Judge Lassing married Miss Lillard Brady, youngest daughter of Robert A. and Susan Brady. They have three sons, Warren and Robert who are located in Florida and John Jr. who resides in Burlington. All three of the sons are married. The Judge has two

**Gaines Family**

**Walton Baptist Church**

**Wm. Marshall Whitson**  
VERONA, KY.

**Martin Perry Barlow**



**WALTON BAPTIST CHURCH**

The First Baptist Church at Walton was organized about 1830 in a school house on the Beaver Creek road at the fork under Rev. Germin as pastor. The site of the old church was where the cemetery now stands on Church street. In 1912 the property for the new church was purchased and one year later the work began on the structure, costing a cost of \$18,000 when it was completed. The Walton Lodge of Masons laid the cornerstone which is dated 1913 and in which was placed a list of the church membership, coins, a Boone County Recorder, a Cincinnati Times Star, a Baptist Western Recorder and a brief history of the church and a silver masonic square. Rev. W. H. McMillan was pastor of the church at that time. The church was dedicated November 1, 1914 and more than enough money was subscribed that day to cancel the debt.

The present pastor of the church is C. E. Brown, who was called in April 1929 from Elmoueth. The present board of deacons are: E. L. Aylor, D. K. Johnson, George W. Sleat, J. E. O'Neal, Ed Hankinson, L. F. Chapman, J. R. Fearon, K. Kyle, T. W. Jones, John Myers, S. H. McClard and W. H. Holsinger. The pastors who served the church: Rev. L. Johnson gave service for the first five years when the church was built. Rev. Germa, L. Johnson, James, M. Fisher, T. C. Ecton, George Hill, Andrews, Stewart, H. C. Wayman, McMillan and Rev. C. E. Brown.

Though modest and unassuming in the contact with friends and neighbors William M. Whitson is one of the most prominent men in Boone County and a leader in social, civic and business enterprises at Verona.

Mr. Whitson was born October 26, 1863 in the Verona precinct, the son of J. T. and Sophia Dodge Whitson. At the age of three his parents moved to Gallatin Co., where he remained until reaching the age of eighteen when he returned to Verona. He attended the school at Verona under the tutelage Mrs. Sannie Hamilton, conductor of a famous aristocratic school. He also spent one year at Georgetown College.

One year after leaving school he was united in marriage with Mattie Hays Hudson on November 2, 1886. She is the daughter of S. G. and Ellen Hope Gass Hudson long time residents of Boone County. After their marriage this couple lived three years in Gallatin County, then moving to their present farm of two hundred forty-four acres in 1890. This farm was the ancestral home and birthplace of Mr. Whitson. Extensive general farming operations are carried on here by Mr. Whitson, whose up-to-date methods have made him most successful.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitson have five children: Ellen Howe, who married H. Hess Vest, they have one child Helen Dudley, aged thirteen; Mary Ross, the wife of J. L. Hamilton, who have two children, Fred and Robert, aged thirteen and eleven respectively; James Harvey, plant manager of the Murray Body Co., married Frances Danzig of Detroit where they now reside and have three children: Constance, aged three months; Alice E., married Harry Chapman and they have two children, James, aged ten and Rose Ellen, seven; William, Jr., married Nona Eskridge, a former Boone County resident. Their son, Fred, is a Detroit auto, and is a salesman for Dixie Battery Co.

Mr. Whitson, son of Mr. Whitson, has been clerk of the New Bethel Baptist Church and is an active and zealous worker in behalf of that congregation. He has been a deacon of that church for 20 years. He has been president of the Boone Bank since its inception and has been mainly responsible for its many successful and prosperous years. He is secretary of the local school board for sixteen years, declining the position in 1915. He has never sought elective political office.

It is typical of the whole Whitson family to be honest and

The subject of this sketch, Martin Perry Barlow, is one of the best loved and most looked-up-to members of this community. Always ready to aid in any way for any worthy cause and a firm believer in right living. He is the son of William Henry and Susan Tanager Barlow and was born in Boone County, near Florence, Ky., on the 31st day of January, 1869. He is a most successful farmer and is now living on the same farm where his great grandfather set-



**MR. AND MRS. M. P. BARLOW**

tled on Gunpowder Creek when they came here from Virginia about 1806. His great grandparents on his mother's side came to this state from Pennsylvania.

If being a native of any state necessitates long residence for a family, Mr. Barlow could surely be called one of Kentucky's native sons. He was married on the 30th day of August, 1893 to Rosa Ella Snyder, also a native of Boone County and descended from an old family. They have two children;



Left PERRY GARNER RENAKER  
Right ROSE ELLA RENAKER

one boy and one girl, Harry Mark and Rosa Mae both of whom are married; the daughter now being Mrs. A. J. Renaker who resides at Florence, Ky. The son is following his father's footsteps by operating a farm near Waterloo, Mr. Barlow is a prominent and active member of the Lutheran Church and is most interested in all civic affairs pertaining to the good of the County.

**William B. Rogers**  
—GRANT, KY.

In his connection as president of the Citizens Deposit Bank at Grant, as a deacon in the Bellevue Baptist Church and as one of the progressive farmers in Boone County William Barnett Rogers is looked upon by all who know him as a man of sterling worth and upright character.

He was born July 19, 1878 near Bellevue the son of James and Laura Rogers, natives of this state and descendants of old pioneer stock. He is married to Isella Garnett Scott and they have three children, Laura (Mrs. John Clore), Marian and W. R. Rogers Jr.

dealing always assured, Mr. Whitson is frequently called upon for contributions for many causes, and he never refuses if the trust is worthy and the upbuilding of his community or county the object.

**HOME AND BUSINESS OF T. R. RENAKER, VERONA, KY. STANDING LEFT TO RIGHT MILDRED CLAYTON, MRS. W. T. AND W. T. RENAKER**

straight-forward in every respect. Probably the most of ten and he has descended from the grandfather, A. D. Whitson, who was born about 1810 and died in 1875. He was a farmer and a dealer in tobacco and live stock. He reared his own tobacco, packing it in hogsheads when it was shipped to Cincinnati and sold over the "brakes." The stock that he purchased must necessarily have been driven on foot to Cincinnati because of the lack of shipping facilities. The son of A. D. Whitson was the father of both O. K. and William M. Whitson, and after the death of A. D. his son took over the business and both of these men had the name of "square dealing" which has been handed down to the present generation.

As near as can be found out from the records, the Whitson family in this country came from Boone County from Harrison County and the Revolutionary War.

The greatest pleasure in the life of Mr. Whitson is in his fertile and rolling fields and pastures being laid out in this county stand as a testimonial to his ability along those lines.



Miss Lillian Bristow UNION, KY.

Anyone who ever has visited the Union Deposit Bank never will forget the wholesomeness and pleasing personality of its assistant cashier, Miss Lillian Bristow, who has endeared herself to the hearts of all who know her.

Lillian Bristow was a member of the first graduating class of Union High School in 1914. Four years later she entered upon her duties as the above named bank clerk, as we said before, she holds the position of assistant cashier. She is an active member of the Baptist church and belongs to the First Chapter O. E. S. at Erlanger. This chapter was named after one of her relatives.

Lillian's father came to Boone County shortly after his marriage where he operated a farm now owned by his heirs. Lillian's maternal grandfather, Ben Anderson, married Mary Hays, who came here from Missouri prior to the Civil War. Ben Anderson enlisted in the Confederate Army as a trooper under Gen. Morgan, Co. 1, 2nd Kentucky Cavalry, and became his favorite soldier. Lillian's mother was born near Union on October 22, 1867.

LENORE SPRAGUE DAUGHTER OF MR. & MRS. HARLEY SPRAGUE OF LOCK AND DAM NO. 38

Florence Baptist Church

The Florence Baptist Church was organized some time before 1856. The old building was erected in 1855. From the organization of the church to 1900 there have been no records preserved. In January, 1900, Rev. S. M. Adams and Dr. B. F. Swinder held a revival meeting. Several additions by letter were one by baptism were the visible results.

In 1908 Rev. Vickers, assisted by Rev. G. W. Aragabite, held a two weeks' meeting. At the close of this meeting, February, 1908, the church was reorganized with thirteen members.

The church being pastorless, in May, 1928, the District Board (by the request of the church) sent W. A. M. Wood, Field Worker, as 'Missions' Pastor, to labor with them and assist in erecting the present building which was dedicated to the glory of our Lord, the fourth day of May, 1930.

Jesse L. Hamilton

Under the name of N. B. Hamilton and Son, Jesse L. Hamilton operates a general store at Verona, one of the oldest businesses in Boone County. He is in the undertaking business for himself at that place with a splendid equipment containing all the necessary devices to carry on such an establishment. He is a graduate of the Cincinnati College of Embalming and has a Kentucky license as both embalmer and undertaker. His father purchased the building in which the store is located in 1875, but he operated a store there prior to that time. The old store building was used for a number of years as a school conducted by the much loved Nannie E. Hamilton.

Jesse L. Hamilton was born in Verona on March 31, 1893, the son of N. B. and Elizabeth Hudson Hamilton. His father was born on January 14, 1860 and died December 15, 1927. His mother was born on May 12, 1862, is still living and makes her home at Verona. His maternal grandfather, Ben Hamilton was Benj. F. Hudson, who lived at St. Albans, W. Va., then called Coler Mouth. The father of Benj. Hudson was Samuel



UNDERTAKING CARS OF JESSE HAMILTON

Hudson, who was also born in that section and there are many descendants of this family still making their home in that part of W. Virginia. N. B. Hamilton was born in Verona and his father was Carter Hamilton.

On June 29, 1914 Mr. Hamilton was married to Rose Whitson, who was born on April 12, 1892 the daughter of W. M. Whitson. They have two children, Fred and Robert aged thirteen and eleven years respectively.

Mr. Hamilton started the undertaking business eighteen years ago and through his ability and personality has built an enviable reputation for himself. When he first started in business he was unable to do embalming himself as he was not yet twenty-one years of age. He is also the possessor of a diploma as a plastic surgeon.

He is a member of the Masonic Order and the Junior Order of American Mechanics. Mr. Hamilton is an ardent baseball fan and gets a great deal of pleasure during the season out of buying tickets. Mr. Hamilton is interested in his county and community and is ever ready and willing to contribute and cooperate toward the upbuilding of this whole section.

JANET M. KEIM DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. K. H. KEIM

The Petersburg Baptist Church



Welcome—is the inscription that meets the eye when entering by this little church on the corner of one of our main streets.

This church was organized in 1914 with only eleven members. In 1916 these few decided to build a house for the worship of God, so very man and women went to work. Today they have 193 members, preaching every Lord's Day, with a large Sunday School and plenty of mid-week services for the young and old.

Rev. R. C. McNeely, a Boone County boy, was the first pastor, and Mr. C. S. Lucas, another fine



young man now doing the work. Such men as Dr. Herget, Hanson Ellis and Sleet have held meetings with great results.



Left, EDWARD ROGERS, JR. Right, ALPHA LEE ROGERS. Dills Family

Lewis H. Dills was born Nov. 5, 1824, in Cynthia, Harrison Co., Ky., his father was Samuel Dills, who came to Kentucky from Pennsylvania, was of Hollars, Dutch descent, he married Susan Veach, daughter of Thomas Veach, an Englishman, and a soldier in the War of 1812.

Lewis H. Dills came to Boone Co. in 1847 and married Elizabeth M. Green the same year. She was a daughter of Nathaniel Green, also a soldier in the war of 1812, his wife being a Miss Delaney of Virginia. He was commonly known as Squire 'Nat Green' having served the county as magistrate a number of years.

Lewis H. Dills was a Charter Director of the Farmers and Traders Bank, Covington, now the First National. He was a Mason. He served the County of Boone as Clerk two terms, and one term as County Judge.

Eunie Dills, his daughter, was born March 26, 1856, and married Thomas G. Willis June 21, 1878. She was a beautiful, winsome girl, possessing a character of loyalty and fidelity to all of her friends, and a charity to all humankind who made a woman of extreme influence for good in her home and her entire world. The servants and friends of her children often said 'we never can find a fault in your mother' and after all that is no greater tribute than such a truth, expressed by children.

Dempsey Motor Car Co.

The Dempsey Motor Car Company at Erlanger was organized on September 1, 1921 and since that time have kept the faith with the public and are today recognized as leaders in their field with the full confidence of the public. They hold the agency in this territory for the Chevrolet and Studebaker automobiles besides operating a general garage with parts and automotive supplies of all kinds in stock. The President is F. V. Dempsey and Mr. B. Rouse Vice President and Robert W. Gaines Secretary and Treasurer.

Frank W. Dempsey was born in California the son of Grant and Nellie Blyth Dempsey who were natives of Boone county. Mr. Dempsey married Laura Frances Siddell and they have two children, Frank W. Jr. and Nancy Jane.

Robert W. Gaines is a native of Boone County he was her parents, A. and Mary Carver Gaines. He was born November 13, 1892. He is married to Shirley Tolin, daughter of Senator Tolin of Young and they have one child, Mary Sue, born April 14, 1927.

The biography of A. B. Rouse appears elsewhere in this issue.



Jacob Showers VERONA, KY.

This writer is sure that there is no man in this section of Kentucky who had a wider acquaintance with the leading characters of his day than Jacob Showers, who has been a respected home owner in Verona for nearly sixty years and a permanent resident of that town since 1910 when he retired from active duty with the largest hotel corporation in Cincinnati.

Jacob Showers was born in Louisville on April 8, 1848 where he was reared, and where he attended the local schools of that day. At the age of twelve he entered the hotel business, which was to become his life-long occupation. His first position was with the old Gall Hotel at Louisville where he stayed from 1860 to 1865.

He saw many stirring things around that famous old hotel during the days of the Civil War, and the one standing out most prominently in his mind was that of the shooting in the dining room Sunday morning in 1862, when Gen. William Nelson was killed by Gen. Jeff C. Davis. Both of these officers were members the Federal Army and while it was never known for sure just what caused the trouble, it was removed that he was and he was passed about some previous engagement participated in by both of these officers.

On leaving the Gall Hotel Mr. Showers accepted a position with the Burnet House in Cincinnati, O., as Clerk where he stayed until 1869. In the meantime the old Gall Hotel had burned down and a new one rebuilt and he was offered a position with this hotel and he accepted it. Mr. Showers has photographs of the most famous actors and the most prominent people of that day and has many of the old Burnet House in Cincinnati dated 1865, one for Thanksgiving and the other for Christmas, the connection with this, the writer brings to mind something perhaps few people know or remember. After the death of Lincoln of course the presidency was taken over by Vice President Johnston. For some time Mr. Johnston was so neglected to designate a day for Thanksgiving until it was too late to announce the special day at the customary time. Thanksgiving Day that year was officially set for December 7th, and as we stated before, Mr. Showers has a memorandum that event at the old Burnet House in Cincinnati.

Mr. Showers stayed at the Gall Hotel in Louisville until 1910 when he was brought to Cincinnati to

Holly Rufus Forkner

Holly Rufus Forkner is said to have been the county agricultural agent for Boone County during the past several years. He has made an enviable name for himself among the farmers with whom he has come in contact, not alone because of his ability but because of his willingness to go out of his way in answering the questions of the public. He is a graduate of the University of Mr. Forkner was born in Clark County on May 15, 1904, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Forkner who reside on Route 3, Winchester, Ky.

He was married in marriage with Elizabeth Pore. They have one daughter, Betty Jean Forkner. Mr. Forkner received his elementary education in the local public school where he was born, finishing at the University of Kentucky from which he graduated.

One of the greatest tributes to his work in Boone County might be expressed thusly, wherein others are so disappointed in their agricultural agency because of one reason and another; the work done by Holly Rufus Forkner has led him to every family in this section and each year he is asked to remain.

assist in opening the Emery Hotel. He left this hotel in 1880 to accept a position as day clerk at the Grand Hotel, one of the finest of its day and the best hotel in Cincinnati at that time. In 1910 when he retired to his home in Verona, Mr. Showers held the trusted office of secretary and treasurer of the Grand and Gibson Hotel Corporation.

In 1875 Jacob Showers was assistant secretary and treasurer of the Louisville Hotel. At that time it was organized and was a factor in the building of Churchhill Downs Hotel, then President; Major John W. Thompson, Treasurer; Col. Wm. Murphy, Secretary.

Mr. Showers married Mary Qualy of Boone County. This couple have spent fifty-seven happy years. Mr. Showers has many friends throughout the country wish them many more to come. They have one son and one daughter—Eliot C. who is a draftsman at Falmouth, and Catherine, the wife of O. K. Whitson, cashier of the Verona Bank.

Nance Elizabeth Hamilton

Nance Elizabeth Hamilton had more to do with the advancement of moral and mental education in the Verona section than any other woman there and there are any of her finer thoughts in the minds of the citizens of that community it is probably because of the influence she has given to the young ones whose memory is honored and revered second to none in the community. She was the daughter of Carter B. and Elizabeth Curran Hamilton and was born June 30, 1844. She passed away on March 14, 1927.

She began the teaching of school in 1868, teaching fifty-five years altogether, fifty-five years of which time was spent in Boone County. In some families she taught three generations, and there's hardly a person in the Verona precinct, other than children, but who attended her private school at one time or another. She was a member of the League Institute at Verona. She was a graduate of the Hillsboro (O.) Female College.

Shelby Lytle Cowen

Shelby Lytle Cowen resides at 1644 So. W. Ninth-st., Miami, Fla., and is the owner of a roofing company going under the name of the Crown Roofing Co. of Miami. Mr. Cowen was born in Burlington on April 18, 1886. His father was John Owen and Sally Rich Cowen. His father resides at Memphis, Tenn., and his mother at Chicago, Ill. In 1925 Mr. Cowen was united in marriage with Edna May Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Brink of Chicago, Ill. Mr. Cowen is a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Shrine.

Though away from Boone County twenty-two years, Mr. Cowen has a home county in as strong as the day he went away, and there are none in Boone County, other than those who have moved away, who are more ready to aid in the upbuilding of this section than the subject of this all too brief sketch.



Elijah Stephens

Elijah Stephens resides at Burlington, where he is in the service of Uncle Sam as a carrier of rural mail, having held this position for years. He was born near Hathaway on November 9, 1861, the son of James H. and Joanna Kelly Stephens, both of whom are dead.

On August 4, 1910 he was united in marriage with Grace Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Anderson of Limburg. They have four children—James Edward, Wilfred, Willard and Violet Rose.

Mr. Stephens is a member of the Masonic Lodge, Modern Woodmen of America, and the R. N. A. He also was a member of the executive board of the State Rural Letter Carriers Association for years and served as local secretary for 18 years.

Mr. Stephens is prominently identified with the business and social life of his community and is looked up to by all who know him as a man of unquestionable honesty, with a high ideal of character, ever ready to cooperate for the good of his county. He has been one of the workers for each form of advancement.

Charles Carter Wilson

Charles Carter Wilson, son of James A. and Jane K. Wilson, was born near Rabbit Hash, March 2, 1859 and departed this life Feb. 19, 1930, aged 70 years, 11 months and 17 days.

He was married to Jessie Stephens August 15, 1885 and to this union four children, two of whom died in infancy.

Mr. Wilson was survived by his wife, Jessie Wilson, one son, James Wilson, two daughters, Robert M. and Samuel C. and several nieces and nephews to mourn his passing.

At the age of seventeen he became a member of the Universalist church and while not a member at the time of his death he was a student in this early confession through life.

Mr. Wilson was greatly interested in affairs of political importance and was well informed on all subjects of this nature, from those pertaining to the government of his native Kentucky, which he served as a legislator from 1914 to 1922, to those of greater importance in national waters.

During the last few years Mr. Wilson was totally blind, and while he could see about his affairs he nevertheless continued his virtue in gracefully accepting his misfortune. He rarely referred to his disability and was always deriving much pleasure from conversing with friends, the reading of the Bible and the hearing of his son's faithful recitation of the radio, which he had enjoyed for several years.

Mr. Wilson maintained business relations for five years in Aurora and ten years in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. Returning to this community he spent the remainder of his life on his farm near Rabbit Hash, and in passing was missed by an extended circle of acquaintances.

Robert Mosby Wilson

One of the staunch Democrats in Boone County is Robert M. Wilson of Grant, who has voted that ticket straight since his first birthday, never holding his party for any cause whatsoever. He was outspoken in his opinions and was known as a "woman" because as he says, "Women are not taxed for poll tax and they should help pay the expense of running the schools to help build roads and schools."

Mr. Wilson was born at Rabbit Hash, Ky., on May 1, 1867, the son of Hon. James C. and Jane K. Wilson. He is a prosperous farmer, and is known throughout the section as a livestock trader.

His word is as good as his bond. For 15 years he was a partner of the late A. H. Utz and H. H. Brown. He was married in 1897 to Adah House of East Bend, Ky. He is affiliated with the Belview Lodge No. 544 F. and A. M. of the East Bend Lodge No. 114, S. O. P.

Mr. Wilson was named after an old pioneer citizen of Petersburg by the name of Robert Wilson. The father of Mr. Wilson served two terms in Kentucky Legislature and his grandfather served terms as a record of service to the state probably unequalled by any family in Kentucky.

Roy C. Lutes

Roy C. Lutes was born in Lee County on Feb. 23, 1865, the son of Simpson and Ann L. Lutes, coming to Boone County on April 14, 1910 and has rapidly assumed his place as a leader in his community.

He attended the local public schools at Union, Lee Co., later on getting his higher education at Berea College and Ohio Mechanics Institute. In June 21, 1918 he was united in marriage with Stella E. Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Thompson of Primrose, Ky. They have five children—Jean Carolyn aged ten, Thomas Glenn aged eight, Marvin Richard aged six, Mary Evelyn aged three, and Barbara aged seven months, all born in Boone County. Mrs. Lutes is also a native of Lee county and a graduate of the Eastern Kentucky State Normal, class of 1914. She taught school in Louisville until her marriage.

At the present time and for the past two years Mr. Lutes has been a faithful and able member of the Board of Supervisors of Boone County from out of Florence and was Postmaster at Florence 1924 to 1928. The family now reside in Lee county at the old Norman farm on Gunpowder Creek. Mr. Lutes is an influential citizen of the county and is called the old Norman farm on Gunpowder Creek. Mr. Lutes is an influential citizen of the county and is called the old Norman farm on Gunpowder Creek. Mr. Lutes is an influential citizen of the county and is called the old Norman farm on Gunpowder Creek.

Marion Irvin Baker

FLORENCE, KY.

Marion Irvin Baker was born at Limburg, this county, on September 23, 1877. His father and mother were the highly respected George and Mary Elizabeth Baker, residents of this county and state. Marion Irvin Baker, or "Bud" as he is better known, is a native blacksmith for thirty-five years in the same spot where he now conducts his business, and he lives in the same home in which he was born.

On December 12, 1918 he was united in marriage with Mead Fullove, a native of Erlanger, Ky., and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Marion Fullilove. Mr. Baker is a Mason and has many hundreds of friends throughout northern Kentucky because of his integrity of character and honesty of purpose. He is always found ready and willing to do his share toward the upbuilding of the whole section.

Samuel Calvert Wilson

GRANT, KY. R. 1.

Samuel C. Wilson of Grant, Ky., is a descendant on both sides from the earliest settlers of this county, the family coming to this section in 1789 shortly after 186 close of the Revolutionary War. His father represented this county in the Legislature at one time.

Samuel C. Wilson was born in Boone County January 6, 1871, the son of James A. and Jane K. Wilson both of whom are now dead. He was married to Ida May Walton, who has since passed away, and they have two children, Robert H. and Ida May.

He is one of the leading farmers in his community, ever ready to assist in the upbuilding of his county and is greatly interested in furthering all enterprises toward the advancement of schools and the continuation of good roads. He is a member of the K. of P. and is interested in all kinds of clean, wholesome sports.

Nathaniel W. Carpenter

BURLINGTON, KY.

Nathaniel Wade Carpenter is a prominent farmer in the Burlington precinct, raising general crops on his many fertile acres. He was born in this county on the sixteenth of March, 1874, the son of Cornelius and Agnes Green Carpenter. On December 29, 1898 he was united in marriage with Minnie Syber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Syber of Grant, Ky. They have no children. Mr. Carpenter is a Mason and is looked upon as a man of the highest character, and one ever ready to contribute and serve toward the upbuilding or achievement of his community and county.

Willis Flournoy Grant

FLORENCE (BOONE CO.) KY.

Willis F. Grant resides at Florence after having retired from a strenuous life as a successful farmer for forty years, located on Gunpowder Creek near Gunpowder Baptist church on the farm of A. S. Crisler. He is a native of Boone County, himself having been born here on January 11, 1861, and became a resident of Boone County families in the state of Kentucky.

His parents were Flournoy Willis and Fannie Tupper Grant. His mother was the daughter of Thomas and Virginia Grant, who was born in Virginia in 1797 and migrated to Kentucky in a covered wagon early in the last century. He located on Turkey Foot Road in Kenton Co., attaining considerable prominence in this section of the state, being elected a member of the State Legislature and also High Sheriff of Campbell County before the county of Kenton was formed.

He was united in marriage with Missouri Amanda Crisler. They have no children. He is an active member of the L. O. O. F. Lodge. Is an ardent baseball fan and never misses a chance to see trotting horse races. His years of activity entitle him now to take leisure he deserves, though he is called upon from time to time to assist in all our community projects in which he is greatly interested.

J. E. Weaver

Mr. J. E. Weaver is a prosperous and progressive farmer residing in the Union precinct of Boone County. He was born there on May 14, 1871, the son of Ernie W. and Mrs. Robertina Weaver.

In Sept. 6, 1906 he was united in marriage with Ella Adams, daughter of the late Mr. Adams of Erlanger, Ky. They have two children—Sarah H., born on September 24, 1907, and Betty J., born Dec. 14, 1909. Mr. Weaver operates a small farm, carrying on general farming, in which he has been very successful. He is a public spirited citizen of the county and is recognized as a leader in all civic improvements in his community. Mr. Weaver has never failed to do his share in contributing and cooperating for the advancement of community projects.

Benjamin Jonas Crisler

PETERSBURG, KY.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Jonas Crisler are the proprietors and operators of the hotel in Petersburg which they have conducted for the past thirty-six years, serving the public in every way that has never been in customer or friend.

Mr. Crisler was born in Boone County January 18, 1857, the son of Henry F. and Elizabeth Galt Crisler. On June 14, 1877 he was united in marriage with Laura Aylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Aylor of Boone Co. From this union until 1892 they resided on a farm, when he engaged in the mercantile business in Petersburg where he remained two years.

He was Police Judge of that town for twelve years and was fair to the poor. He has a long past the age where most men lose interest in civic and business affairs. Mr. Crisler needs no contributor and assist in worthy causes as he was in the days gone by. His many friends and acquaintances in Boone County and northern Kentucky wish for him and his wife many more happy years in their midst.

William Sebree

BURLINGTON, KY. R. 2

William Sebree is a prosperous operator of an extensive farm on E. R. 2 in Burlington. He was born in Owen county on January 12, 1865, the son of John and Rebecca Sebree, who brought him to Boone County in 1880, and he lived days where he has remained. He was united in marriage with Miss Byle, the daughter of Mr. Sebree and Dolph. Mr. Sebree is respected and honored by his many friends in his community because of his willingness to assist and contribute to any worthy enterprise.

Benjamin Franklin Akin

PETERSBURG, KY.

Benjamin Franklin Akin was born on Woolper Creek, this county, on July 12, 1863, son of William and Eliza Jarrell Akin, who are now deceased. On January 1, 1883 he was united in marriage with Mary Elizabeth Schuck, a popular young lady of that time residing at Aberdeen, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Akin have five children. They are Arlin, Clyde, Charlie, Hazel and Eva. Hazel is now the wife of Courtney Willard, a prosperous young farmer of the Bullittsville neighborhood. Arlin, the eldest son, is very prominent in educational circles in Kentucky and as is his father, a self-made man. He is a Baptist minister at Winchester and has been principal and teacher in many towns in the state during the past few years. Clyde is an industrious farmer of the Idlewild neighborhood. Charlie is a popular barber at Petersburg and a World War veteran, having served with the 39th Division. He spent nine months in France, fighting in three battles, Albia, Airon and Saizons. Hazel, a very attractive girl, remains at home with her parents.

Mr. Akin has been a member of the club of Idlewild Lodge over thirty years and has taken an active part in that organization. He has been an avid fan of hunting and is one of the most ardent baseball fans in the county.

Starting with nothing as a young man, he has accumulated a comfortable living by hard work and honesty. He is popular with all who know him and is looked up to in his community as a man of sterling character.

George Herbert Grant

R. 1 BURLINGTON

Except for two years before his marriage George Herbert Grant has been a farmer through his life. He has now over three fifty-acre farms where he raises general products, including stock and hogs. He resides on Rural Route 1 near Burlington.

He was born near Petersburg, September 23, 1879, the son of Homer Herbert and Lucy Adria Terrill Grant, natives of Boone Co. Mr. Grant married Nell Kirtley Duncan, the daughter of Henry Clay and Ruth Kirtley Duncan. They have three children all at home, Bernice Duncan who graduated from Georgetown in 1925, Lucy Lee High School and Josephine Kirtley age ten.

Mr. Grant is a member of the Bullittsburg Baptist church and an active member of that congregation and a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge. He is a former driver of the Bank at Petersburg.

He is very interested in the development and welfare of the county, and always ready to contribute to that upbuilding.

John W. Conley

WALTON, KY. ROUTE 2

The Conley family is one of the oldest in this section of Kentucky as they came here about 1780 during the Revolutionary War and started farming on a tract of land near Walton after they had cleared off the trees and wood groves. Land was cheap at that time and the great grandfather of John W. Conley, who was one hundred years of age, traded for one horse. The writer is unfortunally as to whether or not the trade was commensurate.

John W. Conley was married to Kate Ryan in 1859. Both of this couple went to the same school, and their parents' farms adjoined. John W. Conley was born on October 11, 1866, the son of R. A. and Elizabeth F. Conley. The house in which he is now living was built by his father in 1848 and 62 during the stirring days of the Civil War.

Mr. R. A. Conley was a member of the Masonic Lodge and a leading and upright citizen of the community. He has the respect and confidence of all who know him, and has proven himself a loyal booster for Boone County with his willingness to cooperate and contribute to every cause.

Roberts History

The first family of Roberts that came to Kentucky were William (Billy) Roberts and family. They came to Boone County in the year of 1814, locating at Verona, Ky. He was born in Virginia in 1760.

Their original name was Scotch and their religious belief was Baptist. Thomas Roberts, son of William Roberts, came to Boone County in 1800 with his father from Virginia. He was a very small boy about six years of age. He was born April 17, 1806, and Thomas Roberts was married to Margaret Hinds October 10, 1833. She was born December 17, 1817. She was the daughter of William Hinds.

The children of Thomas Roberts and wife were six boys and two girls, namely: William Hinds, John Sam, Henry Clay, Robert Lewis, Mary Elizabeth, Daniel Boone. Thomas, Edward and Margaret Ruth Roberts. All the family of Thomas Roberts are dead except one son, Thomas Edward Roberts, who is now in Boone County, Boone Co. He was born May 17 1850. Robert Lewis Roberts was born at Petersburg, Va. He was born 17, 1842. Died Dec. 18, 1913. Robert Lewis Roberts married Sarah Eliza Alphin Cooper Dec. 1864. They have three children, B. B. Alphin, Sr., and was born near Big Bone Springs, Boone Co. July 18, 1867. He is now a member of Mud Lick Creek, two and one-half miles south of Beaver Lick, Ky., Boone Co.

Born to Robert Lewis Roberts and wife two children, namely: Tom Benny, and Jim Bert Roberts. Jim Bert Roberts was born February 17, 1869, and died July 4, 1888.

Tom Benny Roberts was born at Verona, Ky., August 27, 1868. He lived in Boone County until he was a member of the Verona School until he was about fifteen years of age. He and Margaret married Hope Robinson Mar. 31, 1895. She was the daughter of Richard Robinson. She was born April 17, 1870.

The children of T. B. Roberts and wife are: Harry Baker, Jim Bert, Richard and Lewis and Margaret Ruth Roberts.

Harry Baker, and Richard Lewis Roberts are located in Detroit, Michigan. Jim Bert and Margaret Ruth Roberts are located with their father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Roberts, two and one-half miles south of Beaver Lick, Ky., on the Mud Lick Creek in Boone Co.

Carlos Cason

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Cason reside on a beautiful farm situated on Mud Lick Creek near the corner of Branch 24 miles from the small town of Belview and near the beautiful Middle Copek Cliffs. In 1860 the late Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Roberts of Boone County this section was one of the most important from a business standpoint in that section of the county, there being a Baptist church, a carding mill, store, postoffice, shingle mill, two grist mills, saw mill and distillery, all located in sight of this farm.

Mr. Cason was born near Burlington on September 15, 1878, the son of Benjamin and Belle Roberts Cason. He attended the local schools in that section and has since attended the great public school on a farm. Most of this was in Kentucky, Boone County, though one year he spent in the State of Iowa in some northwestern state.

In 1915 he left the farm and moved to Belview where he was engaged in the mercantile business at Star Route between that place and Burlington. After serving four years in this capacity he decided to go back to the soil, and purchased the farm which he now owns.

On May 4th, 1918 he was united in marriage with Annie Goodridge, this being her second marriage, her first husband was William Goodridge, a member of the steamship "City of Cincinnati" that pined the Ohio between Louisville and Cincinnati. She had one child, Kathryn Rebecca Maurer, by her first husband, Mr. Maurer died May 18, 1909.

Mr. Cason is one of the most influential and progressive in his community, a member of the Baptist church of Belview, affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America, and is greatly interested in all the public school affairs. Mrs. Cason has been a teacher in the rural and graded schools in this section for a number of years, and is a member of the Christian church.