# E. J. Melton's History of Cooper County, Missouri

# CHAPTER 43 COOPER COUNTY'S ILLUSTRIOUS HALL OF FAME

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Giants Among the Pioneers--The Noted of Recent Generations--Sons and Daughter Who Have Received Important Recognitions--Those the World Has Acclaimed With Large Success in Widely Varied Fields of Endeavor--Leaders in Agriculture Who Have Stood Second to None in Development of Purebred Herds, Saddle Horses and Better Grains, Greatly Enriching Civilization --And Cooper Countians Who Have Won Unique Distinctions for Unusual and Valuable Services and Leadership on Wide Fronts and New Frontiers.

Beneath a lofty, wide-encircled shaft, voted by the legislature, sleeps alone in Boonville's Walnut Grove Cemetery the bachelor father of Missouri's Constitution.

His commonwealth's first United States senator, *elected unanimously by acclamation*, DAVID BARTON then was allowed to name his colleague, an unprecedented honor. His was a career of eloquence, conflict, triumph and defeat.

Farther toward the now civilized sunset lies all that is mortal of WILL ROGERS. *His book learning and inspiration were mostly from a schoolmaster in Boonville*. In Cooper County he imbibed that which changed buffoonery to amiable, revealing philosophy. Comedian, humorist and political economist, he persuaded the hurried and harried world to pause and laugh--to think sanely again, and to have faith.

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*David* of the old, old dead and *Will* of yesternight, each in his generation a giant, are two of more than 200 Cooper Countians by birth, education or adoption that the world has acclaimed. In this illustrious company are many of the living, some in the morning of life, with bright promise ahead.

The history of a nation or of a locality is the story of people. Perhaps no county of like population and age approaches Cooper in contributing leaders in practically every field of endeavor.

This Hall of Fame chapter should inspire present and succeeding generations. It is hoped it will perpetuate the spirit of great hearts and souls as far beyond our earth confines and souls as far beyond our earthy confines as man may strive toward immortality.

# "THERE WERE GIANTS IN THOSE DAYS"

Famous Frontiersman. DANIEL BOONE during his latter years built a cabin at Boone's Lick, salt springs near Boonville, and made it his temporary abode for many months at a time near the end of the eighteenth century and early in the nineteenth. Two of his sons, Nathan and Daniel M. Boone in 1807, manufactured there the first salt made west of the Mississippi and floated it down the Missouri to St. Louis. Daniel Boone visited his first cousin, Stephen Cole, and Hannah Cole, widow of Stephen's brother, at the Cole forts near and at the present Boonville.

Cooper County's First Pioneer Mother. HANNAH COLE, after her husband, William Temple Cole, was killed by Indians, joined the first pioneers who pushed into the wilderness of the Boon's Lick Country in 1810, and settled on the present site of Boonville. The second fort on the south side of the Missouri west of the mouth of the Osage, was begun at her home, December 15, 1814. It stopped a long series of Indian outrages. Her descendants are numerous in Cooper and Howard counties.

*Indian Fighter.* COLONEL BENJAMIN COOPER, first white settler in this vicinity, became widely known as an Indian fighter. His quarrel with General Henry Dodge over whether surrendered Miami Indians should be treated as prisoners of war or hanged as murderers created national interest. Colonel Cooper's brother, Captain Sarshall Cooper, had been murdered by an Indian. Frontier justice was stern.

Statesman, Explorer and Soldier. GENERAL WILLIAM H. ASHLEY, deceased, a former Cooper Countian, was lieutenant governor of Missouri and a member of congress. He led an expedition into Utah, built forts, discovered the South Pass through the Rockies, and established a wide fur trade. "Ashley beaver" designated highest quality.

*The Original Trail-Blazer.* CAPTAIN WILLIAM BECKNELL left Franklin, September 1, 1821, on the first overland haul to Santa Fe, thus becoming the father of the Santa Fe Trail, stretching nearly 1,000 miles "from Civilization to Sundown", and one of the world's most famous highways.

Noted Indian Scout. KIT CARSON was reared a few miles north of Boonville. In the heyday of the metropolis of Franklin, opposite Boonville, he was apprenticed to a saddler there. He quit the work for a colorful career on the plains and in the Rockies. He was resourceful, courageous and modest. His collateral descendants are numerous in this vicinity. General Fremont of the United States Army said: "With me, Truth and Kit Carson are one".

*In Two Constitutional Conventions*. COLONEL W. F. SWITZLER, Boonville editor, was the only delegate to both Missouri's state constitutional conventions in 1865 and 1875.

Law-giver. DAVID BARTON, pioneer Cooper County lawyer, was president of Missouri's first constitutional convention and wrote much of the document. He was unanimously elected the first United States senator and the legislature signally honored him by asking him to choose his colleague. By legislative act, the state placed an imposing monument at Barton's grave in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Boonville.

An Early Supreme Judge, ABIEL LEONARD, pioneer lawyer in Franklin, became a justice of the Missouri Supreme Court.

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Four Early Governors. LILBURN W. BOGGS, CLAIBORNE F. JACKSON and HAMILTON R. GAMBLE, early governors of Missouri, were residents of Franklin, opposite Boonville, when Franklin was the metropolis west of St. Louis. Boonville succeeded it in importance after the Missouri river washed it away in 1826. JOHN MILLER, another Missouri governor, lived on the Herman E. Schnuck farm near Overton, Cooper County. He was the only man who served two terms as governor.

Statesman and Churchman. JORDAN O'BRYAN, who served under General "Hickory" Jackson in the Battle of New Orleans and who located in Cooper County soon thereafter, was state senator during the thirteenth and fourteenth general assemblies, 1844, and 1846, after having been county representative in the third, fourth and eighth general assemblies in 1824, 1826 and 1834. He was a Baptist leader known throughout Missouri. On the committee to locate William Jewell College, he deadlocked it in an effort to establish it at Boonville. Liberty finally won by one vote.

Relatives of Jordan O'Bryan well known in Cooper County include a granddaughter, Mrs. Nannie Glazier, Boonville; seven great grandchildren: Mrs. Henry Neef, Boonville; Laura Finley Hoberecht, deceased, Waite Finley and Cornelia Finley Farris, deceased, all of Cooper County; Mrs. Mary Elliott Kitt, Chillicothe, Missouri; and H. E. Elliott and Judge Miles Elliott, St. Joseph, Missouri; and 10 great-great-grandchildren: Ray, Milton and Glazier Hoberecht, Nancy Ann and Caroline Neef, Wilbur, Ray, Albert and John William Finley and Mrs. Katherine Finley Pyles, all of Boonville.

A Pioneer Burbank. JOHN HARDEMAN, in 1819, established northwest of Boonville and Franklin, Hardeman's Botanical Gardens, and attained national recognition through Senator THOMAS HART BENTON and THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCER. The gardens, embracing 11 acres, contained fruits, plants, vines, ornamental shrubbery and 600 varieties of grapes, many imported from Europe.

Popular Supreme Judge. JOHN F. RYLAND, highly distinguished supreme judge of Missouri, was a pioneer resident of Franklin.

Renowned Painter. GEORGE CALEB BINGHAM, artist, was reared in two adjoining counties but, when 16, was apprenticed to a Boonville cabinetmaker and did much of his early art while residing in Cooper County. He married a Boonville girl, Miss Elizabeth Hutchison. Before the wedding he built with his own hands a brick house in Arrow Rock for their dwelling. Later, he studied in Philadelphia and in Europe, chiefly in Dusseldorf. Interested in politics and river life, he served in the Missouri Legislature and painted story canvases including

"The County Election", "Stump Orator", "Jolly Flatboatsmen", "Fur Traders Descending the Missouri", "Raftsmen Playing Cards", "The Verdict of the People", "Canvassing for a Vote" and his widely copied "Order Number 11".

*Immortalized Hound.* GEORGE GRAHAM VEST, Boonville lawyer and United States Senator from Missouri, an orator of great power, is best remembered for his courtroom "Eulogy on the Dog". He was a law partner of James W. Draffen. Senator Vest has no

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descendants in Cooper County. Mrs. Fred Pigott of Boonville is a daughter of Mr. Draffen and the following sons survive him. Edward Draffen, New York City; Wellington and Martin T. Draffen both of Los Angeles; and Frank D. Draffen, Boonville.

His Life Is Renewed in Childhood. PAUL WHITLEY, deceased, a resident of Cooper County in pioneer times, left an estate of about \$13,000 interest from which is used to help educate poor white children of Moniteau township, Cooper County.

# THE NOTED AND DISTINGUISHED OF RECENT GENERATIONS.

He Built Institutions and Inspired Men to Greatness. COLONEL THOMAS ALEXANDER JOHNSTON, deceased, a Cooper Countian by birth, education and life-long residence, is best remembered in Boonville as builder of Kemper. It has been continuously on the War Department's honor roll of the leading 10 military schools since the designation was started in 1914. Next, Colonel Johnston in known as the leading builder of a highway bridge across the Missouri and for saving a bank. Although he was not legally responsible, he jeopardized his fortune to put up cash and assume frozen assets.

Nationally, Colonel Johnston is best known as the teacher who moulded the character of the late Will Rogers. Thousands of successful men give similar credit.

Relatives of the late Colonel Johnston well known in the vicinity include four children: Mrs. A. M. Hitch, Colonel R. A. Johnston, and Major H. C. Johnston of Boonville and Mrs. R. J. Foster of Washington, D.C.; a sister, Mrs. William Hurt, east of Boonville; a brother, James Ewing Johnston, of Denver; five grandchildren: Charles and Tom Hitch, now in England, Captain William Johnston of Boonville, Mrs. Marjorie Beaver of Chicago and Mrs. Curtis Reeves of St. Louis; three great grandchildren: Frances Evelyn and Nancy Rea Johnston of Boonville and Georgann Beaver of Chicago; four nieces: Mrs. Carrie Kapp of Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. James W. Farris of Boonville, and Mrs. Luther Swarner and Miss Margaret C. Hurt of near Boonville, and a grandnephew, James William Farris of Boonville.

An Immigrant Boy Who Became Lieutenant Governor. HON. JACOB F. GMELICH, native of Germany who located in Boonville in 1860, when 20 years old and remained a resident of Cooper County until his death 54 years later, served Missouri as state treasurer from 1905 to 1909, and as lieutenant governor during the splendid administration of Governor Herbert S. Hadley. Governor Gmelich, a Union veteran of the Civil War, a merchant bank president and four times mayor of Boonville, contributed in many ways to success of the Hadley administration.

Descendants of Governor Gmelich well known in Boonville include his daughter, Mrs. Louise Schmidt, of Boonville, three grandchildren: A. J. Schmidt, of Boonville, Mrs. Alexander J. Stephens of Minneapolis and Lieutenant Maximilian Schmidt of the U. S. Navy; and four great-grandchilden: Randolph and Gertrude Schmidt of Boonville and Russell and Adda Louise Stephens of Minneapolis.

A Supreme Court Justice. JUDGE WILLIAM MUIR WILLIAMS, deceased, a native of Boonville, served Missouri as a justice of the Supreme Court. He also was president of the board of managers of the Missouri Reformatory from its establishment until his death and was State Grand Master of Missouri Masons. Surviving Judge Williams are his widow and six children: Mrs. Bessie Cosgrove, Muskogee, Oklahoma; Judge Roy D. Williams, Boonville; Mrs. H. M. Taliaferro, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Mrs. T. Smith Simrall, Boonville; Mrs. T. E. Troxell, Columbia, Missouri; and Mrs. Scott Wilson, St. Louis.

Fifth Governor From This Vicinity. LON V. STEPHENS, of Boonville, Missouri's chief executive from 1897 to 1901, was a Cooper Countian by birth, education and residence.

World's Most Beloved Humorist. WILL ROGERS, actor, writer, humorist and lariat-twirling philosopher, got most of his book learning during three years at Kemper Military School in Boonville, 1896 to 1898. He was profoundly influenced by his master, the late Colonel T. A. Johnston, to whom he often paid tribute. Will was as wild a little Indian as ever came from the Territory to Kemper. Teachers then didn't think the education he was exposed to took. But this last school Will attended became a stabilizing and vital force, deepening his great character. Cooper County claims him by education.

A World Journalist. WALTER WILLIAMS, deceased, native of Boonville, founded the first and foremost school of journalism in the

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world and was its dean for more than a quarter century, until his death in 1935. Although not a college or university graduate, he served with distinctions as president of the University of Missouri the last few years of his life, at the same time also being dean of his school of journalism there. He led in forming a World Press Congress and was its first president. He sowed himself and his ideals through his graduates throughout the world, a vital influence for international understanding and world peace. His "Journalist's Creed" inspires loftiest endeavors for service to mankind through a free press and honest handling of the news. Relatives in Cooper County include Judge Roy D. Williams, a nephew, and Mrs. T. Smith Simrall, a niece both of Boonville.

Federal Official in Alaska. LOUIS WILLIAMS, deceased, a native of Boonville, was United States commissioner and U. S. marshal of the Territory of Alaska. He was an uncle of Judge Roy D. Williams and of Mrs. T. Smith Simrall, both of Boonville. A daughter, Miss Mary Williams, lives in Kansas City.

Indian General. BLACKHAWK, a Sac brave who lived in the east part of the present Cooper County in 1810, when the first white settlers arrived, became a chief and an English general during the second war with England from 1812 to 1815, and was a national thorn in the flesh in 1832, when his Blackhawk War spread over much of the Mississippi Valley. Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis were among the volunteers who fought Chief Blackhawk's tribesmen. The two Cole families, first settlers in Cooper County, stimulated Blackhawk's early desire to attain white culture.

A Confederate Captain. AUGUSTUS L. ZOLLINGER, deceased, a native of Cooper County, commanded a company of Confederate cavalry during the Civil War and distinguished himself for gallantry in many engagements. Relatives well known in Cooper County include three nephews, Walt and Eugene Windsor of Boonville and Dr. Norman M. Windsor of St. Louis; a daughter, Mrs. Alma Ferguson, of Columbia, Missouri, and two grandnephews, John H. Windsor of Boonville and Wilbur C. Windsor of Tyler, Texas, and Windsor Place, Cooper County. Mrs. Fogle of Otterville, widow of Conrad Zollinger, is a daughter-in-law.

# IMPORTANT HONORS TO COOPER COUNTIANS.

He has Headed National groups of Educators. COLONEL ARTHUR MARTIN HITCH, president and superintendent of Kemper Military School, is a past president of the American Association of Junior Colleges and of the Association of Military Colleges and Schools of the United States and a past vice-president of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. He has resided in Boonville for 36 years. Relatives include two sons, Charles Johnston Hitch, instructor in Queens College, Oxford University, England, and Thomas Hitch student at the University of London, England.

National Agricultural Leader. DEWITT C. WING, native of Lamine township, Cooper County, who started a journalistic career as editor for Colonel W. F. Switzler of THE MISSOURI DEMOCRAT, was for 26 years editor of the BREEDERS GAZETTE, Chicago, and then of the RURAL NEW YORKER, New York City. He now is an information specialist for the Federal Agricultural Adjustment Administration. He owns a ranch in New York State. He is a brother of Mrs. L. I. Shuck of Boonville and of the late O. K. Wing, who was secretary-treasurer of the Phillips Petroleum Corporation, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, and a member of the board of directors.

A State Official. LESLIE RUDOLPH, native of Cooper County and a son of Adam Rulolph, was warden of the Missouri penitentiary at Jefferson City during the Baker and Caulfield administrations and was a member of the state penal board.

A Leader in State Affairs. GEORGE B. HARLAN, Pilot Grove publisher for the past 21 years, was superintendent of the Confederate Home at Higginsville, Missouri, during the administration of Governor Henry S. Caulfield, managed the campaign of Jesse W. Barrett for the Republican nomination for governor in 1936, and, as Cooper County's representative in the state legislature distinguished himself as a correspondent writing a weekly letter reporting the session. Mr. and Mrs. Harlan have two sons; Ridge, attending the University of Missouri, and Lane, in high school.

Representative in Congress. JOHN COSGROVE, deceased, long a Boonville attorney, was representative in the national house of representatives one term, from 1883 to 1885. He also had many local distinctions. He and the late Colonel T. A. Johnston were largely responsible for building Boonville's highway bridge. Colonel Cosgrove also was a charter stockholder of leader in forming electric, gas and water companies for Boonville and made possible the first paving of Main street and establishment of a sewerage system by agreeing to buy the tax bills at 100 cents on the dollar. Relatives well known in this community include a daughter and two sons; Miss Gertrude Cosgrove, New York; James Warder Cosgrove, Muskogee and Tulsa, lawyer; and Daniel W. Cosgrove, who holds a government position at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Four Prominent in One Family. CHARLES G. MILLER, deceased, former city clerk of Boonville, served several terms on the finance committee of the Grand Lodge, and as Grand Lodge trustee, Knights of Pythias. He was

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one of the earlier pupils at Kemper Family School. His son, Edwin B. Miller, outstanding publisher at Plainview, Texas, is the father of two daughters, Misses Jane and Jo Ann, who are achieving on the New York stage. Both girls appeared in Harry Bannister's show.

State and National Pythian Honors. REV. A. B. JACKSON of Jefferson City, former resident of Bell Air, has been grand chancellor for the Missouri Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and now is a member of the Supreme Lodge, the national governing body.

Two Districts Elect Him Often. W. L. NELSON, native of Cooper County who owns the old home farm near Bunceton where he was born and reared, represented the old eighth district of Missouri in the national congress of 10 of the 14 years from 1919 to 1933. In November, 1934, he was elected from the new second district of Missouri. Representative Nelson also was one of the first rural weekly editors in the United States to regularly feature farm and livestock news. Relatives well known in Cooper County include Edgar C. Nelson and T. A. Nelson of Boonville, L. O. Nelson and Clyde T. Nelson, of Bunceton and A. J. Nelson, of Syracuse, all brothers.

Provided a Highway Bridge. J. HENRY GUNN, twice senator from the fourteenth district of Missouri, fathered legislation providing for a State Highway Number 5 bridge across the Lake of the Ozarks. Senator Gunn is president of the Bank of Otterville.

*Recognition From Surgeons.* DR. W. E. STONE of Boonville is the first Cooper County surgeon to be elected to a fellowship in the American College of Surgeons, an honor attained after High professional achievement in the field of surgery.

A Leader in Education. LOUIS A. EUBANK, a native of Otterville, is dean of the State Teachers College at Kirksville, Missouri. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Eubank of Otterville.

A Head in a State Institution. DR. ROBERT E. HOWLETT, deceased, a resident of Otterville nearly all of his long life, was a surgeon in the Confederate army and later physician at the Confederate Home at Higginsville, Missouri. Relatives in this section include Addie Nolton Howlett, a daughter, and A. N. Howlett, a son, both of Otterville.

*Headed State Group.* DR. O. W. COCHRAN, a Cooper Countian for many years and now probate judge, has served as president of the Missouri State Association of Probate Judges. His relatives in Cooper County include three

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children: Mrs. Frank Bornhauser, Mrs. E. C. Oerly and Samuel Victor Cochran.

Former Congressman. DORSEY W. SHACKLEFORD, deceased, of Jefferson City, who represented the old eighth district of Missouri in the congress of the United States for many years, originally lived in Cooper County and practiced law in Boonville. He was father of the Federal road law providing for U. S. participation in cost of state highway projects federally approved. His sponsorship of the bill won him the nickname "Dollar Bill" Shackleford. John Shackleford of Pilot Grove is a nephew.

Banker and Industrialist. GROVER C. WEYLAND, of Racine Wisconsin, a native of Boonville and son of George A. Weyland of Boonville, is president of the American Trade and Trust Bank of Racine. Formerly he was president of the J. I. Case Plow Company. When it was merged with the Massey-Harris Company, he became president of the Massey-Harris Company, later resigning that position to become president of the American Trade and Trust Bank.

Lawyers of Missouri Honor Him. JOHN H. WINDSOR of Boonville, a Cooper Countian by birth, education and residence, has received important distinctions in peace and war. He was elected president of the Missouri Prosecuting Attorneys Association for 1926. He is now a member of the bar committee of the fourteenth judicial circuit, a disciplinary committee, appointed by the supreme court. As a captain in the World War he was appointed judge advocate for his division. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri, LL. B., '12.

Besides his family, including three children Joan, Betty and John H. Windsor Jr., other near relatives well known in Boonville include his mother, Mrs. Anna Cunningham Windsor, of Boonville; his brother, Wilbur C. Windsor, Tyler, Texas; and two uncles, Walter Benton Windsor and Eugene Allison Windsor, of Boonville.

England Honors a Boonville Boy. CHARLES JOHNSTON HITCH, who at the age of 25 has A.B., A.M. and Ph.D. degrees is a professor of economics in Queens College, Oxford University, in England. He is a Cooper Countian by birth, rearing and earlier education. The maternal branch of his family has almost a century of residence in the county. He attended public schools and Kemper Military School in Boonville and the University of Arizona and Harvard. He was a Rhodes Scholar.

Professor Hitch is a grandson of the late Colonel T. A. Johnston and Mrs. Caroline Rea Johnston. He is a son of Colonel and Mrs. A. M. Hitch of Boonville. Other relatives in Boonville include Colonel R. A. Johnston and Major H. C. Johnston, uncles, and Captain William Johnston, a cousin. He also has a brother Tom, a student in the University of London.

Head of Missouri Masons. GUY C. MILLION of Boonville has served as Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri, and also as Grand Patron of the Order of Eastern Star of Missouri.

Heads Relief Program. GOVERNOR WALLACE CROSSLEY, formerly lieutenant governor of Missouri and a native of Cooper County, born at Bell Air, was federal fuel administrator during the World War, member of the State Constitutional Convention, 1922-23, and now is director of Missouri's federal relief program. He also is highly successful as owner and publisher of the Warrensburg Star-Journal.

Many Honors. JUDGE ROY D. WILLIAMS, native of Boonville where he resides, was

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chairman of the Missouri State Tax Commission during the Gardner administration and later was commissioner of the Kansas City Court of Appeals. He is a lecturer in the Kansas City School of Law and a trustee of the Missouri State Historical Society.

Relatives well known in Cooper County include his mother, Mrs. W. M. Williams, a widow of a former supreme judge of Missouri, and five sisters: Mrs. Bessie Cosgrove, Muskogee; Mrs. H. M. Taliaferro, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Mrs. T. Smith Simrall, Boonville; Mrs. D. C. Troxell, Columbia; and Mrs. Scott Wilson, St. Louis.

A Missionary. THE REV. JOHN McARTHUR, of Punjab, India, and a native of Cooper County, has been preaching and practicing Christianity before Hindus for more than 30 years. His wife is the former Laura Celland. They have three children: Jan, Harvey and Kenneth. Rev. McArthur is a brother of Dan McArthur, president of the Bank of Speed.

*Inventor.* THOMAS KIRSCHMANN, a native Cooper Countian, invented the self-tying haybaler, the cyclone "stacker" on threshers, the ouija board and improvements on the steam engine. He has many relatives in the vicinity of Prairie Home.

*Political Writer.* S. A. O'NEAL, native of Blackwater who was reared in Boonville where he was graduated from high school, is THE ST. LOUIS STAR-TIMES' Washington correspondent. He started on the sports desk. Relatives well known in Cooper County include his mother, Mrs. S. A. O'Neal; an aunt, Mrs. W. N. Embry, and an uncle, E. B. Reynolds, all of Boonville; a sister, Mrs. H. C. Minard, Houston, Texas, and four uncles, Lee and Silas O'Neal, Blackwater; G. B. Reynolds, Excelsior Springs; and E. E. Reynolds, Dallas, Texas.

U. S. Army and Navy and French Honor His Gallantry. ORR V. LOTSPIECH, of Boonville, route 3, received the French Medille Militaire and Croix de Guerre with palm and star, the Distinguished Service Cross of the U. S. Army and the Navy Cross for conspicuous gallantry in action on a number of occasions while he was assigned to liaison and reconnaissance duties from January to July, 1918, in Belleau Wood and about Soissons. Mr. Lotspiech is unmarried. Relatives well known in Cooper County include his mother, Mrs. Addie Lotspiech and his brother, Roy, who reside with him; a brother, Ray, Clinton, Missouri; and a sister, Mrs. Hunter Smith, Prairie Home. His father was the late C. H. Lotspiech. Orr was a marine loaned by the navy to the army for service on the Western front

Cinderella's Dream Home Comes True, SAM T. STEINMETZ, a Cooper Countian by birth and education, during his presidency of the Denver Real Estate Exchange, originated the idea of a Cinderalla House, a \$25,000 enterprise which his leadership in and out of his organization made possible of materialization. The plan won the whole-hearted support not only of realtors, material dealers and the building trades but also of picture show, grocers and many others. It brought a revival in building and increased appreciation of homes. Mr. Steinmetz owns the Small Homes Company in Denver.

Among Mr. Steinmetz's relatives well known in Cooper and Howard Counties are: Louis Roeder, an uncle; and Mrs. Gillis Windsor, George Huber and Minnie Huber, cousins, all of Boonville; Mrs. Augusta Manger, an aunt, of New York City; Mrs. William Meyer, an aunt nearly 100 years old, of Glasgow; and a sister, Mrs. Alice Spieler, of Denver.

Nation's Oil Men Recognize Him. WILBUR C. WINDSOR of Tyler, Texas, a Cooper Countian by birth and education, in the fall of 1935 received the unsolicited honor of election to the board of directors of the Independent Petroleum Association of America. He is one of the big independent operators in the central and east Texas fields. Many honors have come to him in the city and state of his adoption. He also owns the home of his boyhood, Windsor Place, comprising more than a section of highly improved and richly productive Cooper County land where blooded saddle horses and herds of Herfords bid fair to bring him further national recognition.

Relatives in this vicinity include his mother, Mrs. Anna Cunningham Windsor; his brother, John H. Windsor; and two uncles, Walter Benton Windsor and Eugene Allison Windsor, all of Boonville.

Helped Consolidate Colleges. DR. J. E. McDONALD, pastor of Nelson Memorial Church, Boonville, was a member of the conference committee that merged all Methodist institutions of higher learning in Missouri into one strong school, Central College, at Fayette. He also served many years on the board of Scarritt-

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-Morrisville College, of Central College at Lexington, of Kansas City University and of the Advocate Publishing Company at Memphis and as trustee for the Western Methodist Assembly. He also delivered weekly radio sermons for four years over WOS while pastor in Jefferson City. Relatives include two sons, John Rush McDonald, Jefferson City, and Huston McDonald, Lexington. The latter married Miss Mary Blakey of Boonville; a small granddaughter, Susan Mary McDonald, is of Jefferson City.

Headed State Department. DR. H. D. QUIGG, five times mayor of Boonville, was superintendent of the Missouri Colony for the Feeble Minded at Marshall during the administration of Governor Herbert S. Hadley. Dr. and Mrs. Quigg have one son, H. D. Quigg, Jr., with the Cleveland Bureau of the United Press Association.

High Pythian Honors. WILLIAM MITTTELBACH, deceased, for many years a Boonville druggist, was long honored on the finance committee of the Knights of Pythias Grand Lodge of Missouri. He was honored locally for his many years service as secretary of the Boonville Board of Education and for leadership in restoration of Boonville's city cemetery and improvement of rural cemeteries of Cooper County. His widow and a daughter, Mrs. Lenore Durland, reside in Boonville. Miss Leola Mittelbach, another daughter, teaches in Kansas City.

In Mathematics and Military. LIEUTENANT W. F. H. GODSON, JR., who attended Kemper Military School in 1909 and 1910, and whose father was professor of military science and tactics at Kemper, has attained prominence in teaching. A graduate of West Point, he was professor of military science and tactics at Bordentown Military Institute, Bordentown, New Jersey, and headed the mathematics department at Chestnut Hill Academy. He now is head of mathematics at Glen-Nor High School, in a Philadelphia suburb, and recently was elected to Phi Delta Kappa, honor society for graduate students. He has earned degrees of Master of Science and Doctor of Education at Temple University.

Rehabilitated Boys. COLONEL ALBERT G. BLAKEY, native of Cooper County, was superintendent of the Missouri Reformatory for Boys at Boonville during the administration of Governor Frederick D. Gardner and was a member of the state penal board during the regime of Governor Arthur M. Hyde. Colonel Blakey emphasized play, work and Christianity, and accomplished much toward reformation of inmates. Mrs. Hillard Selck, Boonville, and Mrs. Robert Jewett, Prairie Home, are daughters, and Mary Jewett, Prairie Home, and Hillard Selck, Jr., Boonville, are grandchildren.

Chairman of A State Department. EDGAR C. NELSON of Boonville, a native of Cooper County, is chairman of the Missouri Workmen's Compensation Commission. While editor of THE BOONVILLE ADVERTISER he originated an annual rural life edition in magazine form which has won wide acclaim for quality of content and attractive presentation. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have one daughter, Miss Edwina Nelson, of Boonville.

Gold Medal for Saving a Life. W. T. ROWE, native of Boonville, was awarded a gold medal in Washington, D. C., in May, 1936, by the National School Boy Patrol, for his rescue of Robert Cole, on roller skates, who fell in front of an oncoming motor car in Boonville,

Mr. Rowe is a son of Mrs. William Rowe and her late husband. He is one of seven children, the others being Edwin Rowe, Chicago; Kenneth Rowe, Boonville; Mrs. Paul Souder, Chamois, who was Miss Alverta Rowe; and Mrs. Woodard Hopkins, the former Erna Rowe, and Miss Vera Rowe, both of Boonville.

State and National Recognitions. MRS. MARY ELLIOTT KITT, wife of Paul D. Kitt, prominent attorney at Chillicothe, Missouri, has been Missouri state regent and national vice-president of the Daughters of the American Revolution., She was born, reared and educated in Cooper County and at Christian College, Columbia. She and Mr. Kitt have two sons, Randall R. Kitt and Elliott Kitt.

Mrs. Kitt is a granddaughter of Henry Elliott and a great-granddaughter of Jordan O'Bryan, mentioned elsewhere in this chapter. She is a sister of Henry Elliott and Judge Miles Elliott, prominent in St. Joseph, Missouri, and both natives of Cooper County.

Officer for State Group. E. A. WILLIAMS, Boonville postmaster, during his incumbency as secretary of the Boonville Chamber of Commerce was secretary of the Association of Missouri Commercial Secretaries. He also achieved important objectives in the Boonville Chamber. Committees from similar bodies visited Boonville to study methods employed. Mr. Williams was secretary of the

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county relief and re-employment committee, appointed by Wallace Crossley, state director. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have a son and two daughters, Charles, Lois and Barcia Jane Williams.

Heads New York Commission. D. WALKER WEAR, a former resident of Boonville, is chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission as its senior member. He is a power in Empire State Politics. He is also president of

the Stow Manufacturing Company, Inc. He started his career as a Boonville newspaper reporter and correspondent.

Financier and Civic Leader. EUGENE EARLE AMICK of Kansas City, native of Cooper County and formerly a Boonville banker, is a prominent Kansas City financier and community worker. He was chairman of the general charities drive for Kansas City that raised more than a million and a quarter dollars in 1930 and is now chairman of the Jackson County Relief Committee.

Relatives well known in cooper County include his mother, Mrs. Alice G. Amick, and an aunt, Mrs. Mary E. Zeigle, both of Bunceton.

Poetry and Advertising. PAULINE BENNETT SLOAN, who was born and reared on a farm south of Boonville and who was graduated from Boonville High School, is a copy writer in the Johnston Advertising Agency in Dallas, has published a volume of poetry, "Random Rhymes" and her verse has been published by newspapers and magazines in the United States and Mexico. Beautiful sentiment and a vein of quaint humor give her works marked individuality.

Decorated. J. CLEM DAVIS, deceased, long a resident of Boonville, was cited and decorated for gallantry under fire in the Argonne. As mess sergeant he daily brought through supplies to his company, caught in enemy cross-fire and harassed by a barrage from American artillery while communications were broken. Relatives well known in Cooper County include three brothers: Charles Davis, Gruber, Texas; and Warren Davis and George Davis of Boonville, and two sisters, Mrs. Bessie Mills, Neosho; and Mrs. J. S. Cobb, Salem.

Heads Missouri's Master Bakers. BEN H. TROUT, Boonville wholesale baker, was elected in October, 1935, as president of the Missouri Master Bakers Association. He has been a director in the state association for some time. He has been president of the North Missouri Bakers Club for the past two years. Mr. and Mrs. Trout have four children: Donald and Misses Mable Arlene, Marianne and Patricia Ellen.

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*On International Committee.* GEORGE WADE MORRIS, of Boonville, is a member of the vocational committee of Kiwanis International, an honor accorded in recognition of his work in vocational guidance in the Boonville Schools and as a member of the Boonville Kiwanis Club, of which he is a past president.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris have three daughters: Misses Helen and Georgia of Boonville, and Mrs. J. Emil Summers of Brainerd, Minnesota, formerly Miss Mildred Morris, Boonville.

Prominent Judge. WILLIAM HARRISON MARTIN, deceased, Boonville lawyer, was the first Republican ever elected judge of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit of Missouri, and is believed to have been the first Republican ever to sit on the circuit benches of Howard and Randolph counties which are outside the fourteenth circuit. Judge Martin's brilliant mind, judicial temperament and deep humanity made him widely popular and greatly beloved. Relatives well known in this community include his widow, Mrs. F. R. Smiley, Boonville, and five sons: Winters H. Martin, Boonville attorney; Robert H. Martin, furniture merchant at Windsor; John T. Martin, Sedalia attorney; and W. K. Martin and Richard L. Martin, with the Missouri Power & Light Company in Jefferson City.

Decorated by France. CAPTAIN J. S. GALLAND, a former resident of Boonville and instructor at Kemper Military School, was awarded the Cross of the Legion of Honor by the president of France. Captain Galland is now dean of romance languages at Northwestern University, Chicago. He has translated for publication many French and Spanish books. Mrs. Galland is a native of Boonville, the former Miss Margaret Michels, sister of Henry Michels, of Boonville.

Headed a State Board. DR. LAWRENCE S. GEIGER, a native of Cooper County, was chairman of the Missouri State Board of Optometry during the administration of Governor Henry S. Caulfield. Relatives well known in Cooper County include: Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Geiger, his parents; Noble Geiger and Robert Geiger, brothers, all of Boonville; John Geiger of Denver and Charles Geiger, St. Louis, brothers; and Mrs. Fred Miller, Boonville, and Mrs. John Payne, Nashville, sisters. Nephews and a niece are: Lloyd Elliott Geiger and Lionel Meyer Geiger and Robert Geiger, Jr., and Billie Geiger, all of Boonville; Charles Allen Geiger, St. Louis; and John Payne, Jr. and Mary Margaret Payne, Nashville.

*Prominent Educator.* DEAN THEODORE WILLIAM HENRY IRION of the School of Education at the University of Missouri and director of summer sessions, is a former resident of Cooper County. He formerly was principal of Boonville High School.

National, State and Local Honors. O. F. KELLEY, president of the Boonville Mills Company, was a director of the Millers' National Federation, 1932-33; president of the Missouri Millers' Club for several years; director in the Missouri River Navigation Association for several years; a Missouri State Fair commissioner, 1925-26; and a director in the Missouri State Chamber of Commerce for several years. In 1917, he organized the first Home Guard Company in Central Kansas. It became the nucleus for a regiment. Mr. Kelley also has held many key positions in Boonville, including city councilman and chairman in charge of construction of the Boonville highway bridge approach, member and treasurer of the Boonville School Board from 1925 to the present, president of the Chamber of Commerce, 1927-28; and president of the Kiwanis Club 1925-27.

Pioneer and Patriot. CAPTAIN GEORGE BRANCH HARPER, who settled in Cooper County in 1839, with his brothers, Dr. John Peterson Harper and Thomas Burwell Thweatt Harper, fitted up a caravan in Boonville in 1849, and traveled overland to California in the gold rush. He returned to Boonville in 1855, and engaged in the drug business with another brother, James William Harper, and in 1859 was employed in the Boonville branch of the Bank of St. Louis. At outbreak of the Civil War he entered the Confederate Army as captain, fought in all the battles in which his regiment was engaged throughout the war and was severely wounded at Wilson Creek. He was promoted to colonel near close of the war but his commission was intercepted by Federal lines. After the war he was a broker in St. Louis, a banker at Pleasant Hill and later treasurer of Cooper County. The Confederate camp of Cooper County was named for him. He is buried in Walnut Grove cemetery in Boonville. He died July 8, 1895.

A prominent Educator. J. C. MILLER, dean of the faculty at Northwest Missouri Teachers College, Maryville, formerly was on the staff at the University of Missouri, and for seven years was dean and one year acting president of Christian College, Columbia. He declined the presidency of the college to accept his

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present position. He was superintendent of schools at Otterville for several years and is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Harlan, of Otterville.

A Gifted Lawyer. JAMES WARDER COSGROVE, "Ward" in Boonville where he was born and reared, is an eminent railroad and corporation attorney in Muskogee and Tulsa. He is a son of John W. Cosgrove, deceased, leading Boonville citizen who represented his district in Congress and was a leader in every public enterprise of his generation, including the highway bridge across the Missouri at Boonville.

On Important Mission. DR. JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, a native of Cooper County and an assistant professor in the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Missouri, went during the summer of 1936, with a Canadian government survey group to Hudson Bay, Baffin Land and Ellesmere Island to study natural resources and living conditions of Eskimos. This supplements other surveys made by Dr. Adams in southern Alaska, Hudson Bay basin and Newfoundland.

A General Electric Executive. HARDAGE LANE ANDREWS, a native of Boonville, is vice-president of the General Electric Company, with offices in New York. He is a son of the late Colonel Charles Edward Andrews, for many years a prominent financier, industrialist, land owner and head of an oil and gas company.

Postoffice Inspector in Charge. CHARLES W. PFAFFENBERGER, born and educated in Boonville where he entered the United States Postal Service as a city letter carrier in June, 1908, was appointed postoffice inspector, January 16, 1917, and assigned to the Denver division. While there he served as acting postmaster at Pueblo and on special assignments in Washington, D. C. Effective July 1, 1934, he was promoted to postoffice inspector in charge of the San Francisco division, with supervision over all postoffice inspectors, postmasters, employees, mail contractors and masters, employees, mail contractors, and operations of the postal service in Arizona, California, Nevada, and on the islands of Guam, Hawaii and Samoa.

He is a son of the late Reverend E. W. Pfaffenberger, of Boonville. His mother, formerly Miss Sophia Otten, daughter of John Otten, deceased, of Boonville, resides with her two daughters, Mrs. Laurence (Emma) White and Mrs. Milton (Martha) Hoberecht, in Boonville. Another daughter of Mrs. Pfaffenberger, Mrs. Donald Gordon, Long Beach, California, formerly was Miss Alice Pfaffengerger.

*Prominent Public Servant.* MILES ELLIOTT, of St. Joseph, a former police judge and city attorney of Boonville, also has been accorded many other honors. He has been official reporter for the thirty-sixth judicial circuit of Missouri, with office at Chillicothe, probate judge of Livingston County and city counselor of the City of St. Joseph. Born, reared and educated in Cooper County, he is a grandson of Henry Elliott and a great-grandson of Jordan O'Bryan, both deceased and both mentioned in this chapter.

A Giant for Jehovah. JOSEPH F. RUTHERFORD, a native of Missouri and a Boonville lawyer who practiced in his home state 18 years, became a member of the New York Bar in 1910, and served as special judge in important cases. A close student of the Bible, he delivered a religious lecture in the Stephens Opera House, now the Lyric Theater, while still a resident of Boonville.

He is an independent, undenominational Christian, his only creed being the Bible. Since 1917, he has been president of the *International Bible Students Association* and of *The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society*, publishers of Jehovah's Witnesses, an important and world-wide Christian organization.

Judge Rutherford has written numerous Bible commentaries which have exceeded in circulation that of any other writer--more than 200 million, translated into 70 languages. A consistent broadcaster, he often uses 240 radio stations simultaneously to carry his messages instantly to practically all countries of the earth. His addresses also are reproduced on phonograph records.

Mrs. Rutherford is the former Miss Mary Fetzer, of Boonville. Her father, Dr. Fetzer, built business buildings in the Fetzer Block on Main street, Boonville. Judge and Mrs. Rutherford have one son, Malcolm.

A United States Senator. HARRY L. MYERS, a native of Boonville, now a resident of Billings, has served as United States senator from Montana, and a justice of the supreme court of that state. He is an outstanding lawyer and a noted orator.

A State Officer for Masons. MAJOR HARRIS CECIL JOHNSTON of Boonville was Grand Pursuivant

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and now is Junior steward in the Grand Lodge of Missouri, A. F. & A. M. He also holds many positions of trust locally and as manager of athletics at Kemper Military School, Boonville, has developed many stars of reginal magnitude.

Aided Missouri Taxpayers. HILLAIRD SELCK, Cooper County collector, was president of the Missouri County Collectors' Association for four years and helped a committee of senators and representatives draft legislation to reduce tax penalties on farms and real estate. Relatives well known in Cooper County include: his mother, Mrs. Fred Selck, and a son Hillard Selck, Jr., Boonville; three brothers: Albert Selck, Boonville, and William and Harry Selck, of Wooldridge; and two sisters, Mrs. Fred Neef, Houstonia; and Mrs. Teel Adair, Larkspur, Colorado.

Commands a Regiment. COLONEL R. A. JOHNSTON, of Boonville, on January 16, 1936, became regimental commander as well as executive officer of the 128th Field Artillery, Missouri National Guard. He had been lieutenant colonel from January 10, 1924, until advanced to regimental commander in 1936. At the insistence of William A. Raupp, Johnston organized the National Guard in Boonville after the World War. He has had many local distinctions, including being mayor of Boonville and president and secretary-manager of the Boonville Chamber of Commerce for several terms, and presiding judge Cooper County Court. He has many important business connections. Relatives well known in Cooper County include two sisters, Mrs. A. M. Hitch, Boonville, and Mrs. R. J. Foster, Washington, D. C.; a brother, Major H. C. Johnston, Boonville; and a son Captain William Johnston, Boonville. Colonel T. A. Johnston, deceased, builder of Kemper Military School, Boonville, was his father.

Was Receiver for Five National Banks at Once. WILLIAM L. KOENIG, native of Cooper County and a former county collector, served the United State Treasury Department as receiver for five national banks, one each in Boonville, Versailles and Windsor and two in Sedalia. He paid large dividends to depositors in times of general financial stringency, yet did not force liquidation burdensome to borrowers. Relatives well known in Cooper County include two brothers, George W. Koenig, Chicago, and Lon V. Koenig, Los Angeles, executives for the International Harvester Company, and who are mentioned in this chapter.

Much Foreign Service. DR. ALFRED J. ASELMEYER of the United States Public Health Service, now stationed at the quarantine station, Gallops Island, Boston, has served the department in Poland, Italy, Alaska, and Czechoslovakia. His mother, Mrs. Herman Aselmeyer, is a resident of Boonville, Dr. Aselmeyer is a native of Cooper County.

Handles Advertising in Spanish. GEORGE E. KENDALL, former resident of Boonville and son of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Kendall, Boonville, handles advertising in Spanish, Portuguese and Russian, and edits house organs for the International General Electric Co., Inc., Schenectady, New York. George Kendall has three brothers, Forrest, Joe, and Charles, and a sister Miss Martha.

Attorney General. JOHN UNDERWOOD, deceased, was attorney general of Colorado, at the time of his death. He was prominent in the Democratic party in that state, and had been frequently spoken of as the next Democratic candidate for governor. As a young man he came to Boonville where he obtained his legal education. He was admitted to the bar in Missouri where he started his legal career. He served one term as treasurer of Cooper County. He left four daughters, one of whom is Willie Underwood, a resident of Boonville.

Supreme Court Judge in Tennessee. D. W. DEHAVEN, a former resident of Cooper County, after serving for ten years as judge of the Chancery Court, at Memphis, was, in January, 1935, appointed an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. In May, 1936, he was nominated by the State Democratic Convention by acclamation to succeed himself in that office. He is without opposition in the general election. He married Anna H. Hays of Bunceton. Relatives in Cooper County are a sister, Mrs. Jessie T. McMahan, and a niece, Mrs. W. L. Abney, both of Blackwater; a nephew, P. B. McMahan, and a grandniece and grandnephew, Miss Ann McMahan and J. T. McMahan, all of Boonville.

She Receives Many Honors. MRS. GUY C. MILLION of Boonville is a past president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy for Missouri. She also is grand electa of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern

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Star of Missouri and is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Honored by Three Governors. COLONEL CLIFF M. HARRISON, former publisher of Boonville daily and weekly newspapers, was superintendent of the Missouri Reformatory of Boys at Boonville during the administrations of Governor Arthur M. Hyde and Governor Sam A. Baker. Colonel Harrison tendered his resignation to Governor Baker's successor, Henry S. Caulfield, who continued Colonel Harrison in the office for 10 months before acting on the resignation.

Colonel Harrison also helped organize and was the first president of the *Republican Editorial Association of Missouri* and is a past president of the *Missouri Press Association*. He also has been accorded numerous local honors, in communities where he resided, including representative in the state legislature from Worth County and thrice postmaster at Gallatin. He presided over the first noonday luncheon in Boonville at which plans for a Missouri river highway bridge were discussed. He was one of three instigators of the meeting that led to U. S. Highway 40 bridge being built.

Writes Humor. WILLIAM MAURICE HARRISON, formerly a resident of Boonville, is on the sports and city desks of *The Kansas City Star* and frequently pinch hits in the literary department, writing paragraphs for *Starbeams*. He writes a weekly column of humor for the Gallatin North Missourian under the nom de plume, *Hon. Null N. Void* and *The Scout*.

High Among School Executives. L. E. ZIEGLER, superintendent of Boonville schools, served one year as chairman of the Missouri group of the Department of Superintendents in the Superintendents' Division of the National Educational Association. He evolved a new system of individual education to fit various types of pupils. It has been widely copied in other schools and is being treated in many new textbooks on teaching. Mr. and Mrs. Ziegler have two children, Ruth Joan and William Leslie.

Officer in Union Army. CAPTAIN ALBERT MUNTZEL, deceased, commanded a company of Federal soldiers during the Civil War. Relatives well known in Cooper County include a daughter, Mrs. George Meyer, and a son, Harry Muntzel, both of Boonville.

Officer in French Military Honor Society. COLONEL JOHN B. BARNES, U. S. Army, retired, of Boonville, is an officer of C'Toille Noir, a branch of the Legion of Honor of France. He also was awarded the Croix de Guerre, with palms, by the French government, and the Distinguished Service Medal by the United States. He has three citations for gallantry in action. He is author of "A Plattsburg Patriot" and of short stories published in several magazines. He formerly was professor of military science and tactics at Kemper Military School in Boonville.

Many Honors. WILLIAM T. PIGOTT, a native of Boonville and a graduate of Kemper Military School, has been accorded many honors in Montana. He has been thrice justice of the Supreme Court, twice appointed, once elected; member of the State Board of Law Examiners, vice-president for Montana of the American Bar Association, president of the Bar Association, member of the State Board of Education and member of the Historical Library Board. Three brothers, Frank W., John and Fred Pigott, reside in and near Boonville.

Detailed in Diplomatic Service. WILLIAM T. PIGOTT, JR., a native of Boonville who attended Kemper Military School from 1901 to 1903, Yale A. B. 1911; is a major in infantry and was assistant military attaché at Tokio, Japan, and at the United States Embassy, London, England, for many years, and until

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retired in September, 1935, because of his health.

Long Service to State Group. EMIL P. NEEF, a native of Cooper County and a Sedalia banker, is assistant secretary of the Missouri State Bankers Association serving thus for 21 consecutive years. Mr. Neff has served seven years as president of the Sedalia Country Club, in 1923 and '24, and from 1930 to 1934 inclusive. He also served as Exalted Ruler of the Sedalia Lodge of Elks for the year 1931-32. Relatives well known in Cooper County include his mother, Mrs. Fred A. Neef, and a brother, Henry C. Neef, both of Boonville, and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. William H. Zeigel, Cleveland, Mississippi, Peter J. Neef, Kansas City attorney; Fred E. Neef, Houstonia, Missouri; and Mrs. William H. Selck, Wooldridge.

Author and Radio Pastor. THE REVEREND FATHER RICHARD FELIX, O. S. B., pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Pilot Grove, is author of six books: "What Is the Catholic Church?", 60,000 sold; "Church or Churches?", "What?", "Psychology and the Sacramental System of the Church", and "The Apostle's Creed". He has delivered extended series of lectures over three radio stations: KFRU, Columbia, Missouri; WHB, Kansas City; and WLWL, New York City. Father Felix has three degrees: A.B., A.M. and B.D. He took his theological work at St. Vincent's Seminary, Latrobe, Pennsylvania; and then attended the Catholic University, Washington, D. C., and Harvard, at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Practice Before U. S. Supreme Court. JOHN L. SWEENEY, corporation lawyer at Winslow, Arizona, on October 4, 1926, was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States. He has a large clientele in Arizona and California. Born at Clifton City, he is a brother of P. D. Sweeney, Boonville, of M. D. Sweeney, Jefferson City, and of Mrs. Thomas L. Fairfax, Mrs. John S. Dove and Mrs. Oscar Dove, all of Clifton City.

*Author*. MRS. J. MAYNARD KEECH, the former Edna McGuire of Bunceton, has sold literary work to several leading magazines, including Atlantic Monthly. She is the wife of the professor of political science at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, and is the mother of a small son, J. Maynard Keech, Jr.

A High Federal Official. FRANK CHAMBERS, JR., a Cooper Countian by birth and education, is an assistant United States attorney in Washington, D. C., to Attorney General Homer S. Cummings. Early in his career he was registrar at the University of Missouri and later was assistant U. S. attorney of the New York district. He has transacted business for the federal government in many states and has been on diplomatic missions to Italy, Germany and France.

Relatives well known in Cooper County include Mrs. Frank Chambers, Sr., Boonville; three sisters: Mrs. Hall Turley, Blackwater; Mrs. Leslie Cowan, Columbia; Miss Alice Chambers, Cameron, Texas; a cousin, Joseph Chambers, Warrensburg; and Miss Lizzie Hayden, an aunt, Boonville.

An Authority on Books. WARD EDWARDS, native of Boonville, was twice president of the Missouri Library Association and was president of the Missouri Library Commission during most of his years on that board from 1918 to 1935.

Mr. Edwards was graduated from Boonville High School in 1896, and received A.B. and A.M. degrees at William Jewell College in 1903 and 1912. He did special work at the University of Pennsylvania in 1912. He taught English at William Jewell from 1903 to 1912, and then was professor of Modern English and librarian there from 1912 to 1922.

He has been librarian at Central Missouri State Teachers College, Warrensburg, since 1922, where he also is chaplain. During the summer of 1918, he was in charge of the American Library Association Library at Camp Funston.

He is the author of "The Parts of Speech" and is co-author with Dr. H. A. Phillips of "The State of Missouri". Mr. and Mrs. Edwards have an extensive library, including many rare collections. He owns 122 copies of Izaak Walton"s "Compleat Angler" and one of the best Walt Whitman collections west of New York. Mrs. Edwards has more than 500 cookery books, including a 1503 Apicius and many volumes printed in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

Educator and Noted Chemist. DR. HENRY WINSTON HARPER, dean emeritus of the Graduate School of the University of Texas where he continues as senior professor of chemistry, has been in every edition of "Who's Who in America" and is listed as one of 175 leading

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chemists in the United States and among 1,000 outstanding men of science. He revised all the dentifrices and cosmetic formulas for the Pond's Extract Company and has investigated clays suitable for fire-brick, the production of lithopane and "blanc-fixa" from barite, and many other materials in commercial chemistry, introducing a floor wax of vegetable origin. His accomplishments for advancement of the race have gone far on many fronts, but he is best known for always wearing a necktie of arterial blood red, noted in O. O. McIntyre's column, and his interest in the movies. John Boles, formerly was his pupil and is a warm admirer. Dr. Harper is universally beloved on the campus at Austin.

Born and reared in Boonville, Dr. Harper started his career in the Howard Drug Store, located for many years where Malone's now is. It was established by his father, James Harper, and an uncle, succeeded by R. H. Howard, all deceased, and was continued by J. A. Howard, son of one of the founders and the father of Mrs. L. L. Chilton, of Boonville, who is a second cousin of Dr. Harper. Miss Eliza Howard, Boonville, is a first cousin.

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State and National Honors. MRS. MARSHALL RUST, Pilot Grove, was state historian of the Missouri D. A. R., 1930-33, and then, because of outstanding accomplishment, received for life the title of Honorary State Historian of Missouri D. A. R. She was national vice-chairman for the preservation of historical spots, 1932-35, and is now serving a second term, 1935-38, on the Arrow Rock Tavern Board. She formerly was Mary Lou Harris, and is a sister of C. J. Harris, also mentioned in this chapter.

Honored With Sam Houston. JUDGE ALEXANDER WATKINS TERRELL, deceased, who grew up in Boonville and was graduated from Kemper Family School, is honored in the Texas statehouse in Austin next to General Sam Houston as "the father of more good laws for Texas than any man living or dead. Judge Terrell was minister to Turkey during the second Cleveland administration, fathered legislation that financed the Texas capitol and endowed the state university, drafted a law making literacy mandatory for jury service and performed many other mighty works. A son, Howard Terrell, married Miss Dora Trent, of Boonville, a twin of Mrs. John Pigott, Boonville. Howard is deceased. His widow resides in Texas.

Lumber and Building Material Merchant. KENNETH J. BALDRIDGE, a former student at Kemper Military School, is vice-president of the Mountain States Lumber Dealers Association, and is active in fraternal, service and commercial groups.

Oklahoma State Official. REFORD BOND, a former student at Kemper Military School, and who is listed in "Who's Who in America", has attained many honors. He attended Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia; and Columbian, now George Washington, University, and the University of Missouri where he received his LL.B degree in 1897. He married Miss Janet Quigley Ware, of Sedalia, Missouri, in 1902. They have one son, Reford.

Mr. Bond successfully represented the Chotaw and Chickasaw nations in cases involving 50 million dollars. He was a member of the Commission of Review and Revision of the constitution of the state of Oklahoma; president of the state election board, was appointed chairman of the co-coordinating board for unifying the system of higher education in Oklahoma, was appointed as special justice of the state supreme court and was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in 1932. He is a member of the Grady County, Oklahoma and American bar associations, of the Chickasha Chamber of Commerce, of Kappa Alpha and Phi Delta Phi, honorary legal fraternity. He is active in the Christian Church and in fraternal orders.

Mr. Bond was appointed corporation commissioner for Oklahoma in 1934. In 1935 he was made chairman of the corporation commission. In 1936 he was nominated for corporation commissioner in the Democratic primaries and received the highest primary vote cast for corporation commissioner in Oklahoma since statehood.

*Indiana State Official.* JOSEPH E. BARCE, a graduate of Kemper Military School, is a deputy attorney general of Indiana, and lives at Fowler, Indiana. He also was state's attorney, 1931-33 for the 73rd judicial circuit of Indiana.

*Has University Chair.* DR. WILLIS H. BOCOCK, a graduate of Kemper Military School, is a professor in the University of Georgia.

Landscape Designer for Highways. HILLARD BREWSTER, a former Boonville resident and student at Kemper Military School, is landscape designer for the Missouri State Highway Department.

*Prominent Teacher.* GAINES T. CARTINHOUR, graduated from Kemper Military School in 1921, is assistant professor of banking and finance in New York University, New York City.

*Military Instructor.* CAPTAIN JOSEPH P. CLELAND of the United States Army, who was graduated from Kemper Military School in 1921, and from the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, now is Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Kemper. He has served in the Philippine Islands and at five posts in the United States.

*In Michigan Politics*. L. MILLER DUNCKEL, who was graduated from Kemper Military School in 1916, now a resident of Three Rivers, Michigan, is a state senator. He also is a past president of the Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce and a member of other civic organizations.

*Representative in Congress.* PHILIP C. FERGUSON, a student at Kemper Military School from 1918 to 1920, now represents the eighth Oklahoma district in Congress.

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In Mathematics and Military. LIEUTENANT W. F. H. GODSON, JR., who attended Kemper Military School in 1909 and 1910, and whose father was professor of military science and tactics at Kemper, has attained prominence in teaching. A graduate of West Point, he was professor of military science and tactics at Bordentown Military Institute, Bordentown, New Jersey, and headed the mathematics department at Chestnut Hill Academy. He now is head of mathematics at Nor-Glen High School, in a Philadelphia suburb, and recently was elected to Phi Delta Kappa, honor society for graduate students.

Heads Oil Men's Association. WILLIAM M. HARRISON, graduated from Kemper Military School in 1909, now a resident of Fort Worth, Texas, is secretary of the Texas Indian and Oil Men's Association and is president of the star Refining Company.

*Promoted in Reserve.* THOMAS S JEWETT, JR., a graduate of Kemper Military School, now prominent in Kansas City, was one of the youngest second lieutenants at the First Officers' Training Camp at Fort Riley, Kansas, 1917, and recently was promoted to lieutenant-colonel in the Military Intelligence Reserve. He is active in the Reserve Officers Club of Kansas City, Missouri, and other service men organizations, is a member of the Masons, Kappa Alpha, and is a member of the National Advertising Department of the Kansas City Star.

Oldest Living Kemper Graduate. ROBERT T. KINGSBURY, New Franklin, Missouri, was graduated from Kemper Military School in 1865, and was the first commercial orchardist to ship from this section. His son, Robert T. Kingsbury, Jr., was made a master farmer for 1930, having as his project 20 acres of apples.

In Public Service and Education. THOMAS CLAFFEY LAVERY, who was born at Liberal, Missouri, in 1893, and was graduated from Kemper Military School in 1912, has received many honors as an educator and a barrister. He is a member of the bar of the District of Columbia and of the state of Ohio, and is a member of the American and Cincinnati bar associations. He has been attorney with the Federal Trade Commission, the Bureau of Internal Revenue and the Board of Tax Appeals at various times. He was professor of law at George Washington University, 1920-23; University of Minnesota, 1924-27; and was Rufus King professor of constitutional law, University of Cincinnati, College of Law, since 1928. He was professor of law at Cornell University at the summer session, 1928. He has been legal adviser to the Tax Commission of Ohio since 1932. He received A.B. and LL.B degrees from George Washington University, Washington, D. C., in 1920 and 1923. He is married and has one son.

Decorated by France. THOMAS AMORY LEE, a graduate of Kemper Military School who served with the 26th U. S. Infantry, First Division, in the World War, was wounded in battle and now is a major, Reserve, U. S. Army. He was decorated with the Silver Star, Order of the Purple Heart, Medaille commemorative of France. He holds A.B. and M.A. degrees from the University of Kansas and an LL.B from Harvard.

Teaches Surgery. MERRILL K. LINDSAY, a graduate of Kemper Military School who now lives in New Haven, Connecticut, is a professor of surgery at Yale University. His background includes studies at Washburn College, Kansas and Columbia universities and the Army medical schools in Pennsylvania and Washington, D. C. He is a member of many medical and patriotic organizations and Masonic orders.

*Instructor, Military Science, Oklahoma.* HENRY BURR PARKER, graduate of Kemper Military School, 1912; now Major, Field Artillery Regular Army, is Senior Instructor, Field Artillery, Oklahoma National Guard; office, State Capitol, Oklahoma City. He served approximately two years in France and Germany, Air Service and Field Artillery. Regular Army since 1916.

His Paintings Bring Recognition. HENRY L. McFEE, a graduate of Kemper Military School, is an artist whose canvases are in many leading galleries and private collections.

Instructs West Pointers. RICHARD K. McMASTER, graduated from Kemper Military School in 1922, is an instructor in the United

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States Military Academy at West Point. He also served in Panama.

Honored by Government. HARRY H. PIGOTT, a native of Boonville and a former student at Kemper Military School, has served as secretary of the Agriculture and Loan Agency and on the War Finance Corporation, and later as managing director of the Helena, Montana, branch of the Federal Agricultural Corporation. He resides in Helena.

*Prominent Californian.* JOHN T. PIGOTT, a native of Boonville, and a graduate of Kemper Military School, is a widely known lawyer in San Francisco, and has received many recognitions.

Authority on Metals. M. CURTIS PIGOTT, a native of Boonville and a graduate of Kemper Military School, is a member of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers and for many years was metallurgist with the American Smelting and Refining Company.

A Kansas Senator. PAYNE H. RATNER, a graduate of Kemper Military School, now a resident of Parson, was elected in 1928, to the Kansas state Senate. He is a prominent lawyer. He was county attorney of Labette County for four years and Federal Court referee in bankruptcy for the third district of Kansas for four years.

Oklahoma tennis champion. JERRY B. SASS, graduated from Kemper Military School in 1924, has won 16 state tennis double titles during the past six years. He is general manager for the General Raolite Corporation and is distributor for the Kinner Airplane and Motor Corporation. He holds a pilot's license and owns and flies his own plane.

Authority on Patent Law. RICHARD SPENCER, graduated from Kemper Military School in 1918, formerly was on the faculty of Northwestern University and then was first assistant commissioner of Patents, Washington, D. C.

In 1936 he resigned, to practice law in Chicago. He has written many articles on patent law, is a member of various boards of law and has received numerous awards for distinguished service in his profession.

*In Federal Service.* WILLIAM H. TRIGG, a native of Boonville and a graduate of Kemper Military School, is an attorney in the office of Solicitor of Internal Revenue, Washington, D. C., where he has been for many years.

Honored by Three Nations. JESSE W. WOOLDRIDGE, a native of Cooper County and a graduate of Kemper Military School, commanded the 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry, 3rd Division, during the World War and received medals and crosses from the United States, France and Italy. He has written many articles, essays, brochures and books on the war and other subjects. Since retiring from the Army, he has been connected with the California National Bank. He resides in Sacramento.

A Federal Judge Named by Cleveland. JOHN R. WALKER, born near Pleasant Green and a student at Kemper Military School in the '60s, was United States District Prosecuting Attorney for the western district of Missouri, appointed by President Grover Cleveland. A son, E. B. Walker of Mobile, Alabama, is a prominent lumber company executive and a graduate of Kemper Military School, and a grandson, E. Brevard Walker, Jr., entered Kemper in September, 1936.

*Prominent Texan.* A. EWING WINSETT, graduated from Kemper Military School in 1914, was captain of the Medical Department Detachment 131, F. A., the Texas National Guard. He is well known as an Amarillo physician. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

## LEADERS IN AGRICULTURE WHO BECAME WIDELY KNOWN.

Developed Fine Saddle Horses. COLONEL THOMAS J. WALLACE, deceased, and his son, A. A. WALLACE, now a Boonville manufacturer and owner of the Wallace ancestral farm near Bunceton, were partners in buying, breeding and developing famous saddle stock. They owned four of the finest stallions in the country; Denmark Chief, not registered, by Faines' Denmark 61; Crigler's Denmark, sometimes called Pat; Blackbird, not registered, by Fayette Denmark 60; and King Chester 294, said to be the greatest saddle and harness stallion by the illustrious Chester Dare 10.

Twice Headed State Association. BEN N. SMITH of Boonville was president two years of the Missouri Farm Management Association. His farm has stood second among the best managed farms in the state. He is a pioneer in liming and erosion control.

Champion Grain Grower. CHRIS SMITH, a Cooper Countian by birth and life-long residence, won the grand championship for a

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single ear of corn and for 10 ears grown in Missouri in 1915. He received the gold medal for blue grass seed and the silver medal for corn at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. He has gotten many other important awards, including second prize in Missouri 5-acre yields in 1915. Relatives include a son, Ben N. Smith, of Boonville; and five daughters, Mrs. H. A. Langkop, Jefferson City; Mrs. Arthur Smith, Bunceton; Mrs. E. H. Fricke, New Franklin; and Mrs. J. W. Roehrs and Mrs. D. N. Hedgpeth, both of Bunceton.

Knows Good Sheep and Beef Cattle. TOM GROVES, native of Cooper County who now operates a livestock and grain farm just outside of Cooper and two miles southeast of Tipton, is nationally known as a breeder and importer of Cotswold and Oxford sheep and has a well known herd of Shorthorns. His animals have taken many prizes at the Missouri State Fair and other shows.

A Hog Worth a Fortune. COLONEL R. L. HARRIMAN, deceased Cooper Countian, in 1920, owned the highest priced Poland China boar in the world, valued at \$10,200. He also was prominent as a Shorthorn breeder.

Made Rare Apples Plentiful. COLONEL C. C. BELL, deceased, life-long resident of Boonville, planted the only orchard in the world producing carlots of Lady Apples, a rare delicacy commanding fancy prices. His plantings were from his own graftings to Ben Davis roots. The orchard still is in its prime. Colonel Bell, long active in public affairs, was on the notification committee for the Republican, national convention that nominated Benjamin Harrison and Whitelaw Reid, and he attained many local distinctions, including mayor of Boonville several terms

and member of the board of education many years. He helped establish Walnut Grove Cemetery and donated to Boonville Bell's View Park.

Besides his widow, he is survived by five children: Mrs. F. Stanley Piper, Bellingham, Washington; Mrs. Roscoe Stewart, Springfield, Missouri; Charles Christian Bell, Jr., Houston, Texas; Mrs. J. H. M. Klinch, Hubbard Woods, Illinois; and John J. Bell, of the home; and six grandchildren: Lawrence Wells Piper, Anna Louise Stewart, Robert Bell Stewart and Jean Stewart, and Frances Bell Klinch and J. H. M. Klinch V.

*Bred \$5,000 Saddle Champion*. TREVOR H. MOORE, at his farm near Speed, bred and trained *Missouri King 2960*, two-year-old champion that also defeated horses of seasoned age. Missouri King was state champion in 1911 and 1912, and was sold for \$5,000. Mr. Moore also bred the great mare, *Pauline Moore*, and others. He bred and developed more great horses than any Missourian his age.

A State Farm Leader. CHRIS OHLENDORF of near Boonville is a member of the state board of the Missouri Farmers Association, serving as a director for many years.

Developed Champion Horseflesh. STEVE SMITH, deceased, resident of Cooper County, owned Royal Cross, 2221, who sired Miss Royal, dam of Spindle Top Chief, who won first in the National Horse Show at Madison Square Garden in 1934 and 1935, and is considered the best gelding in America.

*Grain Seed Specialist.* C. H. E. WALTHER, of Boonville, introduced the first winter barley in the United States and is a pioneer in developing improved varieties of oats and other grains and hays. He served twice as president of the Missouri Corn growers Association.

Officer in State Association. M. C. CHEATHAM of Boonville is vice president of the Missouri Shorthorn Association and has judged Shorthorns in many state shows. He formerly was manager at Ravenswood Farms, Bunceton.

A Foreign Trade Representative. CHARLES BORNHAUSER, Prairie Home, formerly represented the International Harvester Company in Germany and Russia.

A State Senator. JUDGE JOHN D. STARKE, deceased, senator from the fourteenth district

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of Missouri, was a highly successful livestock farmer of Otterville. He also was warden of the Missouri penitentiary. Relatives well known in Cooper County include two daughters, Mrs. Len Spillers, Otterville, and Mrs. C. E. Tieman, California, Missouri, and Morris Starke and Roger Starke, Otterville.

*Pigs That Were Pigs.* E. H. RODGERS, deceased, Cooper County farmer and hog breeder, won the gold medal for Poland China boar pigs under six months old at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis in 1904.

Develops Fine Shorthorns. G. A. BETTERIDGE, Bunceton, and W. A. BETTERIDGE, Pilot Grove, have developed a strain of Shorthorn cattle, the *Betteridge Orange Blossoms*, noted for their thick flesh. They are highly valued as beef producers. Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Betteridge have a daughter, Mrs. David Lane, and a son, Nelson Betteridge. Mr. and Mrs. W. A Betteridge have one son, V. K. Betteridge, Pilot Grove.

*Produced Fine Sheep.* TOM BURRUS, deceased, Cooper Countian who specialized in breeding Oxford sheep, owned the grand champion ewe at the American Royal in Kansas City in 1931. It also was grand champion at the Western show in Denver and was second at the International in Chicago.

*Prominent Apiarist.* CARL NEEF of Boonville has won outstanding awards over a number of years at the Missouri State Fair and other agricultural shows for honey and orchard products.

Founded First Shorthorn Herd West of the Mississippi. NATHANIEL LEONARD, in 1839, established on his vast Cooper County estate the first pedigreed Shorthorns in Missouri. The herd has continued on the Leonard lands 97 years, four generation of owners consistently improving the stock. CAPTAIN C. E. LEONARD, deceased succeeded his founding father and N. NELSON LEONARD, the grandson, now is master at Ravenswood, the ancestral estate, with his younger son, CHARLES LEONARD, a great-grandson of the founder, as business

manager. The Ravenswood Shorthorns comprise the oldest group of that breed in the world, continuously under one ownership.

Besides Charles Leonard, two other great grandchildren of Nathaniel Leonard are well known in Cooper County: N. Nelson Leonard, Jr., of California, and Mrs. Nadine Leonard Darby, Boonville.

Texas Owes Him a Debt. WILLIAM HURT, owning a section of land just east of Boonville, still has Herfords from a purebred herd he developed when he acquired and managed 1,000 acres in a tract that touched the Boonville city limits. He shipped trainloads of his Herfords to progressive breeders in west Texas and, gradually, Herfords supplanted longhorns.

Star Farmer of Missouri. ROBERT W. MILLS, JR., of Boonville, was Star Farmer of Missouri in 1933, a designation and award given by THE KANSAS CITY WEEKLY STAR to the outstanding junior farmer of the state. Mr. Mills also was second in the United States. He was valedictorian of Boonville High School in 1933, and during his freshman year at the University of Missouri won the Danforth Award in competition with freshmen from all agricultural colleges in the United States. In his junior year he won the Danforth award for juniors.

He served as president of the University of Missouri chapter of Future Farmers of America and as secretary of Alpha Zeta, honorary scholastic fraternity. He is also a member of the Pan-Hellenic Council, Blue Key and of Q. E. B. H. He is editor of THE COLLEGE FARMER during his senior year, 1936-37.

Mr. Mills is active in religious work, serving as president of both the Christian Student congregation and of the Student Religious Council and on the board of directors of the University Y. M. C. A. for two years.

Mr. Mills is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Mills, Clarks Fork.

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A World Record in Corn Growing. HORACE GEORGE WINDSOR, deceased, in 1915, harvested more than 7,000 bushels from 70 acres of corn, a world record. A Cooper Countian by birth, education and life-long residence, his Benvenue Farms, comprising more than a section, were nationally known for pioneering toward improved agricultural practices, and their owner for his farm journal articles. He was president of the Missouri Corn Growers Association for many years. He was named by THE SATURDAY EVENING POST and THE COUNTRY GENTLEMAN as Missouri's best farmer. He originated the benefit assessment plan for road financing. "Master Farmers of the U. S. A.", a book published by Doubleday-Doran & Company, Garden City, New York, devoted a chapter to the H. G. Windsor farming methods, and carried his picture.

Relatives well known in Cooper County include his widow, Mrs. Anna Cunningham Windsor; a son, John H. Windsor; and two brothers, Walter B. Windsor and Eugene A Windsor, all of Boonville; and a son, Wilbur C. Windsor, of Tyler, Texas, and Windsor Place Cooper County, Missouri.

## **EMINENT SUCCESSES**

Founded a Noted School. FREDERICK T. KEMPER, a Cooper Countian for many years, established Kemper Military School. It has been continuously on the honor list of the War Department ever since the designation was started in 1914. Kemper School is 92 years old.

An Early Manufacturer. HENRY ELLIOTT, a New Yorker who settled in Cooper County in 1835, was an extensive manufacturer of wheat fans with factories in many cities on water-courses of the Middle West before the railroad era. One of the largest landowners in Cooper County and Central Missouri, he was an ardent abolitionist and freed his slaves in 1858. He represented Cooper County in the twenty-third general assembly in 1864. Descendants well known in Cooper County are three grandchildren: Mrs. Mary Elliott Kitt of Chillicothe, Missouri; and H. E. Elliott and Judge Miles Elliott, both of St. Joseph.

A Composer and Singer. WENDELL HALL, radio entertainer who sings many of his own words and music compositions, is a Cooper Countian by education, having attended Kemper Military School.

Achieves in South America. ROY MITZEL, born one and one-half miles north of Pilot Grove, and who moved to Bell Air in 1911, is assistant manager of the International Harvester Company of Agrentina, with headquarters at

Rosario, Argentina. A brother, C. H. Mitzel, is a banker at Speed. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Mitzel, and a sister, Mrs. Henry Grathwohl, are prominent Cooper Countians.

On Broadway. RUTH HAZLETON, dancer with the Ziegfeld Follies for several seasons, in private life is Miss Ruth McClanahan, formerly of Boonville.

Public Relations Executive. A.K. MILLS 111, New York City, formerly of Cooper County, is director of publicity for the March of Time on the Screen, March of Time Radio Program, Architectural Forum, and is assistant director of publicity for TIME magazine. He was public relations counsel for Amelia Earhart when she flew across the Atlantic, in 1928, preceding her by boat to London. He later served for two years as director of publicity for the first Byrd Antarctic Expedition and was sent abroad twice in 1931, when Ruth Nichols contemplated flying the Atlantic. In 1933 he toured America with Wiley Post following his solo flight round the world. He served for four years with Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn, one of the largest advertising firms in New York City.

Owns Big Publishing House. VEIT GENTRY, who was born and reared in Boonville where he received his elementary and high school education, established and operates a large catalog, and magazine printing plant, the Gentry Printing Company, at Polk and Sherman streets, Chicago. Relatives well known in Cooper County include Mrs. V. C. Eppstein, of Boonville.

*Noted Character Actor.* WILLIAM J. McCARTHY, proprietor of a Boonville Book store for many years, played important parts in leading New York stage productions after he left Boonville. He now resides in Cincinnati.

Well Known Hotel Operators. JULIUS MANGER, with his brother WILLIAM MANGER, now deceased, founded the Manger Hotel chain. including some of the largest and most

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luxurious in the East, located in New York City, Chicago, Boston and Washington, D. C. The Manger brothers were born and reared in Boonville where both attended public school. William finished his education at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, and Julius was graduated in law at Tulane, New Orleans, Louisiana.

*Manages Foreign Trade.* GEORGE W. KOENIG, native of Cooper County, is manager of the foreign trade department of the International Harvester Company, Chicago. Relatives well known in Cooper County include W. L. Koenig of Boonville and Lon V. Koenig of Los Angeles, both mentioned elsewhere in this chapter.

*Influential in Oklahoma.* MISS SARA AMELIE DAVIDSON, society editor on the staff of THE TULSA DAILY WORLD, is one of the most successful newspaper women in that city. She is a native of Cooper County. She has been society editor of THE WORLD for 11 years and is now on a year's leave of absence.

GEORGE H. SOMBART and WILLIAM J. SOMBART, brothers residing in Kansas City, Missouri, who were born and reared in Boonville, now own a number of farms in Cooper County.

Communications Chief. SHIELDS R. SMITH, native of Otterville, is general manager for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, with headquarters in St. Louis. Relatives

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well known in Cooper County include his father, Nathan A. Smith, Otterville.

College Teachers. MISS DORA HENNICKE and MISS ESTHER HENNICKE, natives of Boonville, are instructors in the Southwest Missouri State Teaches College, at Springfield.

Chemical Manufacturer. IRVING W. KURTZ, a native of Boonville who started his business career in the drug store of William Mittelbach, now Pieper's Drug Shop, is president of the Blue Line Chemical Company, St. Louis. It is one of the largest in the middle West. Relatives well known in Cooper County include his mother, Mrs. August F. Kurtz, and two sisters, Mrs. Charles O. Botz and Miss Ida Mae Kurtz, all of Sedalia, formerly of Boonville.

*Prominent in Grain Trade.* JAY WOOLDRIDGE, a native of Cooper County, is a leading grain broker in Kansas City. Mrs. H. C. Johnston, of Boonville, is a sister.

Southwestern Editor Owns Nine Newspapers and Five Radio Stations. HOUSTON HARTE, founder of Boonville's daily newspaper, in 1919, has achieved on a wide scale in west Texas. With Bernard Hanks of Abilene, Texas, Mr. Harte owns morning and afternoon newspapers in Abilene, Corpus Christi, San Angelo and Marshall, and afternoon and Sunday newspapers in Paris, Big Springs and Sweetwater. Mr. Harte's home is in San Angelo.

Harte & Hanks also own radio stations in all those cities except Corpus Christi. Mr. Harte is a past president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, a former regent of Texas Technological College and in 1935 was elected vice-president of the Associated Press.

Mrs. Harte is the former Miss Isabel McCutcheon of Pilot Grove. They have two sons, Edward Holmead and Houston Harriman.

Judge Ed S. Harte, deceased, father of Houston Harte, was president of the Boonville Mills Company. The family still is financially interested in the Boonville Mills.

A Power In The Ozarks. ROBERT HARVEY, born in South Moniteau township, Cooper County, long has been the leading figure in Eldon, Missouri, capital of the Lake of the Ozarks region. Successful first as a lumberman, he also is well known as a banker and a merchant. He is 80 years old and retired, spending much time with his son, Bert T. Harvey, Pomona, California, realtor. Robert Harvey is very influential in Central Missouri, and especially in the Miller County.

*Publishers*. REUBEN E. LUCAS, a graduate, and BOYD W. LUCAS, a former student, of Kemper Military School, are publishers in Columbia, Missouri, and owners of the Missouri Store there.

Heads Large Contracting Firm. ELLIS W. DAVIS and COLONEL R. A. JOHNSTON were president and secretary-treasurer respectively of a road construction firm the Davis construction Company, which last year stood fourth in the amount of work done in Missouri. This Boonville institution, established and built within a few years by Boonville men, has done many millions of dollars of road work, Colonel Johnston recently bought Mr. Davis' interests and has succeeded him as president.

A Federal Attorney. WALLACE COCHRAN, a native of Boonville and graduate of Boonville High School, is a Government attorney in the United States patent office, Washington, D. C. Mrs. Cochran is the former Rilla Williams, daughter of Mrs. Jack Williams and sister of Mrs. Aubrey Tackett, both of Boonville. Mr. Cochran is a nephew of Mrs. Homer Davis, Boonville.

Donated High School Site. COLONEL JOHN S. ELLIOTT, deceased, prominent capitalist, presented the Boonville School District the Hayden lot on Main street, also on Federal Highway 40, and Laura Speed Elliott High School was built as a memorial to his wife, who had preceded him in death.

*New York Financier*, EDGAR WALLACE, highly successful Wall Street broker, is a native of Cooper County and a brother of A. A. Wallace, Boonville manufacturer.

*Prominent Insurance Man.* C. DAYTON ADAMS, a graduate of Kemper Military School, is the leading insurance agent in Denver.

*Insurance Executive*. HAYDEN W. AHMANSON, a graduate of Kemper Military School, is assistant secretary of the National American Fire Insurance Company.

Advertising Executive. I. N. ATTERBURY, a graduate of Kemper Military School, handles national and foreign advertising for THE READING TIMES, Reading, Pennsylvania. Formerly he was with the Sinclair Oil Company, in offices in New York, Georgia and

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Havana, Cuba, for 14 years, resigning because of his health.

Serves in War and Peace. CHARLES C. BELL, JR., a native of Boonville and a son of Colonel Charles C. Bell, apple king of America, was a captain in the World War and operates extensively as a contractor, builder and realtor in Houston, Texas.

A Man of Many Talents. BILL CORUM, of New York, "Tenie" in Cooper County where he was born and reared, entered the World War as a private and came out the youngest major in the A. E. F. He was cited for gallantry in action several times by superior officers. His sports column appears daily on the front page of the NEW YORK EVENING JOURNAL and is syndicated for dailies from coast to coast. He is a sports commentator for movie shorts, is featured on many radio broadcasts and writes for magazines. Relatives well known in Cooper County include: Mrs. Kellie English and Mrs. Eva Grooms, aunts of Bunceton; Mrs. Madeline Berry, Columbia, an aunt; Mrs. A. C. Goode, Pilot Grove, a great-aunt; and Mrs. Vida Corum, New York, his mother.

Prominent Wholesaler in West. LESLIE LOHSE, native of Boonville, owns an interest and is head of a large wholesale grocery business at Tucson, Arizona. Relatives well known in Cooper County include his brother, Fred G. Lohse, Boonville.

Well Known Financier. JOHN SPEED ELLIOTT, native of Cooper County and graduate of Kemper Military School, Boonville, from whose gridiron he went to the University of Virginia to become an All-American end, has long been prominent in New York financial circles. Starting with Avil W. Harriman & Company, he later spent 18 months in Russia where he successfully negotiated magnesium concessions for an American syndicate. He then became a partner in the Morgan Belmont brokerage business. He is now associated with the G. M. P. Murphy Company at 52 Broadway, New York.

Young Bank President. WILLIAM T. KEMPER, JR., better known as "Bill" Kemper, a Cooper Countian by education, was 25 years old when he became president of the Kemper State Bank in Boonville, opened as a new bank November 24, 1928. He continues as president of that highly successful institution, and also has many other financial interests. He is a graduate of Kemper Military School, Boonville, and of the School of Business at the University of Missouri.

Among relatives of Mr. Kemper known to many Cooper County people are his father, W. T. Kemper, and Bill's brothers, James M. Kemper and R. Crosby Kemper, all of Kansas City, and all very high in the financial world.

Well Known Lumberman. C. J. HARRIS, Ferguson, Missouri, owner of a string of lumberyards in east and Central Missouri, including Boonville, Bunceton, New Franklin and his home town, Pilot Grove, also operates his own mills and timber lands in the South. Relatives well known in Cooper County include a sister, Mrs. Marshall Rust, Pilot Grove.

Three Brothers Attain Affluence. C. C. BRONAUGH formerly was district manager of the Bemis Bag Printing Company, Springfield, Missouri. One brother is a St. Louis broker and another managed a large carpet wholesale house there. The three formerly lived in Boonville.

Developed Saddle Horses. CLIFFORD GREENLEASE, now deceased, a former resident of Boonville, owned many prize-winning horses, with a large stable at Marshall. Mrs. Greenlease was Miss Julia Vollrath, a sister of the late Judge C. L. Vollrath of Boonville, A son of Clifford and Julia Greenlease, R. C. Greenlease, owns the Greenlease Motor Car Company, the Cadillac agency in Kansas City, Missouri.

*Prominent Lumberman.* E. BREVARD WALKER, a former student at Kemper Military School, is a widely known lumber operator in the South, with Headquarters in Mobile.

Military, Civil and Trade Honors. JOHN M. LYDICK, a graduate at Kemper Military School, now a resident of Oklahoma City, in 1934 was made a captain of infantry and was assigned as plans and training officer of the 90th Infantry Brigade. He is also executive secretary of the Oklahoma Fruit Jobbers Association and was on the Oklahoma Committee to draft the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Code under the NRA.

*Naval Lieutenant.* M. G. SCHMIDT, a native of Boonville who was graduated from Kemper Military School in 1927, is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis and is a lieutenant, first grade, in the Navy. He is a grandson of Jacob F. Gmelich, deceased, a former lieutenant governor and state

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treasurer of Missouri, and a son of Mrs. M. E. Schmidt, of Boonville.

*Officer in Navy.* HOLMAN LEE, JR., a native of Cooper County and a graduate of Kemper Military School in 1931, is an ensign in the navy, after having completed the course at Annapolis. He is a son of Holman Lee, and a brother of Mrs. D. O. Allison, both of Boonville.

*Electrical Engineer.* JAMES E. JOHNSTON, a native of Cooper County, a student of Kemper Military School and a brother of Colonel T. A. Johnston, deceased, is a prominent electrical engineer in Denver.

*In World's Largest Surgical Instrument Company.* DAVID B. ALOE, a former student at Kemper Military School, is vice-president of the A. S. Aloe Surgical Instrument Company, largest organization of its kind in the world. Mr. Aloe's headquarters are at 1819 Olive street, St. Louis. The company has branches in many cities, including Chicago, Los Angeles and Kansas City.

A Leader in Sedalia. WILLIAM H. CLONEY, a former student at Kemper Military School, is a business and civic leader in Sedalia, Missouri.

A New York Publisher. WALTER G. BRYAN, a graduate of Kemper Military School, is head of the W. G. Bryan Organization, newspaper counselors, and president of the Bryan Publications, Inc., 10 West 13th street, New York City.

Contractor. WILLIAM A. COLT, of Lyons, Colorado, a graduate of Kemper Military School, is a prominent road contractor and builder. At 80 he enjoys perfect health. He married two Boonville girls, Miss Bettie Ragland McPherson, and after her death, Sadie Douglas, a cousin of his first wife and a daughter of Captain Douglas. After her death he married in Independence, Missouri, a daughter of the famous Confederate, Captain Schuyler Lowe.

A Former State School Inspector. WILLIAM M. HOGE, born in Virginia in 1856, reared on a farm near Bunceton and graduated from Kemper Military School in 1874, and from the University of Missouri in 1880, returned to Kemper as an instructor and was one of Will Rogers' teachers there. In 1900, he was appointed as in inspector of Missouri schools from the University of Missouri, which position he held until September, 1903, when he became associate superintendent at Wentworth Military Academy at Lexington, and then superintendent. In September 1916, he became an instructor at Culver, continuing until his retirement in September, 1929, for age.

Handwriting Expert. RALPH C. BECKER, document examiner and expert witness for the Department of Justice and Postoffice inspectors for Missouri and Illinois, was graduated from Kemper Military School in 1910. He is also president and treasurer of the Mechin & Voyce Title Company, with offices at 12 north Eighth street, St. Louis, Missouri.

*Heads Legal Department.* VICTOR R. CROUCH, a graduate of Kemper Military School, is head of the law department of the Eastern Division of the Pure Oil Company, and lectures on petroleum production. He also is active in civic affairs and is a Boy Scout-master.

*Prominent Banker.* WILLIAM A DALLMEYER, a graduate of Kemper Military School, is an executive with the Exchange Bank, Jefferson City, Missouri, and is prominent in civic affairs.

*Heads Sales Department.* HAROLD L. DEBENHAM, a graduate of Kemper Military School, is general sales promotion manager of the Loose-Wiles Biscuit Company, with headquarters in New Rochelle, New York.

Author. PERCY C. FIELDS, a former student at Kemper Military School, and a prominent Kansas Citian, has written several books.

Oil Producer. KIROL R. HOLM, a graduate of Kemper Military School, is a well known oil producer in Oklahoma.

Sales Executive. ARTHUR G. LOTHGREN, a graduate of Kemper Military School, is manager of the Addressograph Sales Company of British Columbia, with headquarters in Vancouver.

*Railroad Executive.* CLARENCE B. MOORE of St. Louis, son of R. L. Moore, Boonville, is auditor of disbursements for the Missouri Pacific Lines. Russell L. Moore, treasurer of Cooper County, is a brother.

Aviator and Author. JACK R. LINCKE, a graduate of Kemper Military School in 1922, has had careers in naval aviation, the United States air mail and as an instructor of pilots for the Chinese Nationalist Government, with whom he made a contract to teach and to assist at the central air base. He is the author

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of many articles in aeronautical, travel, and fiction magazines; and radio programs; and a book dealing with inspection and care of aircraft engines.

Honored by St. Louis Group. MILTON B. STRAUSS, a graduate of Kemper Military School and now president of the Milstrand Motor Company, was president for 1935, of the Greater St. Louis Automotive Association. He is prominent in civic, social and commercial groups, being president of the Greater St. Louis Auto Association for 1936 and president of the Advisory Council of the Automobile Dealers Association of Missouri. He is a member of Sunset Hill Country Club, St. Louis; Spring Lake Country Club, Spring Lake, Michigan; and of the Key Club, St. Louis.

Honored by California Masons. CHESTER H. WARLOW, graduated from Kemper Military School in 1906, is Assistant Grand Lecturer with 16 Inspectors and 85 Masonic lodges in Central California under his supervision. He is Fresno Trust Officer for the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles; lives in Fresno and has charge of all the trust business of nine branches of this bank in the San Joaquin Valley.

Building and Loan Executive. JOHN K. RAGLAND, a graduate of Kemper Military School, and a certified public accountant in Minneapolis, is a former president of the Northwestern Building and Loan Association.

Executive in Many Corporations. H. LEIGH WHITELAW, a student at Kemper Military School from 1904 to 1907, is the former general manager of the A. H. Wolff Gas Radiator Company; past vice-president and director of the American Gas Association, and on its advisory board; president of the Gas Heating Boiler and Furnace Association; vice- president and general manager of the American Gas Products Corporation; chairman of the board of the Weymann American Body Company; and now an officer and director with Weymann Corporation and with Weymann Motor Bodies, Incorporated.

*Founded a Hospital.* DR. C. H. VAN RAVENSWAAY, Boonville, made the initial donations that started St. Joseph Hospital, a fully approved and modern institution.

Originates Popular Chemical. ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS, JR., of Minneapolis, member of a prominent Boonville family, compounded Soot-Blast, and owns the copyrights, patents and formula. It is a chemical soot remover and chimney fire extinguisher. The United States government and more than 600 fire departments in the United States use it as regular equipment. It is sold in every state of the Union, and in Canada, Sweden and other foreign countries. Mr. Stephens, an oil company sales executive, has the product marketed through distributors. Mr. Stephens' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Stephens, Sr., are residents of Boonville, and Mrs. Alex Stephens is the former Miss Doris Schmidt, daughter of Mrs. M. E. Schmidt, and sister of A. J. Schmidt. of Boonville.

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# UNIQUE DISTINCTIONS ATTAINED

Helped Establish an Unusual Fair. DR. A. L. MEREDITH, beloved practitioner of Prairie Home, was one of a small group of citizens in east Cooper County who established the Prairie Home Fair which has operated each year for 22 years without benefit of an admission charge, yet has prospered. Dr. Meredith has been secretary-treasurer, president and director in the organization continuously. The association owes only \$200 on its property.

Missionaries in Africa. MR. AND MRS. KENNETH OGLESBY, of Pilot Grove, Baptist missionaries in Ethiopia, remained at their mission throughout the Italian invasion and retained the confidence of both belligerents. Relatives well known in Cooper County include his mother, Mrs. Charles Oglesby, the former Miss Eva Cordry; and two sisters, Mrs. Charles E. McCutcheon, Pilot Grove, and Miss Daphne Oglesby, Columbia.

Lured Santa Claus Into the Open. HERMAN T. ZUZAK, of Boonville, started in 1886, the modern vogue of an early arrival of Santa Claus. The custom has spread afar. Originally the saint was shy as an elf. Mr. Zuzak prevailed on him to be an annual visitor at Zuzak's Wonder store the day after Thanksgiving. The trek from the North Pole has become an institution in Boonville and elsewhere. Old Nick now is bold as a Romeo and throws barrels of "kisses" with oceans of love.

Buys for Huge Corporation. LEON STRETZ, native of Boonville, is clothing buyer for Montgomery Ward & Company at Oakland California. He is married and has one son, Donald, and a daughter, Lois. Relatives well known in Cooper County include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Stretz, who recently celebrated their golden wedding; a sister, Mrs. Louis Peeples; a brother, Wilbur Stretz, and two nephews, George and Kenneth Peeples, all of Boonville; a brother, Norbert Stretz, and a niece and nephew, Mary Ann, and John, all of Denver.

Pioneers in Fox Hunting Class. WALTER BENTON WINDSOR, a native of Cooper County who resides in Clarks Fork township, was a leader in development of blooded animals for fox hunting in Central Missouri. He imported fast red foxes to Cooper County because the native gray foxes were too slow. Then he introduced superior breeds of Kentucky hounds to supersede the original Missouri "pot lickers" of "houn' dawg" verse. Associated with Mr. Windsor in the effort, started in the '80s of the last century, were Dr. Sam Teel, Colonel Robert Downing and Colonel A. A. Walker, all deceased. They were responsible for a gallant succession of July Hodoes, Walkers, Clem Shavers and Hub Dawsons, the forerunners of "Bugle Ann", owned by Sheriff Tom Bash of Jackson County, himself a native of Cooper.

Founded on Sand That Stands. CHARLES MEIERHOFFER, established and for many years operated a plant in Boonville that took sand from the Missouri river. He also operated the steam ferry in Boonville for 20 years. Later he owned two similar concerns in Kansas City. The sand that went into construction of the St. Louis freight terminal was taken from the Missouri at Boonville by Mr. Meierhoffer. He is now retired in Kansas City.

Fostered Idea for Free Highway Bridge. W. G. HOLT, cafe owner in Boonville for the past 21 years, first suggested a weekly gathering of town builders with a primary objective of building a free bridge across the Missouri river at Boonville. The idea took root and soon materialized, after much hard work by Colonel T. A. Johnston, now deceased, and many others. The bridge greatly advanced Boonville's importance. Relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Holt well known in Cooper County include two daughters: Mrs. Harold DeLude, Boonville, and Mrs. Steve Souttar, Brookfiield; and a son, Wallace Holt, Jr., Boonville.

*Early Day Contractor.* JUDGE JOSEPH MINTER, deceased, of Otterville, had grading contracts for the M.-K.-T. railroad from Boonville to Texas, including the cutoff near Kemper Military School. He was a Cooper County judge when the flood in the fall of 1906 made it necessary to lift 11 bridges in the county. The fine steel span north of Otterville is named in his honor.

Highest Among 108. MRS. ROBERT LONG, formerly Miss Mary Katherine Pieper, in June, 1936, was first among 108 who took examinations given by the State Board of Pharmacy. She got her training in Boonville at Pieper's Drug Shop, owned and operated by her father, W. P. Pieper. Mr. and Mrs. Pieper have two younger daughters, Misses Margaret and Jean. Miss Flora Pieper, a sister of W. P. Pieper, also assists at the Drug Shop.

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An Outstanding Servant of Boonville. FRED GEORGE LOHSE, Boonville's second oldest business man in point of service, having operated a grocery store on Main street for 40 years, has held more key positions longer than any man in the community. He is president of Walnut Grove Cemetery Association, of the Board of Education, of the Boonville Building and Loan Association and of the board of stewards of Nelson Memorial Methodist Church. He was superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School for 30 years and is a past chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias lodge. His mother, Mrs. Peter Schler, resides in Boonville, and a brother, Edgar C. Lohse, in Kansas City.

Author. DR. EMILE R. PAILLOU, former Boonville resident is author of "Home Town Sketches", intimate closeups of town characters of a past generation. It has had a wide circulation. Dr. Paillou, now a citizen of St. Louis, was a boyhood friend of the late Dean Walter Williams and of Dr. Charles Swap and Dr. G. A. Russell. This group whimsically call "the four musketeers", held an annual get-together dinner for more than 40 years after their separations as youngsters.

Author of Three Volumes. MRS. E. R. PAILLOU, who died in 1929 in St. Louis, and who before her marriage to Dr. Paillou was Miss Frances Bechtel, a native of Boonville, gave the world three books; "A Handful of Songs" "The Kingdom of Callaway" and "A Pageant of Peace". Her husband, who survives her, is author of "Home Town Sketches" relating to incidents and personalities in Boonville.

At Home in a "Foreign Legion". PETE D. CHRISTUS, a native of the ancient city of Corinth, Greece, located in Boonville in his mid 'teens and when the United States entered the World War he enlisted for service with the A. E. F., although he had not taken out his "first papers" and, as an alien, was not obligated to bear arms.

*On Radio Broadcasts*. CHARLES PERRY TOWSON, 14, a native of Boonville, plays the piano frequently as a guest artist at Station KRFU, Columbia. His parents are Milton K. Towson and Zada Malone Towson. His maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Malone, of Boonville.

Author. IGIE PULLIAM WETTENDORF, Kansas Citian, who is a native of Cooper County, is the author of a volume of four inspirational essays, "Four Doses" a popular and successful work.

Buyer for Big Organization. NORBERT STRETZ, Denver, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Stretz, Boonville, is shoe buyer for Montgomery Ward & Company. Mrs. Louis Peeples, of Boonville, is a sister.

Commands a National Organization for Fun. MAJOR WALTER SCOTT MacAARON of Boonville, a Cooper Countian since 1911, is national commander of the Military Order of the Serpent, fun organization of United Spanish War Veterans. He helped to found the order and wrote its secret ritual. Relatives well known in Cooper County include three daughters, Misses Ethel, Mildred and Jean MacAaron, and one son, Kenneth MacAaron, all of Boonville.

Makes Historic Retreat More Popular. EUGENE ALLISON WINDSOR, owner of Chouteau Springs Park whose mineral springs were popular with the Osages when they ceded it to Pierre Chouteau in 1799, has beautified, modernized and made accessible a sequestered retreat now known to thousands of tourists as an American beauty spot. He has perpetuated fox hunting there in approved Missouri style.

Federal Probation Officer. EARL F. BECKETT, formerly an instructor at Kemper Military School, is federal probation officer of the Western Missouri district. He has been

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highly successful in restoring paroled convicts to useful citizenship. His mother, Mrs. W. S. Beckett, is a resident of Boonville.

He Chased John Brown. JUDGE JOHN A. WALLER, deceased, of Cooper County, was one of a posse that pursued John Brown from Kansas to Canada. His friendship with Mark Twain dated from before the humorist became famous. Judge Waller had many local distinctions. Teacher from 1855 to 1863, and public official for nearly 30 years, he organized the Cooper County Bank at Bunceton and was its president--for the remainder of his life. He was a successful farmer, stockman and writer.

Succeeded in Two Professions. DR. NORMAN M. WINDSOR, a native of Cooper County, was a highly successful lawyer retained by the street railways company of St. Louis to defend damage suits. To attain technical information to better combat plaintiffs' contentions he attended night medical school and became so interested that he not only finished the course and received his degree but eventually quit the bar for a newer and greater love. He is a prominent St. Louis surgeon. Relatives well known in Cooper County include two brothers, Walter Benton Windsor and E. A. Windsor, both of Boonville; and two nephews, Wilbur C. Windsor, Tyler, Texas, and John H. Windsor, Boonville attorney.

He Piloted a Return of River Traffic. CAPTAIN THOMAS P. CRAIG of Boonville, as master of the Franklin D. Roosevelt and now of the General Ashburn, has been in charge of freight traffic on the Missouri river, operated by the Inland Waterways since inauguration of federal barge service on the Missouri during the summer of 1935. The venture proved financially profitable from the first and Captain Craig, one of the best known navigators in the middle West, has made an outstanding record of efficient operation. Mr. and Mrs. Craig have three daughters, Misses Doreen, Sigma Mae and Mary Alice.

Develops Future Farmers. W. L. BARRETT, vocational agriculture teacher in Boonville High School for many years, has taught many pupils who have won state honors in live stock and grain judging. One of his pupils, Robert Mills, Jr., was Star Farmer of Missouri, an award made by THE WEEKLY KANSAS CITY STAR, and went from high school to further honors at the University of Missouri.

STEVE ROGERS, St. Louis attorney and long a member of the Knights of Pythias Supreme Lodge, is a well known civic leader.

CAPTAIN E. L. MOEHLE is master of a government steamboat on the Missouri river.

HENRY W. MICHELS, JR., is investment analyst, trust department, of the Harris Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago.

MARJORIE JOHNSTON BEAVER is an executive in the Thompson Advertising Company, Chicago.

FRANK BROSIUS and CLARENCE BROSIUS are prominent realtors in Wichita.

WILLIAM KINGSBURY is telegraph editor of the Nashville News and Banner.

SCHUYLER DAUWALTER is a prominent insurance executive in Chicago.

CLETUS CORDRY is a geologist for the Gulf Oil Company at Fort Worth.

W. LOUIS SIMMS is Kansas City branch manager for the International Harvester Company.

S. L. JEWETT, Cooper County assessor, is district lecturer for the Masonic Grand Lodge of Missouri.

HERBERT BRUBAKER is the Springfield, Illinois, branch manager for International Harvester Company.

ERNEST G. BUCKINGHAM, a native of Cooper County, is house superintendent for Parke, Davis & Company, wholesale drug company in Kansas City, Missouri. His parents operated a popular confectionery in Boonville many years, the favorite gathering place of Kemper cadets and town boys during the generations of Will Rogers and Bill Corum.

The foregoing is perhaps far from complete. It is as replete as humanly possible, with fullest public cooperation sought through the press, public schools and other agencies. Cash awards by the author and community spirit motivated wide cooperation.

Many nominations were rejected. The yardstick used was recognition by the outside world. Purely local honor, unless coupled with unusual distinction, was not enough to merit inclusion. There were some borderline cases.

Undoubtedly in distant generations deeds of many eminent individuals are buried with their dust. No witness came forward to testify for them.

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