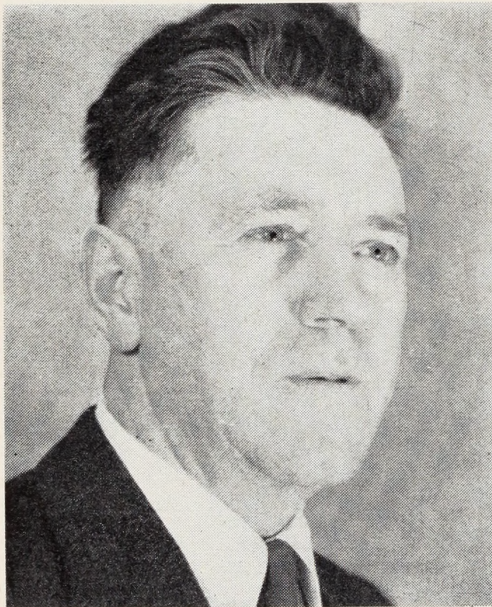




DANIEL S. CLAUSSEN, proprietor of the Claussen Garage, is the son of Menne and Grace (Poppenga) Claussen and was born at Oregon, Ill., July 3, 1894. He attended the country school and graduated from the Oregon High School. He also attended the Sweeney Automobile School in Kansas City, Mo. He came to Mount Morris in 1928 as an employe of the Central Garage and later established a business of his own. D. B. Allen is in his employ. Mr. Claussen was married in September, 1920, to Luetta M. Harshman and they have four children: Manley James, Duane Francis, Gloria Joy and Patricia Ann.



JAY CRATTY is engaged in the cleaning and dyeing business in Mount Morris. He is the son of James and Lettie (Boyle) Cratty and was born Feb. 27, 1890, at

Rochelle, Ill. He graduated from the Rochelle High School in 1909. In the World War, he enlisted at Belvidere and was sworn in at Columbus Barracks, Ohio, Oct. 18, 1917. He went overseas Feb. 20, 1918, with the 26th Division and served until Sept. 16, 1919, when he was discharged at Camp Lee, Va. He came to Mount Morris in 1926. He belongs to the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. Cratty was married in 1921 to Olivia Carney and they have a son, James.



H. E. COFFMAN, who owns and operates a coal business, is the son of Frank and Grace (McCoy) Coffman and was born in Mount Morris, Dec. 20, 1900. He graduated from the Mount Morris High School in 1918 and attended Mount Morris College in 1919. In March, 1922, he started in the coal business for himself. Mr. Coffman has in his employ, Earl Crowell, James Chambers, Louis Borneman and Harvey Hiteman. He built his office building in 1931. He has served on the Village Board of Trustees and the Grade School Board and is a member of the Business Men's League, director of the Mount Morris Building and Loan Association and a member of the local Masonic lodge. He married Ruth Prugh in August, 1922, and they have three children: James, William and Suzanne. Mr. Coffman owns his home at 311 E. Brayton Road.

WILLIAM FOUKE owns and operates a barber shop at 200 W. Main St. He is the son of Dorsey and Elizabeth (Alsip) Fouke and was born May 6, 1880, in Mount Morris. He attended the Mount Morris public school and has been in the barber business for 25 years. He is a member of the Sons of Civil War Veterans. He is unmarried.

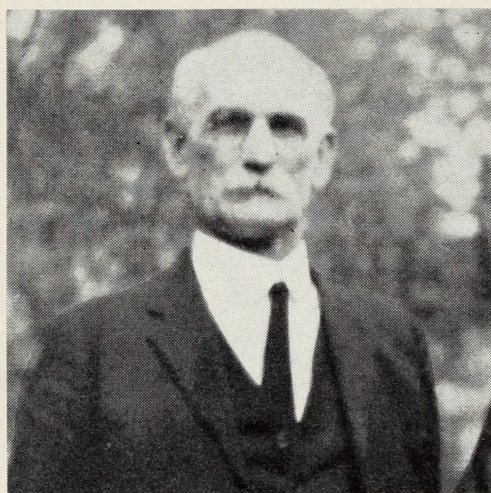


R. L. CRATTY, son of James and Lettie (Boyle) Cratty, was born at Rochelle, Ill., June 26, 1894. He graduated from the Rochelle High School in 1913, and in 1917 located in Mount Morris in the clothing business. He was married in 1916 to Laura Lewis, and two children were born to them, Robert L. and Doris. Mrs. Cratty died in 1932, and Mr. Cratty was remarried in 1935 to Ann Shaw. They reside at 314 E. Brayton Road. Mr. Cratty served two years as Village Clerk and three terms on the High School Board of Trustees. He is a member of the local Masonic Lodge.



HENRY G. DOHLEN conducts an electrical business in Mount Morris which he

started in 1931. Merlin Root is in his employ as service man. Mr. Dohlen is the son of John and Benja (Genandt) Dohlen and was born Sept. 21, 1894, at Ackley, Iowa. He attended school in Mount Morris and attended the Sweeney Auto School at Kansas City. In the World War, he enlisted in April, 1917, in Chicago; was sent to Jefferson Barracks and then to El Paso, Texas. He went to France with the Fifth Engineers and saw active service under fire at Belleau Woods for 32 days. He was on the front line when the armistice was signed. He was discharged at Camp Grant on March 29, 1919. Mr. Dohlen was married to Ruth Gilbert in 1922 and they have one daughter, Marlene Joyce. He belongs to the Business Men's League, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Masons.

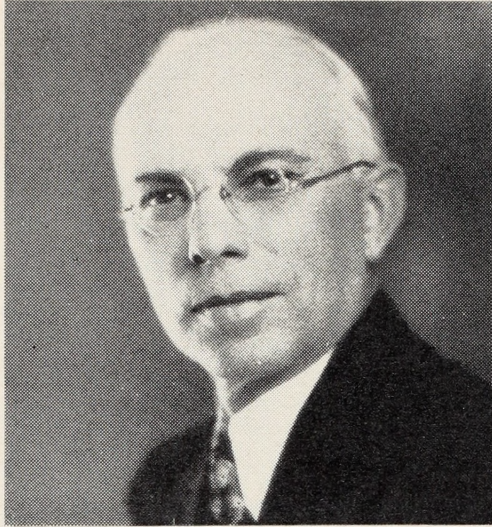


OSCAR L. DOWARD, son of Alfred and Annorah (Nichols) Doward, was born in Mount Morris, March 3, 1864. He attended the public school in Mount Morris and then learned the trade of sheet metal worker, which vocation he still follows. He has been in business most of the time for himself. He has been a musician of considerable ability, both vocal and instrumental. He played bass viol in many of the old orchestras and also had a very low bass voice. He was twice married, first to Helen Lizer, who died in 1901. They had four children: Anna, Daniel, Alfred and Orville. His second marriage was in 1902 to Laura M. Wedge. He died in August, 1938, after the above was written.

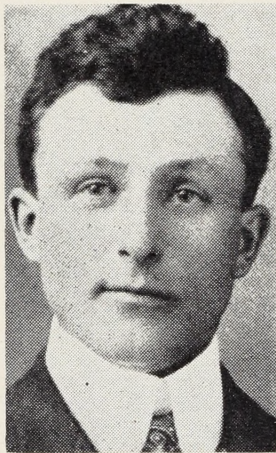
JOE DAVIS, who operates the Mount Morris Greenhouse, is the son of Harry and Pearl (Miller) Davis, and was born May 25, 1909, at Polo, Ill. He graduated from the Polo High School in 1927 and later worked in the oil business in Forreton and Freeport. He came to Mount Morris in 1936 and took over the Chas. Moore greenhouse. Mr. Davis was married in 1930 to Louise Lomax and they have a daughter, Marilyn June.

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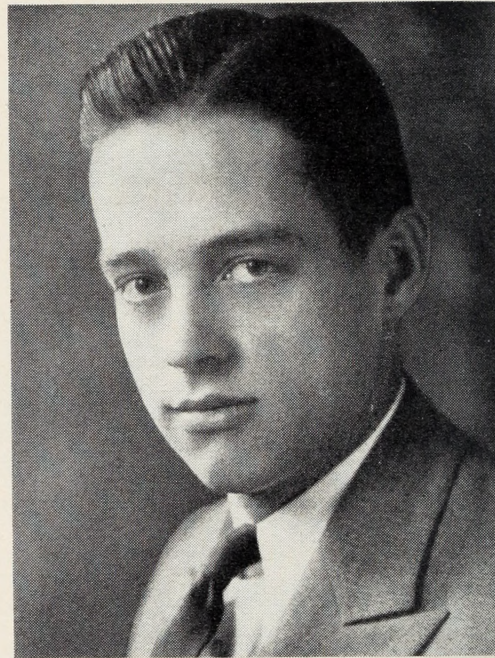
FRED J. DEAN, prominent citizen and business man of Mount Morris, is the son of Erastus and Charlotte Dean, and was born at Waterman, Ill., March 9, 1880. He attended the High School at Waterman and graduated from the Northwestern School of Pharmacy at Chicago. After graduation, he worked in drug stores in Oak Park, St. Charles, Waukegan and Rockford. In 1911, he purchased the drug store of O. E. Marshall in Mount Morris and conducted the business until March, 1930, when he sold out to Hugh Felker. Since then he has been the executive vice-president of the Citizens State Bank. He served a term on the high school board of education and was Democratic precinct committeeman for two terms. He is a charter member and past president of the Kiwanis Club. Mr. Dean was married in 1905 to Jessie Kirkpatrick, and they have three children: Robert K., Genevieve and Everett.



AUGUST H. DUNNE, son of Simon and Charlotte Dunne, was born Nov. 3, 1877, on the farm home near Mount Morris. After farming a few years, he started in the drayage business in Mount Morris,

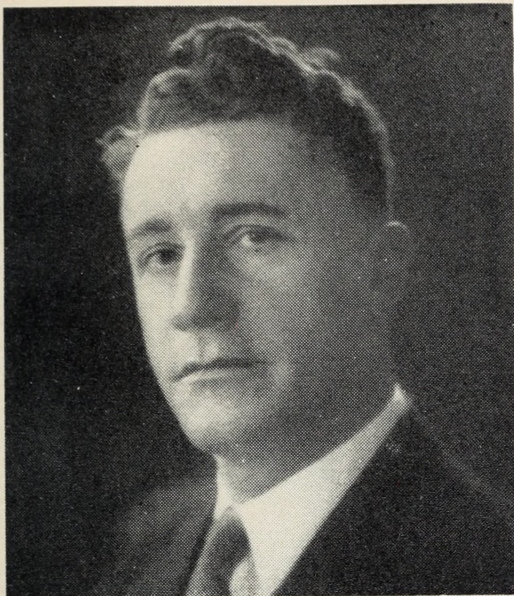
which he has continued to the present time. During 17 years of this time he was also in the ice business. He served as village trustee for 12 years. He is unmarried.

OPAL Z. FREY, nee Kretsinger, owns and operates the Bonnie Beauty Shoppe in Mount Morris. She attended the Egan School and the Northern Illinois State Normal School at DeKalb. She graduated from a two-year music course at Mount Morris College in 1926 and taught piano in her home for two years. She also taught in the rural schools in Ogle county for nine years. She graduated from the Famous School of Beauty Culture at Rockford in 1926. She was married to Sam Frey in 1923. They have a daughter, Bonnie Elaine.

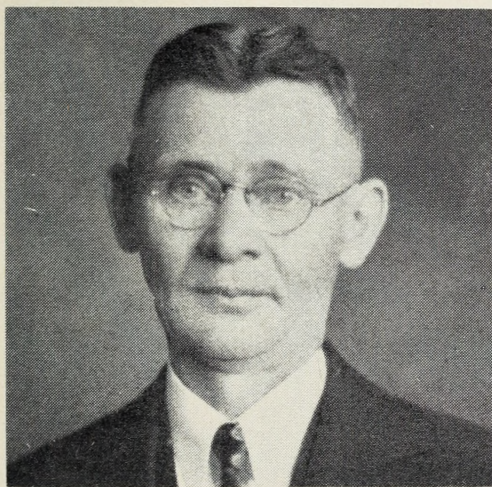


DR. MURRAY S. DUMONT, practicing physician and surgeon, is the son of Alex F. and Ella (Diehl) Dumont, and was born Nov. 9, 1906, at Nashville, Tenn. He graduated from the Rockford High School in 1923 and received his medical degree from the University of Illinois in 1932. He belongs to the medical reserves of the U. S. Army with rank of first lieutenant. He opened offices in Mount Morris in November, 1933, and has built up a nice practice. Dr. Dumont was married in 1933 to Elsie O. Hausrath and they have a daughter, Barbara.

HAROLD HALVERSON, manager of the Green Star Restaurant, is the son of Andrew and Jenny (Rudd) Halverson, and was born Feb. 23, 1906, at Capron, Ill. He came to Mount Morris in 1934 and has in his employ Mrs. Maude Miller and Mrs. John Helwick. He was married in 1934 to Vada Watts.

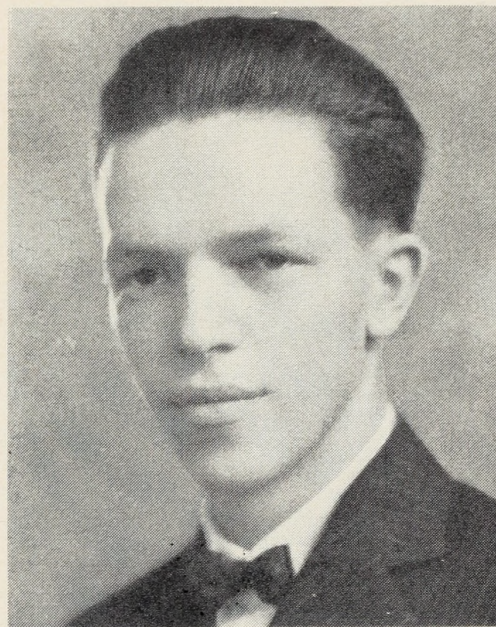


LOUIS G. FINCH came to Mount Morris from Gary, Ind., in 1923, and took over the undertaking business of Wm. H. Johnson. In 1927, he added a complete line of furniture. Mr. Finch is the son of Samuel N. and Flora (DeCondres) Finch, and was born Feb. 7, 1887, at North Liberty, Ind. He graduated from the North Liberty High School in 1906, took a business course at the South Bend (Ind.) Business College, and graduated from the Barnes School of Anatomy, Sanitary Science and Embalming in 1908. In 1910, he married Esther F. Groshaus, and they have two sons: Charles W. and George.



FRED FREDERICKSON, veteran business man in Mount Morris, was born and raised in Denmark. He went to school at Aalborg and attended night school in Copenhagen while learning the trade of tailor. He worked at his trade in Germany and France and came to Mount Morris in 1892. He worked several years for Gregor

Thompson and in 1894 went into business for himself. He has been in business longer than any other business man in Mount Morris. He has been Village Clerk continuously, except for four years, since 1915. He is treasurer of the local Kiwanis Club, treasurer of the Masonic lodge. He is a member of Freeport Consistory, Scottish Rite Masons. Mr. Frederickson was married in 1893 to Fannie Wilson, who passed away in 1922.

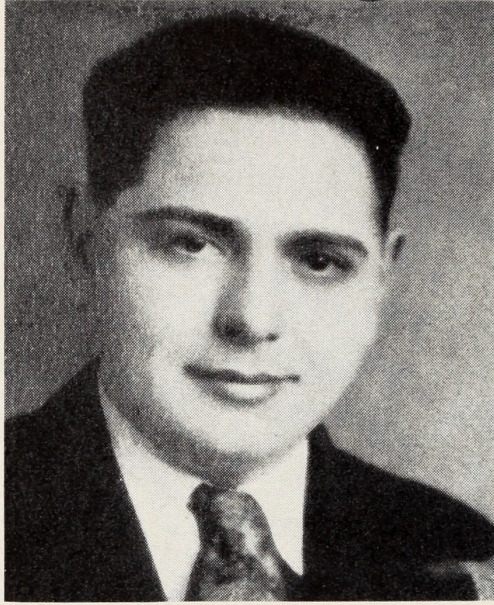


R. GERALD HOUGH, junior partner in the Hough Hardware Company, is the son of Robert W. and Julia May (Yetter) Hough, and was born June 10, 1905, at Steward, Ill. He graduated from the Mount Morris High School in 1922, attended Mount Morris College two years, and graduated from Northwestern University School of Commerce with B.S.C. degree in 1926. After graduation he became a partner with his father in the hardware business. In 1927, he was married to Margaret Arnold, and they have two children, Ellen May and Robert Gerald.

JOHN G. DOHLEN, manager of the Mount Morris Elevator Company, is the son of John G. and Benjia (Genandt) Dohlen, and was born Aug. 22, 1892, at Ackley, Iowa. He came with his parents to the vicinity of Mount Morris in 1903 and attended the Maple Grove School, then entered Mount Morris College from 1912 to 1916. He also attended Carthage College in 1917. During the period of the World War he served as battalion sergeant major at Camp Grant. He became manager of the Mount Morris Elevator Company in 1934. Mr. Dohlen married Ethel Gilbert in 1923 and they have four children: Gilbert, Elaine, Dolores and Norman.

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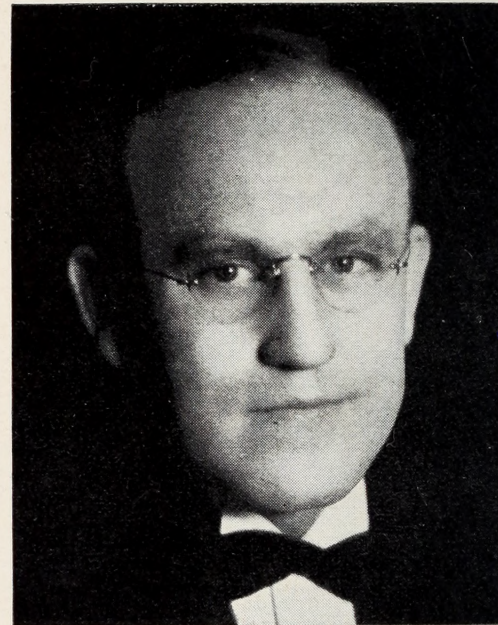


FLOYD E. HOLLAND operates the "66" Service Station in Mount Morris. He is the son of Albertus and Ella (Garkey) Holland and was born July 17, 1905, at Leaf River, Ill. After attending school in the country and in Mount Morris, he worked as truck driver and put in three years in the Kable plant. After several years as an automobile mechanic, he started for himself in the oil business. He employs Vernon Burke. Mr. Holland was married in 1925 to Freda Hagemann and they have a son, Floyd, Jr.



HUGH W. FELKER, son of Merritt and Maude Wilson Felker, was born near Leaf River, Ill., Nov. 20, 1902. He graduated from the Leaf River High School in 1919 and from the Mount Morris High School

in 1920. He attended Mount Morris College for one year and then entered the University of Illinois Pharmacy School, from which he graduated in 1925, becoming a registered pharmacist in 1926. He worked in Oak Park and Rockford and in 1930 came to Mount Morris and purchased the drug business from Fred J. Dean, which he has conducted since as the Felker Pharmacy. In 1927, he married Ruth Newcomer and they have two sons, Albert and Robert. He is a member of the Mount Morris Business Men's League, the Kiwanis Club and the Masonic Lodge. Eugene Nelson is in his employ.

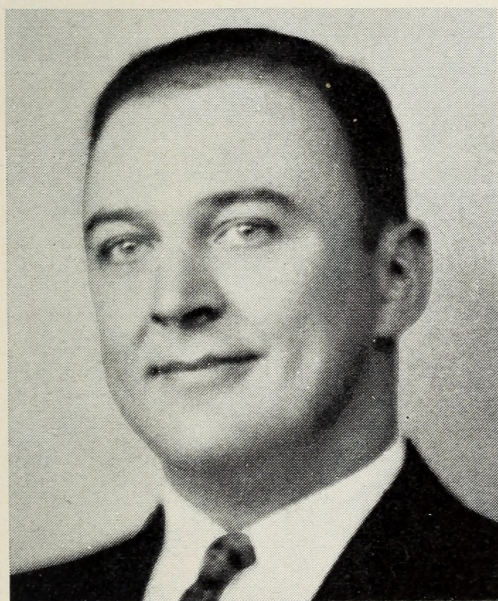


DR. OSCAR H. HILL, Optometrist, located in Mount Morris in August, 1933, and has offices in the Wishard Building. He is the son of Oscar L. and Eleanor (Smith) Hill and was born Sept. 22, 1896, at Freeport, Ill. He graduated from the Freeport High School in 1915, and attended the University of Wisconsin one year. He was drafted in the army in June, 1918, in the 48th Infantry at Ft. Thomas, Ky., and discharged from Camp Jackson, S. Car., in February, 1919. He graduated from the Northern Illinois College of Optometry at Chicago in June, 1933, and he has since practiced in Mount Morris. Dr. Hill was married in 1921 to Madeline Schumacher.

LEROY GARMAN operates a radio shop at his home at 402 S. McKendrie Ave. He is the son of Clyde and Alva (Cupp) Garman, and he was born Sept. 21, 1909, at Polo, Ill. He attended the Dixon High School and has been in the radio business in Mount Morris since April, 1931. He was married in 1929 to Bernice Mumma and they have four children: Darlene, Darrell, Ronald and Elaine.

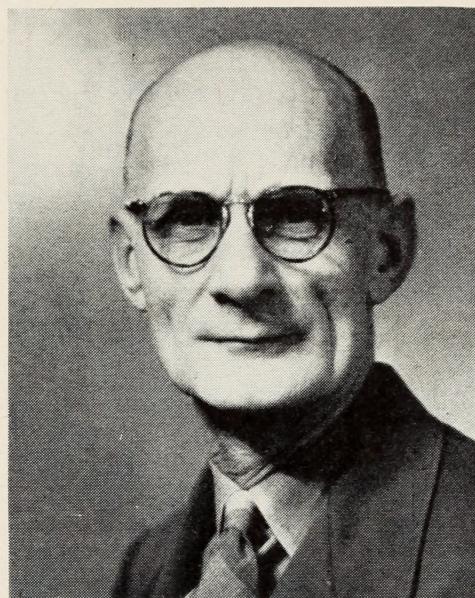


HERMAN HAGEMANN, who operates a service station and garage in Mount Morris, is the son of Herman and Margaret (Jenandt) Hagemann, and was born Aug. 23, 1898, at Leaf River, Ill. He finished the Fairview Grammar School in 1912 and then took up the trade of carpenter. In June, 1933, he started in the service station and garage business for himself. He employs Ross Stouffer as assistant. Mr. Hagemann was married in 1923 to Ella Avey and they have five children: Iola, Arnold, Duane, Jerry and Charles.



HARPER KOONTZ, who owns the Royal Blue Grocery, is the son of Valentine and Bertha (Wishard) Koontz and was born May 2, 1906, at Waynesboro, Pa. He attended the Waynesboro High School and

came to Mount Morris first as an employe and later as a partner of W. A. Robinson. In 1932, he purchased the grocery business from J. E. Clapper. He employs Burton Ferguson and Harold Blake. He was married in 1934 to Alice Siple and has an adopted daughter, Betty Jean.



ROBERT S. KELSEY, owner of Kelsey's Meat Market, is the son of Emanuel and Mary (McFee) Kelsey and was born April 16, 1887, in Atwood, Ontario, Canada. He attended public schools at LaMoille and Shurtleff College at Alton, Ill. He came to Mount Morris from LaMoille, Ill., in 1909 and established his present business in 1916. He employs Harry Meader. He was married in 1911 to June Noble and they have two children, Roderick N. and Isabelle June. He is a member of the local Masonic Lodge. The family home is at 209 E. Front Street.

ORVILLE HAZZARD came to Mount Morris in 1928 as manager of the local store of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., which is located at 205 W. Main St. Other employes are Merle and LaVern Stouffer. Mr. Hazzard is the son of Dorr and Nettie (Palmer) Hazzard and was born May 1, 1900, at Leaf River, Ill. He attended the Byron High School. He was married in 1927 to Esther Culler and they have a daughter, Jean.

DOLORUS HUFFMAN is the proprietor of the Dolorus Dress Shop at 119 S. Wesley Ave. She is the wife of Gerald Huffman and came to Mount Morris in 1931 from Anderson, Ind. She is a graduate of the Anderson High School and of the Arthur Jordan Conservatory of Music, Indianapolis, Ind. She is an unusually accomplished pianist, and gives piano lessons.



LESLIE C. LUNDGREN, cashier of the Citizens State Bank, was born Aug. 12, 1900, at Alexis, Ill. He graduated from the Alexis High School in 1919 and later attended Knox College at Galesburg, Ill. He was employed in various banks and later as bank examiner and bank receiver. He came here from Mount Carroll in 1935 to become cashier of the Citizens State Bank. He belongs to the Kiwanis Club and the Masons.



ROBERT W. HOUGH, senior partner of the Hough Hardware Company, is the son of William and Maria (Braithwaite) Hough, and was born Dec. 15, 1874, at Compton, Ill. He graduated from the Paw Paw High School and took commercial correspondence work. He came to Mount

Morris in 1910 and with Archie Davison purchased the Price & Blair hardware. They operated as Hough & Davison until Jan. 1, 1927, when Mr. Davison retired from the business. Since then, Mr. Hough and his son, Gerald, have run the business as a partnership. He served two terms on the local board of education, and is now justice of the peace. Mr. Hough was married in 1898 to May Yetter and they had two sons, Gerald and Erwin (deceased). The family has considerable musical talent and at one time all four of the family were members of the Kable band. Mrs. Hough was pipe organist at the Methodist Church for 22 years.

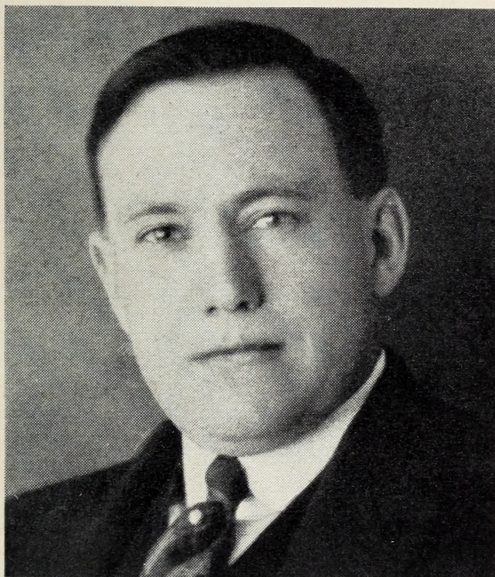


ERNEST LUNDIN, proprietor of the Home Service Laundry, 111 E. Hitt Street, was born Jan. 24, 1891, in Skane, Sweden. He attended school in Sweden and was engaged in farming after coming to the United States. He came to Mount Morris in 1934 from Princeton, Ill. He was married in 1935 to Mrs. Julia Slaughter Miller.

EDGAR S. MUMMA, son of Samuel P. and Louisa (Swingley) Mumma, was born in Mount Morris, Sept. 24, 1876. He attended the public school in Mount Morris and Mount Morris College. His early life was spent in the live stock business with his father, and from 1902 to 1915 he engaged in farming. In 1915, he purchased the Wm. Shank farm, east of town, which he farmed until 1937, when he moved to town. For twelve years he was manager of the Mount Morris Shipping Ass'n. Mr. Mumma was married in 1905 to Kathryn Thomas, daughter of Henry L. and Mary Ellen Thomas. They have a daughter, Dorothy June, who married Theodore Swan. A son, Robert, died in infancy.

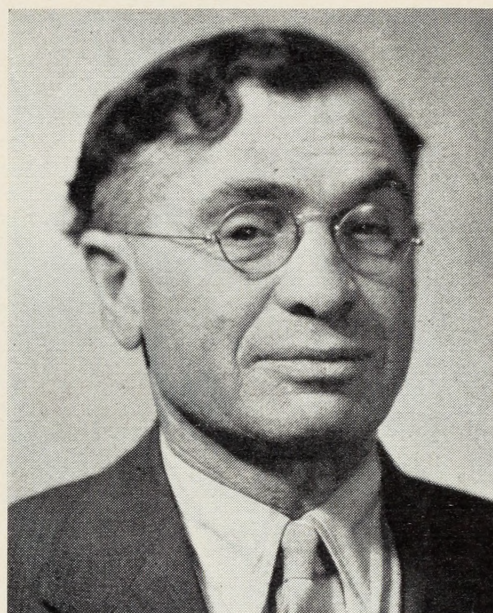


CRAWFORD MENDENHALL, owner of the Gamble Store in Mount Morris, is the son of W. H. and Julia (Steelman) Mendenhall and was born July 17, 1909, at Benton, Ill. He graduated from the High School at Green Mountain, Iowa, and from Mount Morris College in 1932. He married Irene Gilbert in September, 1934.



DANIEL L. MILLER, Insurance and Real Estate Agent, is the son of Michael E. and Elizabeth (Welty) Miller and was born in Mount Morris, Dec. 24, 1885. He graduated from the Mount Morris High School in 1905 and from Mount Morris College in 1911. He took post-graduate work at

Northwestern University at Evanston. He played professional base ball as pitcher in several minor leagues. While pitching for the Dixon Browns, he shut out the Chicago White Sox, giving only three hits, and pitched one game of 19 innings with a score ending 0-0. He pitched three no-hit games during his baseball career. Mr. Miller served as bookkeeper and cashier in the Citizens State Bank for nine years and is now engaged in the general insurance and real estate business. He has served as grade school trustee, treasurer of Mount Morris Township, village trustee, secretary and treasurer of Oak Wood Cemetery Association and is now village treasurer and secretary-treasurer of Mount Morris Elevator Company. He is a member of the local Masonic Lodge and Freeport Consistory. Mr. Miller was married in 1918 to Maude M. Rahn and they have two sons, Ronald E. and Edward L.



BARNEY E. MANFIELD, dealer in poultry, eggs, cream, hides and wool, is a native of Poustuff, Russia, where he was born Dec. 2, 1879. He served in the Russian Army in 1899 and came to the United States in 1903. He worked in New York City, Sycamore, Rochelle and Oregon and located in Mount Morris in 1908, to go into the junk business. He married Jennie Weaver in February, 1917, who assists him in his business.

MOLLY HARRINGTON, owner of the Harrington Beauty & Barber Shop, came to Mount Morris from Freeport in 1933, where she previously operated a beauty shop. She has in her employ William P. Heiter and Hilda B. White. Miss Harrington is the daughter of George B. and Anna (Bons) Harrington and was born at Forreton, where she graduated from the Forreton High School in 1908.

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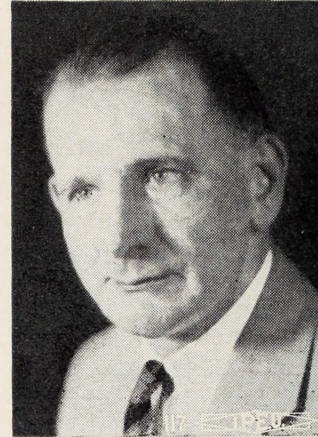


LANA H. NEWCOMER has conducted a successful insurance and real estate business in Mount Morris for twenty-five years, taking over the business of her husband, Henry E. Newcomer, after his death in 1906. She has been secretary of the Mount Morris Building and Loan Association since its organization in 1926. Mrs. Newcomer was born on the Janssen homestead five miles northwest of Mount Morris. She was married to Henry E. Newcomer in 1904, who died March 6, 1906.

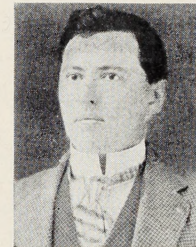
NORMAN JEWETT, owner of the D. & J. Barber Shop, is the son of Frank and Matilda (Fenten) Jewett and was born Jan. 3, 1909, at Amboy, Ill. He graduated from the Amboy High School in 1925 and came to Mount Morris in August, 1933, having purchased the McNett Barber Shop. He belongs to the Business Men's League and the Masons. He was married in August, 1937, to Ethelyn Schrock.

CHARLES LAMB, owner of the Granada Theater, came to Mount Morris in 1930 when he purchased the motion picture theater from Henry Laughlin. He has made many improvements in the theater. He has in his employ Claude Arbogast, Donald Diehl and Evelyn Graf. He is the son of Charles and Bena (Young) Lamb and was born Jan. 11, 1867, in Middletown, Ohio. He attended the Middletown schools. He belongs to the Mount Morris Business Men's League and is a 32nd degree Mason. Mr. Lamb was married in 1901 to Clara Hesel and they have a son, Russell, who lives at Oregon.

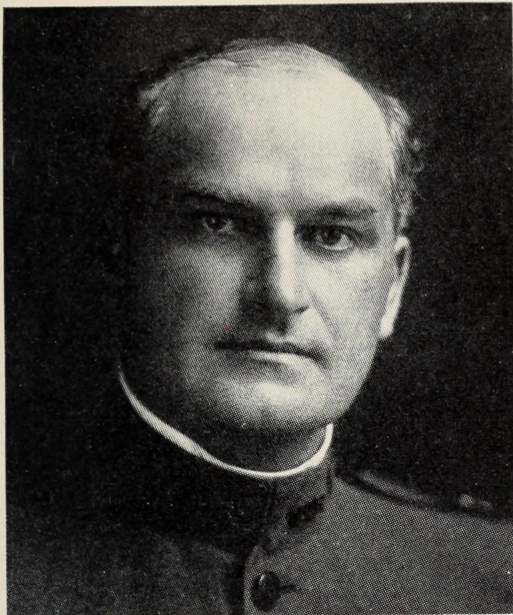
LUHRS' COFFEE SHOP is operated in the Brayton Building by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Luhrs and daughter, Maude. Mr. Luhrs is a native of Germany and a naturalized citizen of the United States. The family moved to Mount Morris in December, 1937, from a farm near Oregon. The restaurant which they are operating was first opened in 1930 by Mr. and Mrs. Pettit and has changed hands a number of times since then.



C. F. MAMMENGA, in partnership with Atty. Frank Kerr, maintains law offices in the Wishard Building, with their principal offices in Oregon. The partners have been members of this firm since December, 1927. Mr. Mammenga, the senior member, was born and raised near Oregon. He graduated from Illinois Wesleyan College at Bloomington and was admitted to the bar in 1917. Mr. Kerr also graduated from Illinois Wesleyan in 1924. This capable firm of lawyers has a considerable clientele in Mount Morris as well as in Oregon.



HOWARD G. NEWCOMER has been identified with the grocery business in Mount Morris for many years. At present he is night clerk at the Kable Inn. He is the son of Arthur M. and Laura (Shank) Newcomer and has lived his entire life in Mount Morris except a few years spent in Chicago.



DR. CHARLES J. PRICE has been a practicing physician in Mount Morris since 1900. He is the son of Jacob and Ann Brown Price and was born April 26, 1875, at Forreston, Ill. He attended the Forreston High School and the University of Illinois. In 1900, he graduated from the Northwestern University and Hahnemann Medical College, and began his practice in Mount Morris. He enlisted in the Medical Corps July 14, 1918, in the World War. At present he is a member of the U.S. Army Medical Reserves with the rank of major. He belongs to a number of medical and army organizations; also the Masons, Commandery and Shrine. In 1902, Dr. Price married Agnes Belle Chase and they have two children, Margaret (Mrs. James Sathrum) and William.

K. R. LEEKLEY, who has operated the plumbing business in Mount Morris since 1917, is the son of John and Caroline (Roberts) Leekley and was born Dec. 10, 1878, at Galena, Ill. During the Spanish-American War, he served in Porto Rico with Company M, 6th Volunteer Infantry. He was married in August, 1917, to Maggie Raney and they have four children: Robert, Oscar, Richard and Ruth.

JARVIS MESSER has been in the dairy business since April, 1937, at 8 E. Center St. He is the son of Vance and Tina (Waycaster) Messer and was born May 25, 1902, at Waynesville, N. C. He came to Mount Morris in 1914 from Stilwell, Okla. He worked for the Buser Concrete Construction Company from 1918 to 1923 and as salesman with Swift & Company, from 1923 to 1933. He married Naomi Esterly in 1923 and they have three children: Norman, Bernydine and Ronald.

LEROY F. KEEDY, owner of the barber shop on East Main Street, is the son of Frank C. and Altha (Coffman) Keedy and was born at Mount Morris, July 30, 1904. He attended the Mount Morris High School and later learned the barber trade, becoming a licensed barber in 1926. He worked in Sterling, Polo, Oregon and Rockford before starting in business for himself in Mount Morris.

FLOYD A. MILLER, local manager of the Smith Oil Company, is the son of Isaac and Lydia (Lohr) Miller and was born Oct. 23, 1896, at Adeline, Ill. He came to Mount Morris in 1922 and since 1924 has been manager of the Smith Oil Company. Mr. Miller was married in 1922 to Florence Allen and they have one son, Robert.

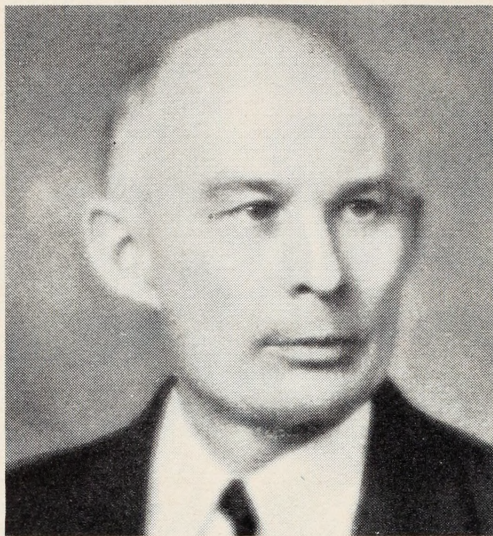
MISS VELMA CARSON conducts the Carney Beauty Salon at 7 S. Wesley Ave. She purchased the business in August, 1938, from Bernice McMullen. She is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Hayenga and was born at Oregon. She is a graduate of the Rochelle High School and received training in beauty culture at Moller's Beauty School, from which she graduated in 1937.



DR. DONALD RIEDL, dentist, located in Mount Morris in January, 1933. He is the son of Henry and Bessie (Moore) Riedl, and was born Nov. 22, 1907, at Chicago, Ill. He graduated from the Austin High School in 1925 and received the degree of DDS from the University of Illinois in 1932. He is a member of the Masons and Eastern Star, and is a Captain in the Dental Reserve Corps of the U.S. Army. He is a member of the Winnebago Dental Society, the Illinois State Dental Society, and the American Dental Association. He was married in 1932 to Gladys Moon and they have a son, Donald Eugene.

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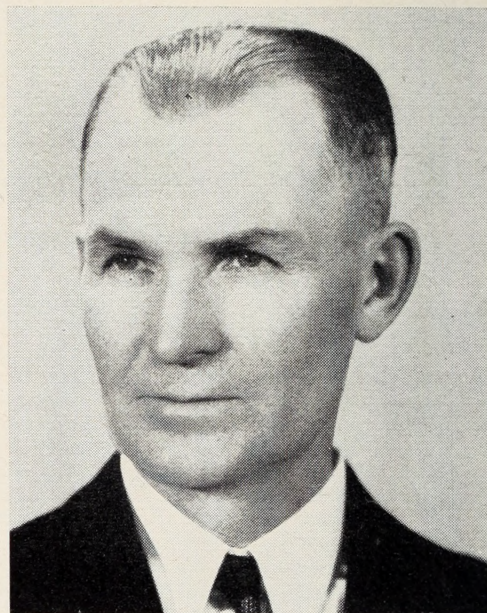


DR. J. H. RITSON has been a practicing dentist in Mount Morris since 1902. He was born in Elk County, Pa., in 1875, and graduated from the Bay City, Mich., High School. He received his D.D.S. degree from Northwestern School of Dentistry in 1902 and started his practice in Mount Morris. He was president of the Village Board of Trustees for three terms, during which the water and sewer systems were installed. He was also president of District No. 61 school board for three terms, including the year when the new building was erected. He married Miss McKinglen and they had four children: Ruth (Mrs. Darrell Toms), Grace, Alice (Mrs. Karl Zastrow), and Joseph.

LLOYD F. DIEHL operates the Johnson Service Station in Mount Morris, succeeding Leo McMullen in July, 1938. He was born Feb. 17, 1897, at Panora, Iowa, son of Frank M. and Della (Heasley) Diehl. He purchased the trucking business of C. H. Newcomer in the spring of 1936. He is married and has two children, Russell F. and Helen L. The Johnson Service Station is located on the corner of Wesley Ave. and Hitt St.

EDWARD H. MCGEE has been in the plastering and building material business in Mount Morris since 1914. In June, 1936 the business was incorporated with J. H. McGee, president and treasurer, E. H. McGee, secretary, and O. M. McGee, vice president. Mr. McGee is the son of John F. and Maggie (Van Allen) McGee and was born Sept. 24, 1882, at Little Falls, N.Y. He attended the grade and high schools at Fultonville, N.Y., and the Waterville Poultry School. During the Spanish-American War, he served in the 7th and 15th Cavalry for four years and was discharged in May, 1903. He is a member of the local Masonic Lodge. He was married in 1911 to Odelia M. Tice and they have three children, John H., James L., and Jane Louise.

FRANK A. NACHTMAN, proprietor of the South Side Barber Shop, is the son of Frank A. and Mary (Steinkerchn) Nachtman and was born Dec. 29, 1894, at Dyersville, Iowa. During the war he enlisted in July, 1918, and served at Camp Sheridan, Ala., in the 209th Engineers. He was discharged in December, 1918. He is a member of the American Legion. He came to Mount Morris in 1926 from Dubuque, Iowa, as barber for Fred O'Hara and purchased the shop after Mr. O'Hara's death. Earl Avey is employed by him. Mr. Nachtman was married in 1918 to Dora Koerner.



J. WALKER ROBBINS, leasee and manager of the Brayton Fruit Farm, came to Mount Morris from Rockford in 1928, where he had managed the Twin Elms Fruit & Poultry Farm. He is the son of William B. and Susan R. (Felps) Robbins, and was born Feb. 14, 1882, at Salisbury, Mo. He graduated from the Armstrong (Mo.) High School in 1898 and attended the Hyde Park Y.M.C.A. night school from 1906 to 1908. From 1908 to 1912, he took a course at the Drexel Conservatory of Music and Expression in Chicago. He has been very active in farm organization work. He organized the Winnebago County Farm Bureau in 1920 and has been a director and secretary-treasurer of the Ogle County Farm Bureau for four years. He is also president of the Ogle County Farmers' Institute, and is a life member of the Illinois Horticulture Society, which he served as president from 1931 to 1934. He has served as local Boy Scout executive for two years and has been secretary of the Mount Morris High School board since 1932. Mr. Robbins was married to Ruth Onthank in 1912, and they have four children: Kathryn (Mrs. Leslie Watt), Phyllis, Robert and J. Walker Jr.

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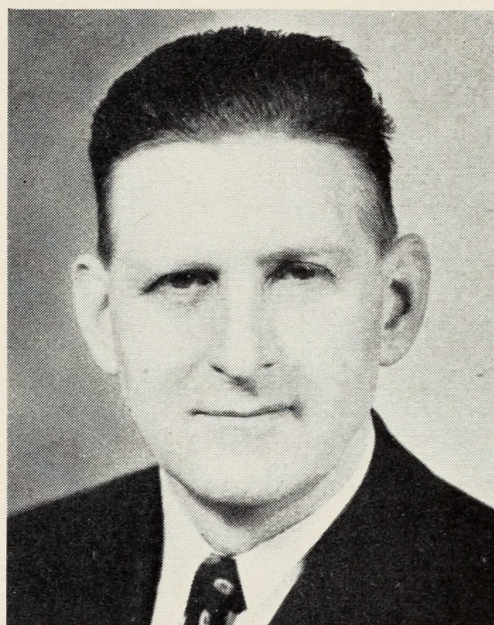


PRICE STOUFFER, son of Benj. F. and Mary Koontz Stouffer, was born Oct. 19, 1867, at Waynesboro, Pa., and came to Ogle County with his parents in 1874. He engaged in farming for many years and conducted a meat market in Mount Morris for seven years. In recent years he has been a live stock dealer and for 20 years has been a successful auctioneer. He served for six years on the village board and as trustee of the Old Folks' Home. He is a member of the Brethren Church. In 1889, he married Emma Haugh and they had five children as follows: Boyd, Raymond (deceased), Mary, Mabel and Ross. They own their home at 107 W. Hitt St.

C. H. NEWCOMER operates an automobile agency and service garage at No. 4 Hannah Avenue. He handles the Oldsmobile, Willys and Norge line of electrical appliances. He is the son of H. H. and Jane (Harmon) Newcomer and was born in Mount Morris, May 9, 1893. He graduated from the Rahe School of Mechanics in Kansas City in 1913 and enlisted in Naval Aviation service at Great Lakes, Ill., in 1917. He trained there for eight months and was then transferred to Rock-A-Way Aviation Base at Long Island, N.Y. He was discharged Sept. 30, 1921. He is a member of the American Legion. Mr. Newcomer was married in 1935 to Emma Zumdahl.

EVERETT R. SMITH, owner of the Pasturite Dairy, is the son of Alfred D. and Louise (Rosencrans) Smith. He was born in 1895 at Albany, Ill. He attended the public schools in Albany and came here from Morrison in January, 1937, having purchased the dairy business from Mrs. Ethel Coleman, which he now operates as the Pasturite Dairy. He was married in 1917 to Edith Ann Frost and they have two children, Louise (Mrs. Kenneth Anderson) and Jeanne.

GUERDON A. REED succeeded C. Ripp as manager of Kroger's Grocery in October, 1937. He is the son of John and Luella (Whitham) Reed and was born May 12, 1900, at Platteville, Wis. He graduated from Platteville State Teachers' College in 1919 and taught mathematics and manual arts for five years in Wisconsin. Previous to coming here he had been connected with the Western Cooperative Egg & Poultry Association of Tacoma, Wash. He enlisted in 1918 in Student Army Training Corps at Platteville, Wis. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge at Fox Lake, Wis. Mr. Reed was married in 1923 to Lucile Siney and they have two children, Guerdon A., Jr., and Wesley S.



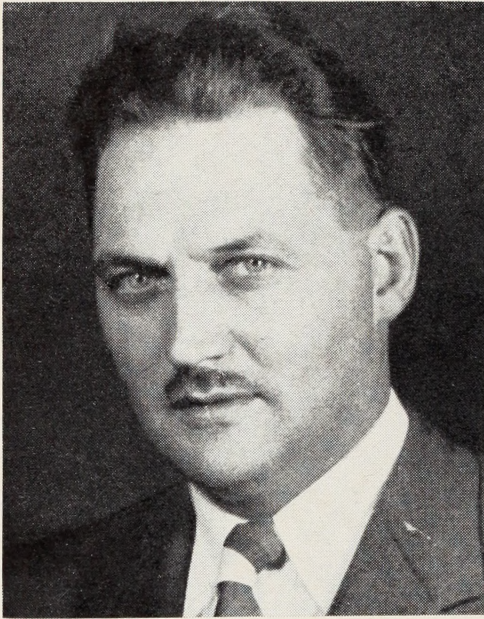
W. BOYD STOUFFER, son of Price and Emma (Haugh) Stouffer, was born Aug. 9, 1890, at Maryland, Ill. He graduated from Mount Morris high school in 1908 and finished commercial and liberal arts courses at Mount Morris College in 1912. For ten years he was employed in the advertising and circulation departments of the Poultry Tribune. Then he engaged in the poultry business until 1920, when he went into the hatchery business. He now operates hatcheries in Mount Morris, Oregon and Rochelle. He has associated with him in Mount Morris, James D. Edenbo, who came from Connelsville, Pa. Mr. Stouffer was married in 1923 to Pearl Butterbaugh, and they have two children, Virginia Lois and Sherwood Noel.

NELSON H. RITTENHOUSE, son of A. H. and Etta M. (Shirk) Rittenhouse, was born June 25, 1908, at Elgin, Ill. He attended the Elgin grammar school and graduated from the Mount Morris High School in 1926. He also graduated from Mount Morris College with the Class of

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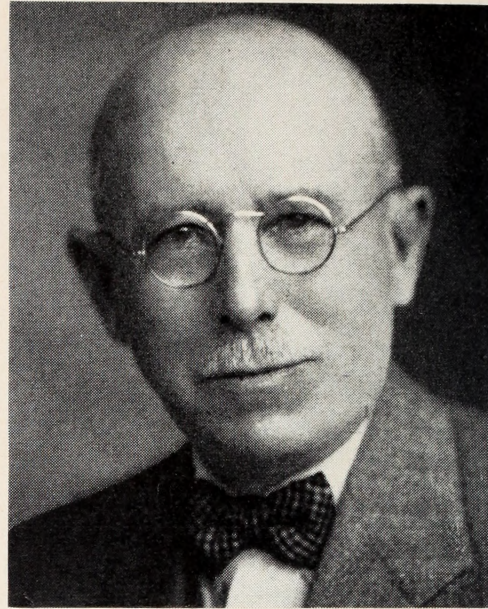
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1931, and in 1932 took the physical science course at the University of Chicago. He was ordained into the ministry of the Church of the Brethren in 1930 and has been pastor of the Pine Creek Church since 1933. He has been engaged in newspaper distribution for Rockford newspapers since 1920 and in general motor transportation for the Kable plant and others since 1931. Mr. Rittenhouse was married in 1930 to Virginia Hagemann and they live at 109 W. Main St.



DR. H. J. STENGEL, physician and surgeon, is the son of Joseph E. and Anna (Wilt) Stengel. He was born in Mount Morris, July 17, 1904; graduated from Mount Morris High School in 1922; attended Carthage College 1922-1925 and graduated from Loyola University School of Medicine in 1929. He located in Mount Morris in 1931 and has offices in the Wishard Building. He is the village health officer, a member of the local Masonic Lodge and various medical societies. In August, 1932, he married Helen Anderson and they reside at 211 Emily Street.

W. A. ROBINSON came to Mount Morris in 1926 and operated a meat market for three years, then moved to his present quarters where he operates a grocery and meat market. He is the son of Charles and Cynthia (Williams) Robinson and was born Jan. 4, 1882, at Morris, Ill. He graduated from the Niles, Mich., High School in 1899. He is a member of the Mount Morris Business Men's League. At present he has in his employ Valorris Van Arsdale, Peter H. Peterson, Leonard Derby, Ralph Schell, Arthur Barnhart, Kenneth Kretsinger and Vincent Reinema. Mr. Robinson was married in 1905 to Katherine O'Dare and they have an adopted son, Robert L.



DAN B. STARKEY, owner of the Kable Inn, came to Mount Morris in 1925 as editor of *Outdoor Recreation* and president of the Recreation Publishing Co. He is a native of Wisconsin and was for years a newspaper man, serving as political editor, Washington correspondent, and filling many positions, including that of war correspondent during the Spanish-American War. He was private secretary to Governor Edward Scofield of Wisconsin and was given the title of "Colonel" as the result of serving as a special aid-de-camp and military secretary of the Wisconsin National Guard. He became a publisher through the purchase of the *Northwestern Sportsman*, which was later changed to the *Outer's Book* and later to *Outdoor Recreation*. It was moved to Mount Morris in 1925. In 1927, it merged with *Outdoor Life*, by which name it is still known. Col. Starkey took over the Kable Inn in April, 1933, and has striven to make the hotel an institution in which the community could take pride. He has regarded the hotel not merely as a private business but as a public responsibility. When the nation-wide celebration of President Roosevelt's birthday was planned in January, 1934, Col. Starkey decided to do something about it. By telegraphing the White House he found out that the President's favorite dish was scrambled eggs, which were served at the dinner. The Associated Press and the Columbia Broadcasting Company gave this wide publicity.

Col. Starkey has attracted a great deal of attention by the Kable Inn art galleries. Knowing there was considerable artistic talent in Mount Morris he conceived the idea of letting the local artists exhibit their work on the walls of the lobby and dining room. Later artists from other localities were invited to display their paintings and over 2,000 paintings have

been displayed in this manner including those of Theodore Johnson, Theodosia Park Breed, John Nolf, Holger Jensen, Oscar Soellner, Florence Wilkins Furst, Anna Coy, Marques E. Reitzel, Myrtle Royer Myers, and others. Local artists who have exhibited their work are Dorothy Niman, Milledge Newton, Burton Avey, Lloyd Wright, Trine Mann, Lizzie Shirk, Mrs. Ira Hendrickson, James Ferguson and Maude McClure. These exhibits have attracted people from a wide range of territory and have been the means of considerable publicity for the Inn and Mount Morris.

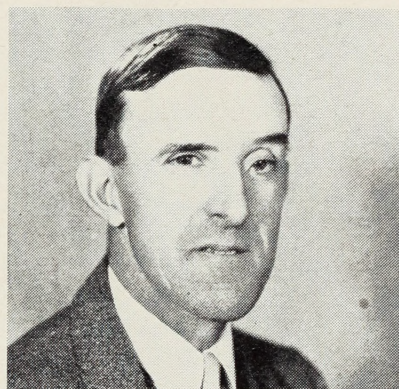


O. E. STOUFFER, owner of the Mount Morris Dairy, is the son of Hiram and Annie (Ridenour) Stouffer and was born in Mount Morris, Sept. 22, 1882. He attended Mount Morris Public School, graduated from the State Center (Iowa) High School in 1900 and attended Iowa State College at Ames. He engaged in farming for a number of years and for the last twenty years has owned and operated the Mount Morris Dairy. He employs Clarence Carr and George Hamilton. Mr. Stouffer was married in 1905 to Effa Carr.

DR. DAVID F. STEVENS, veterinarian, is the son of David F. and Elizabeth (Fisher) Stevens. He was born March 5, 1852, at Three Springs, Pa. He attended public school in Pennsylvania and graduated in 1888 from the Ontario Veterinary College, Toronto, Ont., Canada, and became a licensed veterinarian. He has practiced in Mount Morris continuously since 1888. He is a Past Master and oldest living member of the local Masonic Lodge. Dr. Stevens was married in 1898 to Mrs. Dora Rohrer and they have one son, Forrest. See picture on page 352.



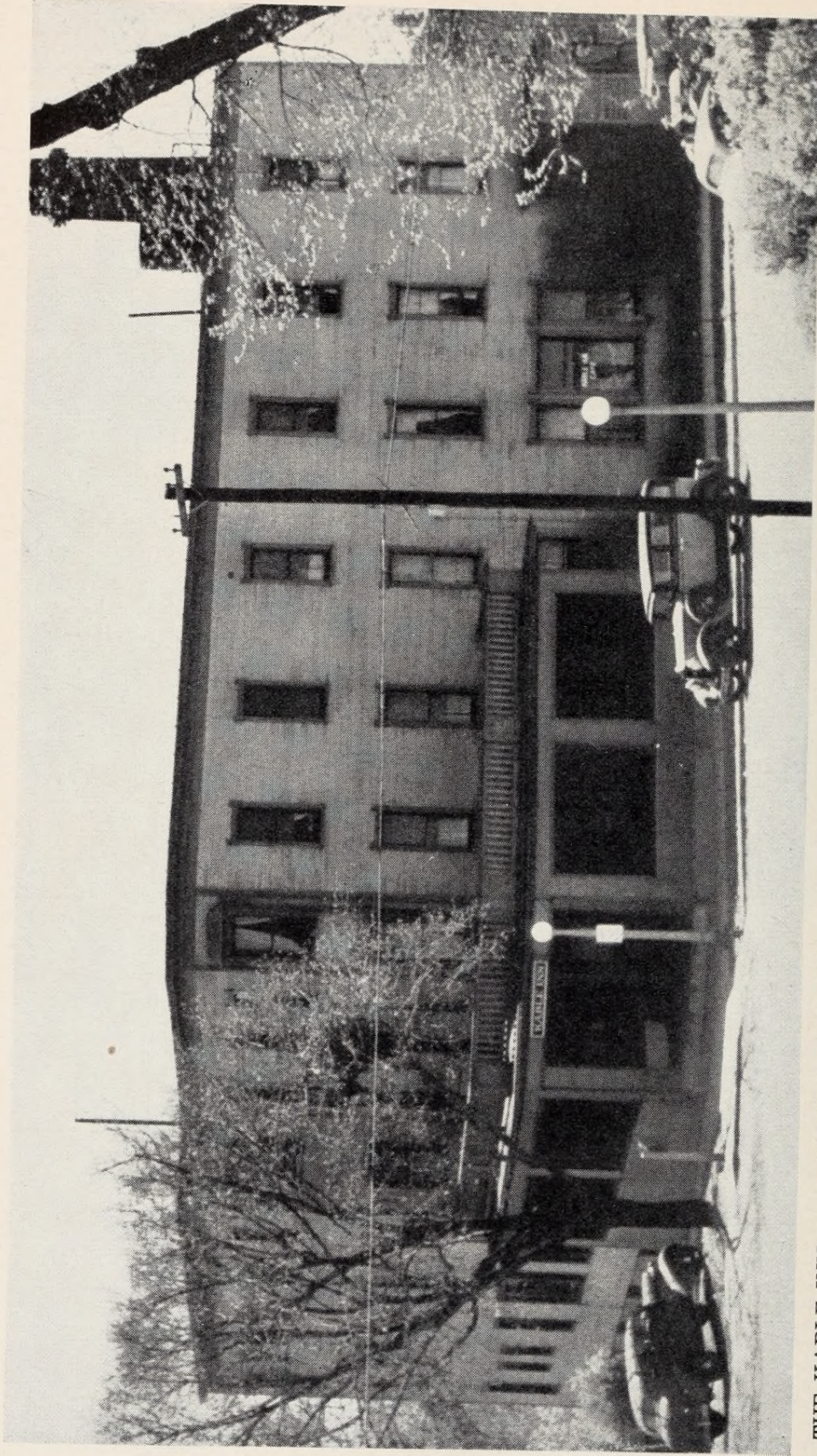
MRS. HANNAH C. SHOOK, insurance agent, whose maiden name was Hannah Sikkink, was born at Sheboygan, Wis., and married J. H. F. Shook in 1892. They have six children: Marilla (Mrs. Ed. Heusinkveld), Eva (Mrs. Frank Graf), Bessie (Mrs. Lester Nunn), Warren F., John C., and Merlin L. Mrs. Shook is a graduate of the Palmer School of Chiropractic and formerly practiced in Mount Morris and Oregon with her son-in-law, L. E. Nunn. She came to Mount Morris in 1921 and is now in the insurance business.



RALPH R. THOMAS, retired farmer and member of the high school board, is the son of Geo. S. and Elizabeth (Wolf) Thomas and was born Aug. 6, 1885, near Leaf River, Ill. He learned the trade of blacksmith and wagon-maker and followed that trade for seven years in Wisconsin; lived in California for 14 years, and has been a resident in or near Mount Morris for 22 years, where he has been active in farm and school affairs. In 1907 he married Edith May Buterbaugh and they have six children: Grover S., Mary E. (Mrs. Oscar Barnhart), Robert E., Florence E. (Mrs. Wm. Suhring), Helen E. and Ada Fern.

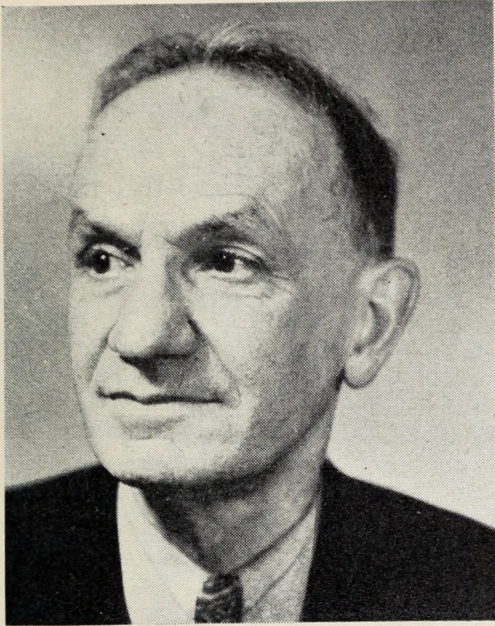
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THE KABLE INN was originally built in 1894 by Chas. Rohrer and was known as Hotel Rohrer. In 1898 it was sold to A. T. Olson, who operated it as the Olson Hotel until 1921, when it was purchased by Kable Brothers Company and it was enlarged and completely refurbished. The name was changed to the Kable Inn

and was managed by Mrs. Robert Malmberg for several years, then by Elmer Snowberger, followed by Robert Harvey. O. W. Wright purchased the property in June, 1928, and after several years sold it to Dan Starkey, who is the present owner.

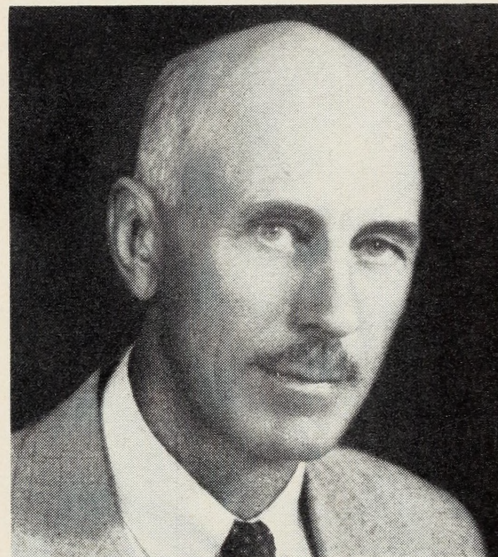


C. C. WEAVER has owned and operated a jewelry store in Mount Morris since 1926. He came here originally from Freeport in 1917 to open a branch jewelry store for a Freeport firm, Emerick & Ringer. He is the son of George and Anna (Clair) Weaver and was born May 31, 1876, at Freeport, Ill. He attended the Freeport schools and then learned the jewelers trade. He was married twice, his second wife being Miss Mabel Shaw. He has two children, Elmore and Margaret, by his first marriage.

FRANK SECKY, who operates the recreation hall and tavern in the Baker Building, is the son of Joseph and Anna (Ruzicka) Secky and was born Jan. 23, 1893, in Prachovice, Czechoslovakia. He attended grammar school in his native country and came to the United States in 1910, receiving his citizenship papers in 1918. He enlisted in the army in 1917 at Schenectady, N. Y., in Company E, 2nd Infantry, New York National Guard. He was transferred to the 42nd Machine Gun Battalion, 50th Infantry, at Fort Riley, Kans. He belongs to the Business Men's League and the American Legion. He was married in 1913 in New York to Betty Wokal.

EUGENE B. TRACY, Junior member of the contracting firm of D. C. Tracy & Son, is the son of Dennis C. and Mae (Baker) Tracy and was born Jan. 29, 1909, at Mount Morris. He graduated from the Mount Morris High School in 1926 and has since engaged in carpenter work. In 1935, he went into partnership with his father with the firm name of D. C. Tracy & Son. Mr. Tracy was married in 1935 to Nelle Garrison and they live at 302 Emily Street.

JOHN SPRECHER & Company is probably the oldest continuous business firm in Mount Morris. In April, 1866, John Sprecher and Henry H. Clevidence started the business under the name of Sprecher & Clevidence. This partnership continued until March, 1891, when they sold out to L. C. Stanley of Chippewa Falls, Wis. In the fall of 1893, John Sprecher started in business again under the firm name of John Sprecher & Co., and continued until his death in April, 1911. Since then, the business has been carried on under the efficient management of Katherine Sprecher Miller, ably assisted by her two brothers, Charles C. and Wentworth Sprecher. The firm is now composed of Katherine Sprecher Miller, Wentworth W. Sprecher, Ella B. Sprecher and Addie May Axton as equal partners. The company conducts a very complete dry goods business.

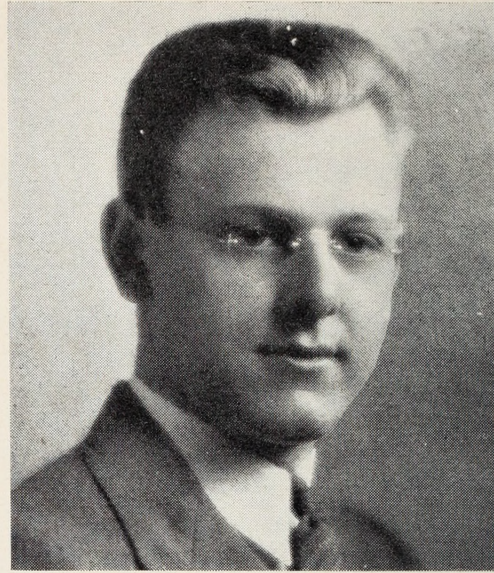


CHARLES A. WISHARD was born July 25, 1873, at Waynesboro, Pa. He graduated from the Waynesboro High School in 1892 and attended the Bryant & Stratton Business College at Baltimore, Md. He came to Mount Morris in 1898 and since that time has been actively engaged in various enterprises. He was in the meat market business for eight years with Upton Powell; he built the Central Garage and sold automobiles for six years. He started the first motion picture theatre in what is now Hagemann's Service Station. In 1920, he built the large building which bears his name on the corner of Wesley and Main Streets. He has served as president of the Citizens State Bank since 1924. He is now operating a number of large farms in the vicinity of Mount Morris. He enlisted for service in the Spanish-American War, but was not called for service. He was a member of the Illinois National Guard for four years. In 1904, he married Elizabeth Stoner, and they had two daughters, Mary and Mildred. Mrs. Wishard passed away in 1928.

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HARRY SCHMUCKER, who was in the garage business in Mount Morris from 1934 to 1938, purchased the Granada Cafe in March, 1938, from Elgin Bucher. Mr. Schmucker was born Aug. 13, 1896, at Johnstown, Pa. He attended grade and high school at Dixon, Ill., and took training in automotive mechanics at Detroit. During the war, he entered the motor transportation corps at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., in May, 1917. He is past president of the Mount Morris Business Men's League, member of the American Legion and the Masonic fraternity. Mr. Schmucker was married to Stella Sorrenson and they have four children: Charles, Stanley, Harriet and Margaret.



RALPH H. ZICKUHR is the proprietor of the Mount Morris Pharmacy which he purchased from O. E. Marshall in March, 1937. He is the son of Henry C. and Augusta (Krueger) Zickuhr and was born Sept. 4, 1910, at Marengo, Ill. He is a graduate of the Marengo High School and received his Ph.G. degree from the University of Illinois School of Pharmacy in 1932. He has in his employ O. E. Marshall and Annette Towns. Mr. Zickuhr married Alice J. Driver in 1935 and they have a daughter, Sylvia Jean.



DENNIS C. TRACY, head of the contracting firm of D. C. Tracy & Son, is the son of Benjamin F. and Mary J. (Potter) Tracy and was born in Mount Morris, May 19, 1879. He attended the Mount Morris Public Schools and took a business course in Mount Morris College. He learned the carpenter trade under his father and Samuel Kinsey, who were partners in the contracting business. He worked with his father until his death in 1910 and then continued in the business until 1935, when his son, Eugene, became associated with him under the firm name of D. C. Tracy & Son. Mr. Tracy has erected a number of important buildings in Mount Morris, including the Brethren Church, part of the High School Building, Baker Building, Sharer Garage and others. He served on the Board of Trustees of the Village from 1922 to 1926, the last two years as president. He is a member of the Masons and Modern Woodmen. He was married in 1903 to Mae M. Baker and they have three sons: Harold, Eugene and Dennis.



THOMAS I. SPRECHER, owner of a grocery store in Mount Morris, is the son of Franklin and Annie (Ringer) Sprecher.

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He was born Dec. 9, 1874, in Hagerstown, Md., and graduated from the Hagerstown High School in 1893, and also graduated from Wolf's Business College in Hagerstown. He served in the Spanish-American War with Co. B, First Maryland Infantry, from April, 1898, to February, 1899. He came to Mount Morris in 1899 and worked as a clerk in various stores until 1932 when he purchased the grocery business from Fred Middlekauff estate. He was married in 1925 to Beatrice Johnson and they have a son, Thomas Barton.

CHARLES WENTWORTH SHARER, owner of the Sharer Garage, is the son of Charles H. and Susan (McCosh) Sharer and was born in Mount Morris, April 18, 1889. He graduated from Mount Morris High School, attended Mount Morris College and graduated from Northwestern University in 1913. He enlisted during the World War, in April, 1917, at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Mo., and was assigned to the 17th Cavalry, regular U. S. Army. After the armistice was signed he was transferred to the 8th Cavalry. He was discharged in September, 1919. He worked in the office of Kable Brothers Company for several years and served as mathematics teacher and athletic coach in Mount Morris High School, also as coach in Mount Morris College for several years. In 1923, he started in the automobile and garage business and in 1924 erected the present building in which he operates a repair shop and is agent for the Chevrolet automobile and the John Deere farm machinery. He employs Samuel Frey, A. E. Clevidence, Frederick Fouke and Paul Mongan.



WILLIAM WOHLSCHEGEL came to Mount Morris from Aurora, Ill., in September, 1935, to become manager and athletic director of the Community Gymnasium. He is the son of Adam and Otilie Wohlschlegel and was born Dec. 1, 1908, at Mannheim, Baden, Germany. He attended the public schools and the Handelschule Business School at Mannheim. He came to America and was naturalized in 1931. He has two brothers, Ludwig and Karl, living in Germany. Ludwig is a Schutzstaffel (picked Hitler guard). His father fought as a German commanding officer during the World War. Mr. Wohlschlegel was married June 12, 1938, to Katherine Bintener, of Aurora.



VICTOR P. SOITZ, professional at the Sunset Golf Club, is recognized as a competent teacher and an excellent player. He came to take charge of the local club in the spring of 1938 after seven years service with the Southmoor Golf Club at Palos Park, on the south side of Chicago. Mr. Soitz is unmarried.

THE MOUNT MORRIS COMMUNITY GYMNASIUM

The Community Gymnasium, which is one of the most modern recreation centers in northwestern Illinois, was built following the destruction of the old college gymnasium by fire in April, 1931.

The building was originally constructed to be used as a college gymnasium and was financed by public contributions with the agreement that should the college ever become insolvent, it would be turned over to the village for public use. In 1932 Mount Morris College merged with North Manchester College and, as a result, the coliseum was deeded over to the village by Kable Brothers Company, who purchased the entire college property.

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THE WISHARD BUILDING, in the foreground, was erected by Chas. A. Wishard in 1920. The building fronts south and is 73 by 93 feet in size. The construction was superintended by N. E. Buser. This corner was originally occupied by Mount Morris's first hotel which was built by James Clark in the early forties.

Erected at a cost of \$50,000, the building contains a large swimming pool, which is operated to meet state requirements, under the sanitation code.

William Wohlschlegel has served as manager and athletic director, assisted by Willis Stouffer, since September, 1935. Prior to this, the gymnasium was managed by Charles Boston, Jay Sheldon and Cyril Ewert, at various intervals.

By special arrangement, the gymnasium is used by the grade and high schools as an athletic recreation center, and it is by the financial assistance derived from these institutions that it is possible to maintain it, without additional tax levy.

CITIZENS STATE BANK

Mount Morris's first bank was established in 1877 by Chas. Newcomer and Isaac Rice. Mr. Rice sold his interest in 1880 and Mr. Newcomer continued the

bank until 1899. In the meantime, Joseph L. Rice and John H. Rice established the Citizens Bank in 1893 and in 1899 absorbed the Bank of Mount Morris. In 1914, the institution was incorporated as a state bank and the name changed to the Citizens State Bank, with Joseph L. Rice as the first president. He retired from the presidency and active interest in the bank in 1925, when Charles A. Wishard was elected and has served in that capacity up to the present time.

Other officials who have served the bank since it was incorporated were B. S. Price who was cashier from 1914 to 1920 and D. L. Miller who was cashier from 1920 to 1924. J. W. Wine came to the bank in 1923 and served in the capacity of vice-president and cashier until shortly before he died in 1926. Harold M. Knodle served as cashier from 1927 to 1931, George Snyder from 1931 to 1935, and Leslie Lundgren from 1935 to the present. Fred J. Dean was

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elected vice-president in 1927 and has been active in the bank since March 1, 1930.

The present officers of the bank are Charles A. Wishard, president; Fred J. Dean, vice-president; Leslie C. Lundgren, cashier; and Mary J. Stouffer, assistant cashier. The directors are Charles A. Wishard, Fred J. Dean, E. S. Mumma, Price Heckman and R. W. Hough.

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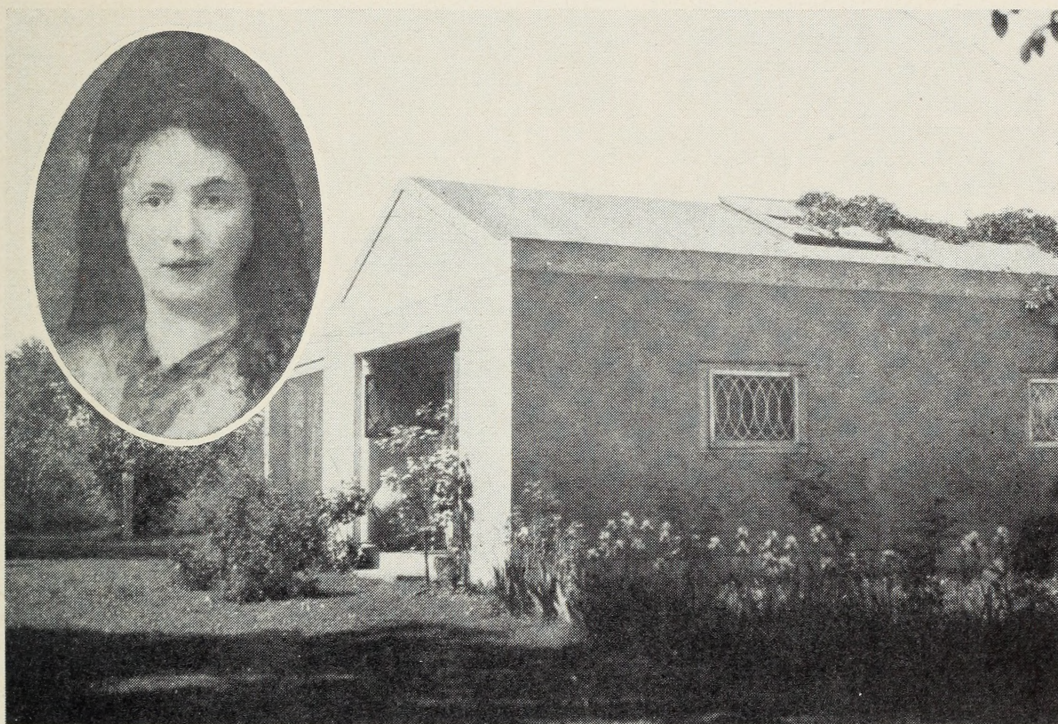
The Mount Morris Public Library had its beginning in the Current Events Club which is still responsible for its maintenance, to some extent.

The Current Events Club was organized in 1895 with its object as a rest and change from home duties and to become more familiar with current events. Meetings are held fortnightly. The club was first named Philomathian and later changed to Current Events Club.

In early days, the members read aloud a number of books at the meetings besides the current events. The early ambition of the club was to establish a public library which was first realized when each member purchased a book and exchanged it with the others. It was first cared for in the homes and by 1913 a central library was located in Clapper's store. It was later moved to the Town Hall and then to the Village Hall.

The library was transferred to the town by the club in May, 1931, through a special election approving financial assistance for its maintenance out of the tax apportionment.

In 1933, the library was moved to its present quarters on the first floor of Old Sandstone. When it was turned over to the town in 1931 there were 1,406 books on hand and at present the total number circulated is 5,725, with the yearly records showing that 14,000 or more are read each year. Many patrons from rural districts take advan-



ART STUDIO of Miss Maud McClure and her picture in upper left. Miss McClure has the distinction of being the only sculptor in Mount Morris whose work ranks as professional. She also does many other kinds of art work and has maintained her studio here for a number of years. She was born in Mount Morris and is the daughter of Robert D. McClure, granddaughter of A. Quinby Allen, and great granddaughter of Michael Swingley, who was one of the original "Maryland Colony."

tage of these library privileges.

Miss Ella Rohrer has served as librarian since June 1, 1926, and is a charter member of the Current Events Club. The assistant librarian is Miss Edith Hanstine who has served since 1933.

The present library board consists of Mrs. D. E. Thompson (president), Mrs. Agnes Price (secretary), Mrs. Fred Dean, Mrs. Harry Longman, Milo Zimmerman and Harold Ross.

The present membership of the Current Events Club is as follows: Mrs.

Ira Hendrickson (president), Mrs. Wm. Hance Miller (vice-president), Mrs. Harry Longman (secretary-treasurer), Mrs. Hugh Allen, Mrs. Paul Barnhizer, Mrs. John Blakley, Mrs. Warren Burchby, Mrs. H. W. Cushing, Mrs. Fred J. Dean, Mrs. Charles Edson, Mrs. Robert O. Harvey, Mrs. Pearl Kable, Mrs. Fred V. Pearce, Mrs. Charles J. Price, Mrs. Wm. Prugh, Miss Ella Rohrer, Mrs. Fayette Rose, Mrs. Fred H. Steffen, Mrs. David E. Thompson, Mrs. Mary Thompson and Mrs. Clyde Walkup.

BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

THE Mount Morris Building and Loan Association was organized in January, 1926, with an authorized capital stock of \$1,000,000.00. The original incorporators were H. G. Kable, H. J. Kable, S. C. Spalding, John W. Prendergast, S. E. Avey, W. I. Prugh, N. E. Buser, H. E. Longman, Harvey Long, and A. S. Barre.

At a meeting held Jan. 18, 1926, the following officers and directors were elected: H. G. Kable, president; J. W. Watt, vice-president; Lanah H. Newcomer, secretary; Harvey Long, treasurer; H. J. Kable, J. L. Rice, F. J. Dean, H. E. Coffman, H. E. Longman, directors. The same officers have served 12

consecutive years. Two of the directors died, H. J. Kable and J. L. Rice, and their places were taken by Robert Hough and Harold Ross.

After 12 years the association is in excellent condition under the efficient management of the secretary, Lanah H. Newcomer. The assets are in excess of \$365,000.00, nearly all of which is loaned on residence property in Mount Morris. All matured stock and withdrawals are paid promptly and the association does not have a single piece of property on its hands because of foreclosure. Matured stock has netted in excess of 7% on the investment.

MOUNT MORRIS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

TWENTY-FIVE volunteer firemen comprise the local fire department which is given a 98% rating for the efficiency of its men and equipment. These men meet once each month and are drilled for action twice monthly. As a member of the Illinois Firemen's Association, this unit qualifies for financial benefits from the state. Each year two men attend the annual fire college at the University of Illinois in Champaign. Building inspections are made regularly about town.

Prior to 1924 there was no fire truck here and at times of fire it was necessary to either pull the hose cart by hand or attach it to a car and then depend entirely upon city pressure for the flow of water to quench the blaze. In 1924 the first truck was purchased and

in 1930 the community truck was purchased. The present fully equipped Peter-Purch fire truck was purchased for \$4,100 in November, 1936. This apparatus consists of a 500-gallon pumper, booster and hose, while that of the community truck, which was bought by the farmers, has a 300-gallon pumper and chemical tanks. Both trucks respond to all city alarms and the community truck also covers an extensive rural district.

General alarms are sounded by an electric siren which is operated from the telephone office, with other controls at the fire house and Kable plant.

The success of this department is largely due to the cooperation of Kable plant officials who make it possible for the members of the fire department to



MEMBERS of the Mount Morris Volunteer Fire Department: (1) James Rouse, chief, (2) Syril Avey, (3) Frank Graf, (4) Max Barnhizer, (5) Ralph Crowell, (6) Kenneth Messer, (7) Fred Boegel, (8) Alfred Davis, (9) Boyd Grush, (10) O. T. McCoy, (11) Frank Nachtman, (12) Harvey Miller, (13) Lynn Elliott, (14) Walter Olsen, (15) Eli Raney, (16) Ross Silvius, (17) Walter Waddelow, (18) Paul Barnhizer, (19) Henry Dohlen, (20) Frank Hilger.

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leave their regular work for fire duty, with no salary deductions, and who also maintain the third alarm control.

The organization of the volunteer firemen is as follows: Fire chief, James Rouse; assistant fire chief, O. T. McCoy; captains, Frank Hilger and Frank Graff; drivers, Paul Barnhizer, Boyd Grush, Frank Nachtman, and Harry

Schmucher; pump tender, Alfred Davis; lineman, Lynn Elliott; photographer, Max Barnhizer; telephone operator, Douglas Ross; firemen, Eli Raney, Leon Beard, Kenneth Messer, Harvey Miller, Henry Dohlen, Ralph Crowell, Walter Waddelow, Charles Edson, Jay Cratty, Walter Olsen, Fred Bogel, and Wentworth Sharer; electrician, Syril Avey.

POULTRY TRIBUNE COMPANY

ONE of the important business enterprises in Mount Morris is the publishing firm incorporated under the name of Poultry Tribune Company. This company publishes three important magazines in the poultry field; viz., Poultry Tribune, Hatchery Tribune and Turkey World. The Poultry Tribune, which is the leading poultry magazine in the United States, was brought to Mount Morris from Freeport by R. R. Fisher, in order to secure the printing facilities of Kable Brothers Company. In 1917, Mr. Fisher sold the property to James W. Watt and Adon A. Yoder, who were employees of Kable Brothers Company. In 1927, a new publication was established, the Hatchery Tribune, and in 1934, Turkey World was purchased from the Lightner Publishing Company of Chicago, where the magazine was established in 1926. Mr. Yoder soon retired from the active management of the company and since that time Mr. Watt has been president and general manager. With the help of the capable staff which he has gathered around him, he has made a great success of this enterprise.

The company owns and operates a twenty-acre poultry experimental farm just south of Mount Morris where various kind of equipment, brooder houses, shelters, etc., are tested for the benefit of the readers of these magazines.

The offices of the company occupy the entire third floor of "Old Sandstone" which is rented from Kable Brothers Company. A complete list of the people connected with this organization is as follows:

J. W. Watt, president and general manager.

Leslie A. Watt, assistant publisher.

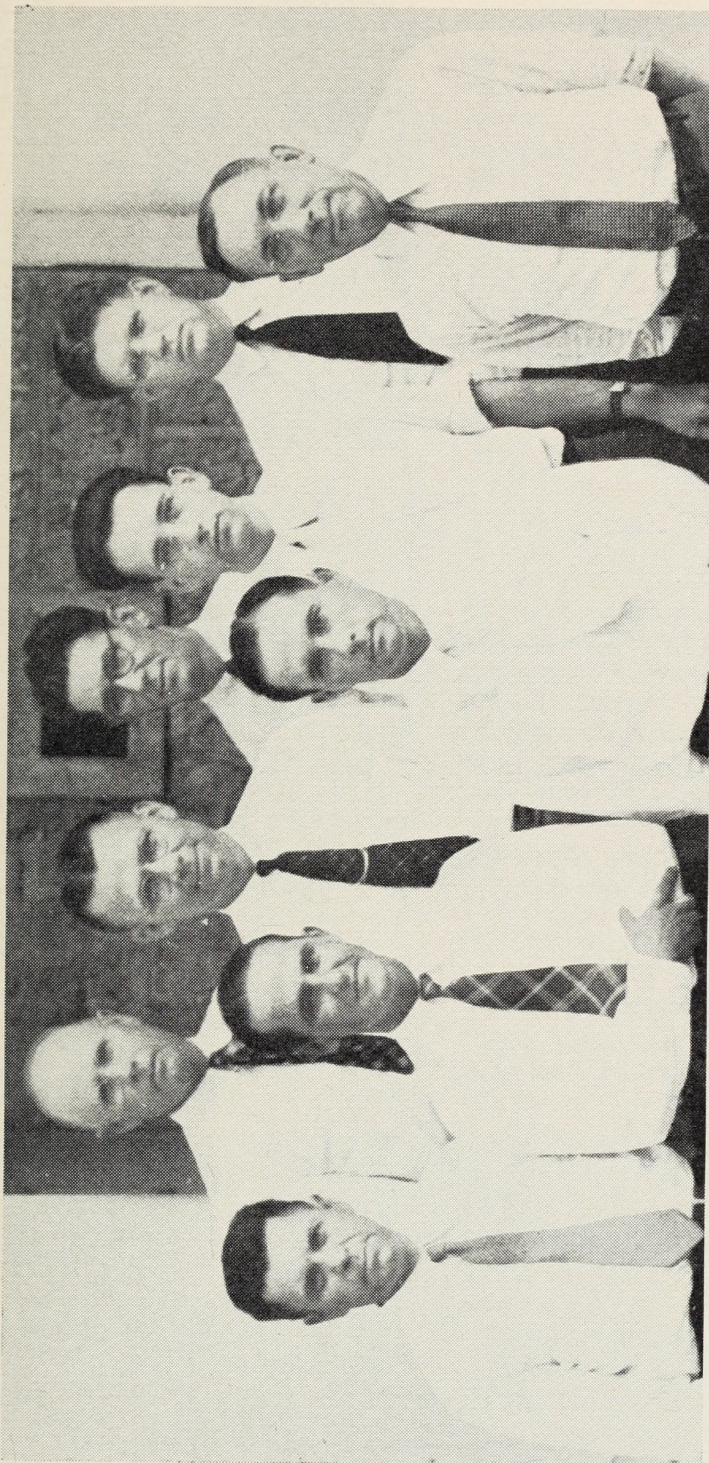
Graduate in economics, University of Illinois. Circulation manager, Outdoor Life magazine, 1933-1935. With Poultry Tribune since September, 1935.



JAMES W. WATT, head of a prosperous publishing firm in Mount Morris, is the son of William and Annie (Sinclair) Watt and was born at Kirkwall, Orkney Islands, near Scotland, on March 9, 1887. He came to Mount Morris in 1913 from Hammond, Ind., and worked in the composing room of the Kable plant until 1917, when he and A. A. Yoder purchased the Poultry Tribune. The business was gradually expanded and later incorporated, with Mr. Watt as president and general manager. He has served on the boards of education of both the grade and high schools, and is a member of the board of directors of Kable Brothers Company and the Mount Morris Building & Loan Assn. Mr. Watt was married in 1912 to Florence Allen and they had one son, Leslie, who is now associated with his father in the publishing business. Mrs. Watt died Sept. 18, 1932 and Mr. Watt was married again to Marie Webster. The family home is at 6 Emily St.

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EDITORIAL and Advertising Staff of the Poultry Tribune, Hatchery Tribune and Turkey World: Back row, left to right, A. P. Loomis, supt. experimental farm (succeeded in June, 1938 by Bentley Wilson); O. A. Hanke, editor; G. C. Sanderson, advertising director; L. A. Watt, asst. publisher; M. C. Small, managing editor. Front row, Charles Webster, circulation manager; Harry Yoder, advertising manager; J. H. Florea, associate editor; J. W. Watt, publisher.