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Florida; and William, who is still attending school at Pikeville.

The early education of Fouse Wright was secured in the public schools of Pike County, following which he attended Pikeville College for three years. With this preparation, he entered upon his profession, and for ten consecutive years taught school in his home district, and one year on Greasy Creek. In 1918 Mr. Wright was elected superintendent of schools of Pike County, a position which he has held to the present time and in which he has done much to advance and elevate educational standards in his part of the state. The extent of his responsibilities may be seen when it is noted that under his supervision, Mr. Wright has 200 rural schools, six graded schools and three high schools, each of which he visits once a year. He has the esteem and respect of his co-workers, the teachers, and is a general favorite with teachers, parents and pupils alike, which assists him greatly in his labors. Mr. Wright is an interested and active member of the Kentucky Educational Association, and a constant and tireless student. During the World war period he gave up much of his time to supporting the various movements inaugurated for the support of our fighting forces, and served as chairman for Pike County of the Committee on Publicity. He made a countless number of speeches in behalf of war work, and in many other ways rendered meritorious service. He has not lost interest in the Red Cross, which continues to profit by his labors.

Mr. Wright was married July 11, 1918, to Miss Grace Hackney, daughter of Henderson Hackney, of Mouthcard, Kentucky, and they are the parents of one daughter: Marian. Mr. and Mrs. Wright are members of the Methodist Church, in which he serves as an official. In politics he is a republican, and his fraternal connections are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masons, in the latter holding membership in the Blue Lodge at Pikeville, and the Chapter and Commandery at Ashland. Mr. Wright is the owner of the home farm upon which he was born, but makes his residence at Pikeville, where he has a comfortable and attractive dwelling.

JOE ELY, postmaster of Benton, is one of the best known men in Marshall County, and is very active in the councils of the democratic party. He comes of one of the old families of this region, and is proud of his family and the record it has made among the substantial people of the state. Joe Ely was born at Benton, March 4, 1892, a son of Pete Ely, and grandson of W. B. Ely, who was born in Middle Tennessee in 1834, and died at Benton in October, 1879.

When he was a young man W. B. Ely came to the vicinity of Benton, Kentucky, and bought land, which he farmed, and he was not only successful in that calling but also as a saw-mill operator, manufacturing buggies and wagons. He also was a blacksmith, and was one of the pioneers in that industry in Marshall County. Taking an active part in local affairs as a democrat, he was elected on his party ticket sheriff of Marshall County, and served ably as such. He belonged to the Masonic fraternity, and in every way measured up to a fine type of manhood. His first wife, who bore the maiden name of Susan Stallings, was born near Benton, Kentucky, in 1834, and she died at Benton in 1863, having borne her husband the following children: Joe, who died at Benton at the age of seven years; Pete, who was second in order of birth; Ellen, who died in infancy; and another daughter who also died in infancy. As his second wife W. B. Ely married Miss Ollie Riley, who was born in Kentucky, and she died at Benton. The only one of the children living of this marriage is Mary Elizabeth, who is the widow of Henry Wilson, a mechanic, and lives at Paducah, Kentucky. As his third wife W. B. Ely married Katie Barry, who was born in Kentucky in 1850,

and died at Mayfield, Kentucky, in 1915. The only child of this marriage who is living is Willie May, of Paducah, Kentucky, who married Jesse Cooley now deceased.

Pete Ely was born at Benton, Kentucky, September 1, 1855, and he still resides here, having always lived in this locality. He has been active as a stock dealer, but is now retired. As the other members of the family, Mr. Ely is a democrat, and served as jailor for two terms and as sheriff of Marshall County for two terms, being elected to the latter office on the democratic ticket. Fraternally he maintains membership with the Odd Fellows. Pete Ely was married to Mary E. Barnes, born at Benton, Kentucky, in 1862. Their children are as follows: Nina, who married Clint Strow, a merchant of Benton; Will B., who is connected with the Foreman Automobile Company; and Joe, who is the youngest.

Growing up in his native city, Joe Ely attended its public schools and completed the junior year of the high school. He then took a commercial course at the Bowling Green Business University at Bowling Green, Kentucky, which he completed in 1912. From then until 1916 he was engaged in buying and selling cattle at Benton, but in the latter year was appointed postmaster of Benton and after four years was re-appointed in 1920. Brought up in the doctrines of democracy, it was but natural that he should adopt them for his own, and his natural inclinations led him into politics. He belongs to Benton Lodge No. 701, A. F. and A. M.; Benton Chapter No. 167, R. A. M.; and Paducah Commandery No. 11, K. T. He owns a modern residence at Benton, which is one of the finest in the city, and here he and his charming wife welcome their many friends and enjoy a pleasant home life.

In 1915 Mr. Ely was married at Benton to Miss Lala Lovett, a daughter of John G. and Laura (Frizzell) Lovett, residents of Benton, where Mr. Lovett is in practice as an attorney. Mrs. Ely was graduated from the Benton High School, and then attended a young ladies' seminary in Virginia, being a very accomplished and cultured lady. Mr. and Mrs. Ely have a son, John Lovett, who was born July 17, 1917. Under Mr. Ely's capable administration the affairs of the Benton Post Office have been well managed, the volume of business has increased very materially, and he is handling the various problems of his position with dependable efficiency.

★ JOHN M. WEDDLE. On the basis of his two terms of efficient service as sheriff, John M. Weddle is undoubtedly one of the most widely and favorably known citizens of Pulaski County. He has a particularly loyal following in the agricultural districts, since he is himself a practical farmer, most of his years when not in public office having been devoted to the tilling of the soil.

Mr. Weddle was born on a farm near Waterloo in Pulaski County, March 30, 1859, grandson of John M. Weddle, a native of Virginia and a pioneer in the agricultural districts of Pulaski County, where he lived out his life. Solomon Weddle, father of Sheriff Weddle, was born in Pulaski County in 1822, and from the time of his marriage until his death, in 1889, lived on his farm a mile south of Waterloo. He cultivated a large farm, was extensively engaged in crop raising, and the ability with which he prosecuted his private affairs also distinguished him as a citizen. For a number of years he served as magistrate and for eight years was deputy sheriff. In politics he was a republican. Solomon Weddle married Patsy Tartar, who was born in Pulaski County in 1822, and died on the homestead near Waterloo in 1906. She was the mother of thirteen children: Jeanette, deceased wife of Jacob Warner, a blacksmith and farmer near Faubush in Pulaski County; Galen, who was a Union soldier and a farmer, died in Pulaski County; Mollie, wife of

John A. Jasper, a retired farmer at Somerset and also a veteran Union soldier; Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Rainwater, who fought on the Union side during the Civil war and is now a farmer in Texas; Jacob T., formerly a merchant and now a farmer at Somerset; Maggie, of Somerset, widow of Jerome T. Tartar, an attorney; Emely Esthan, a farmer in the northern part of Pulaski County; Lucy, living in Russell County, widow of David Cooper, who was a merchant for some years in Pulaski County and later in Russell County; John M., ninth among these children; Helen, wife of C. C. Compton, a farmer in Casey County, Kentucky; Abraham Lincoln, a farmer in Mississippi; Andrew Johnson, a merchant in Lincoln County, Kentucky; and Doretta, wife of Hannibal Gosser, a farmer in Russell County.

John M. Weddle was reared on the home farm until he was nineteen, attending in the meantime the rural schools and after leaving home farmed independently until 1891. For six years he was store keeper and gauger at Somerset in the internal revenue service, then went back to his farm. In November, 1909, he was first elected sheriff and served a four-year term, beginning in January, 1910. During the next four-year period he looked after his farming interests and in November, 1917, was again a successful candidate for the office of sheriff, and his present term began in January, 1918. He lives on Monticello Street in Somerset, but still owns a well-improved farm of ninety acres three miles southwest of the county seat. Part of Sheriff Weddle's official term coincided with the war period, and he was active as an official and also as a patriotic citizen in all war movements. He is a republican and is affiliated with Crescent City Lodge No. 60, Knights of Pythias.

In 1870, in Pulaski County, he married Miss Elvira Brown, daughter of Floyd and Hannah (Pennington) Brown. Her mother is still living near Somerset, and her father is a farmer in Pulaski County. Mr. Weddle lost his wife in 1915, after they had been married more than thirty-five years. There are four children. The first two are Achilles and Cornelius, twin brothers, the former a graduate in medicine from the University of Louisville and now practicing his profession in Harland County. Cornelius is a farmer in Pulaski County. Andrew, the third son, is a farmer at Hazen, Arkansas, and Mollie is the wife of Adam Adams, a farmer in Pulaski County.

HUGH EDWARD PRATHER, M. D. Possessing the will and energy to serve, the ability to accomplish, the perseverance to overcome obstacles, an intimate and thorough knowledge of the science and practice of medicine and surgery, there is little wonder that Dr. Hugh Edward Prather, of Hickman, has reached a commanding position among the men of his profession in Southwestern Kentucky.

Doctor Prather was born in Fulton County, Kentucky, on the Prather military grant, May 2, 1878, a son of Dr. Hugh Logan Prather, grandson of Richard Cox Prather and great-grandson of Thomas Prather.

Thomas Prather was born in Jefferson County, Kentucky, March 28, 1795, a son of Basil Prather, a soldier under General Morgan during the American Revolution. Thomas Prather served as a soldier in the War of 1812, serving under General Jackson in the battle of New Orleans, Louisiana. He married Elizabeth Cox, born July 19, 1794, in Powhattan County, Virginia, the ceremony taking place in Jefferson County, Kentucky, February 24, 1818. She died in Jefferson County July 21, 1864, and he had passed away in the same locality December 25, 1843.

Richard Cox Prather was born December 25, 1818, in Jefferson County, Kentucky, and died at his home in Fulton County, Kentucky, January 27, 1904. He married, October 27, 1840, at La Grange, Kentucky, Miss Martha Jane Givens, daughter of Alexander and

Nancy (Logan) Givens, born January 22, 1819, in Trimble County, Kentucky, and she died in Fulton County, Kentucky, December 29, 1891. Coming to Fulton County in 1840, Richard Cox Prather located on the Prather military grant, which was given to his grandfather, Capt. Basil Prather, for service in the Revolutionary war. For many years he was engaged in farming, and he later became cashier of the old Southern Bank. From 1848 to 1854 he served as sheriff of Fulton County. Although he was otherwise interested at times, he always maintained his residence on the farm.

Dr. Hugh Logan Prather was born on the Prather military grant August 9, 1854, and died at Hickman, Kentucky, of yellow fever during the terrible epidemic, September 27, 1878. His early training was received in his native county, which he left when appointed to a cadetship at the naval academy at Annapolis, Maryland, and he later took a course in the University of Louisville, Kentucky, to secure his medical knowledge, and was graduated therefrom with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. This brilliant young man had only been practicing a year when he was stricken with what was then the scourge of the South, and left a young widow with their only child in Mississippi County, Missouri, where he had located.

On July 11, 1877, Dr. Hugh Logan Prather was married to Miss Mary Lavinia Morrow, who was born September 23, 1855, in Newton County, Missouri, and she survives him and makes her home at Hickman. She is a daughter of William Lindsey Morrow, born April 26, 1831, and died May 16, 1874, and Sarah Ann (Glenn) Morrow, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Bransford) Glenn, born March 20, 1836, in Sumner County, Tennessee, and died April 17, 1909, at Cedar Rapids, Nebraska. Mrs. Prather is a granddaughter of Dr. William Isaac Irvine Morrow, whose mother, Priscilla (Doherty) Morrow, was the daughter of Gen. George Doherty of the American Revolution. Doctor Morrow was born in Jefferson County, Tennessee, November 25, 1802, and died March 4, 1875, at Neosho, Missouri. His educational training was obtained in the Eastern Tennessee University. On June 15, 1826, Doctor Morrow was united in marriage with Lavinia Lee Jarnagin, a granddaughter of Capt. Thomas Jarnagin, who was a member of Harry Lee's celebrated Light Horse Brigade in the Revolutionary war. Doctor Morrow took a medical course in Transylvania University at Lexington, Kentucky, during 1829 and 1830. In 1834 he was a member of the convention which framed the constitution of Tennessee. Two years later he was surgeon for the United States army, and in 1838 he came west with the Cherokees in that capacity. During 1843 and 1844 he was a member of the General Assembly of Tennessee, and during 1849-50 he was clerk of the Senate of Tennessee. In 1851 he was appointed by President Fillmore agent for the Quapaw, Seneca, Shawnee and Osage tribes of Indians on the western borders of Missouri. Honors were accorded this distinguished man in his new home, for during 1856 and 1857 he was engrossing clerk of the House of Representatives of Missouri, and he also served for many years as clerk of the Circuit Court and County Court of Newton County, Missouri. His wife was born January 7, 1808, and died on March 24, 1886. Her brother, Spencer Jarnagin, was United States senator from Tennessee from 1844 to 1850. She was a niece of Senator Barton, the first United States senator from Missouri. Both the paternal and maternal grandfathers of Dr. William Isaac Irvine Morrow served in the Revolutionary war.

Dr. Hugh Edward Prather was graduated from the University of Louisville, Kentucky, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and was first honor man of his class. He was interne in the Louisville Hospital, and then became assistant to Dr. Ap Morgan Vance, of Louisville, but following the severance of that asso-

Louisville, where he was born in 1800 and died in 1872. He always lived on his father's farm there, and he earned a military record as a soldier in the Mexican war. He was county surveyor of Jefferson County, Kentucky, for many years. His wife was a Miss Guthrie, a native and life long resident of Jefferson County. William G. Woodrow, father of Doctor Woodrow, was born April 15, 1837, and died April 17, 1886, having lived all his life at Newburg. He was widely known as a successful horticulturist. In politics he was a democrat, and was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Masonic fraternity. William G. Woodrow married Sarah Elizabeth Coe, who was born October 21, 1836, in Jefferson County and died at Newburg July 19, 1919. She was the mother of six children: Anna May, wife of Charles M. Robb, a farmer at Buechel in Jefferson County; Thomas Alexander, a farmer in the same community; Elizabeth, of Louisville, widow of William Cahill, who was a farmer in Jefferson County; William Edward; Clarence Elmer, a machinist in the shops of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad at Louisville; and Ada Emma, whose husband, William R. Taylor, was a farmer, carpenter and builder and tobacco dealer, with home at Owensboro. He died July 10, 1920, and his widow now resides at Louisville.

William Edward Woodrow spent his early life on his father's old homestead and fruit farm in Jefferson County, attended the rural schools there, and after a variety of early experiences entered the Hospital College of Medicine at Louisville in 1896, receiving his M. D. degree in 1898. During 1901 he went back to Louisville for a special course in rectal surgery under Doctor Matthews. Doctor Woodrow after graduating began practice at Monticello in 1898 and earned a high rank in his profession by his earnest labors, which continued until 1919. While in practice he was an active member of the County, State and American Medical associations, and during the World war was assistant medical examiner for the Wayne County Draft Board and made many speeches over the county in behalf of the Liberty Loan campaigns.

Doctor Woodrow has been deeply interested in the oil development work in Wayne County since 1907, and the good judgment he has displayed in this field has given him wide note as one of the county's leading oil producers. He is a democrat in politics, and has to his credit one term as councilman and two terms as mayor of Monticello. He is a deacon in the Christian Church, a teacher of the Men's Bible Class, and is affiliated with Monticello Lodge No. 431, F. and A. M., and is a past high priest of Monticello Chapter No. 152, R. A. M.

January 2, 1895, at Arthur, Illinois, Doctor Woodrow married Miss Ada Belle Cahill, daughter of Caleb Grandison and Ophelia (Monday) Cahill. Her parents both died at Lawrenceburg in Anderson County, Kentucky. Her father during his active life was a prosperous farmer, and he had a record of three years' service as a Union soldier with a Kentucky regiment commanded by Colonel Wolford. Dr. and Mrs. Woodrow have one son, Jennings Earl, born August 10, 1897.

JAMES W. SIMPSON was one of the founders and is the proprietor and editor of the only newspaper in Wayne County, known as the Wayne County Outlook. It is a high class country weekly, influential, informing, and furnishes a splendid medium of publicity for all legitimate interests represented in the county.

Mr. Simpson was born at Monticello March 7, 1881. His grandfather, Reuben Simpson, was the founder of the family in Wayne County in pioneer times, and had extensive farming interests there. He was a native of North Carolina. Moses Simpson, father of the Monticello editor, was born in Wayne County in 1825

and spent practically all his life at Monticello. For fully half a century he had the leading business as a saddler and harness maker and dealer in the county. Moses Simpson, who died at Monticello in 1896, was a democrat in politics and a member of the Christian Church. He was also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife was Anna McGee, who was born in Wayne County in 1839, and died in 1918. They had four children: Emma, wife of A. H. Baugh, pastor of the Christian Church at Hustonville, Kentucky; Miss Mattie, of Monticello; Joseph, a farmer at Wasco, California; and James W.

James W. Simpson attended public school at Monticello only to the age of fourteen, and after that gained his education by frequent and diligent contact with work and everyday affairs. For about ten years he was a clerk in stores, hotels and postoffice, then, in 1904, assisted in organizing the Wayne County Outlook, and during the same year became owner and has since become sole proprietor and editor. The Outlook circulates throughout Wayne County, over many adjacent sections of the state, and Wayne County people who go elsewhere always have the Outlook follow them. It is independent in politics. Mr. Simpson owns his offices, newspaper plant and residence on Short Street.

He is a stockholder and treasurer of the Wayne Taxi Company of Monticello. He is a member of the Kentucky Press Association, has been a deacon in the Christian Church, and for four years was master commissioner of Wayne County. He is a republican in politics. During the World war his newspaper gave the full force of its influence to the support of the Government, and Mr. Simpson was personally active as well in the various campaigns. At Berea, Kentucky, in 1909 he married Miss Elnora Robinson, daughter of Dr. T. A. and Litha (Ponder) Robinson, residents of Corbin, Kentucky, where her father is a jeweler. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson have two children: Margaret, born February 28, 1912, and William, born July 2, 1918.

✱ JAMES BALLINGER TARTER, M. D. Belonging to one of the most important professions, Dr. James Ballinger Tarter of Russell Springs is making a record for himself which reflects credit on himself, his family and his community, and building up a connection which is very valuable. He was born on a farm near Sunshine, Russell County, Kentucky, November 25, 1881, a son of Wesley Monroe Tarter, grandson of Squire Tarter, and great-grandson of the Tarter who brought the family from Virginia into Kentucky and became one of the leading farmers of Russell County. Squire Tarter was born in Kentucky in 1819, and died in Russell County in 1907, having spent the greater part of his life in Russell County, and devoted himself to blacksmithing and farming. He married Polly Schoolcraft, who was born and died in Russell County.

Wesley Monroe Tarter, who is now living at Irvins Store, Russell County, was born at Waterloo, Pulaski County, Kentucky, in 1861, and has resided in Russell County since he was four years of age. Adopting farming as his life work, he is still engaged in agricultural pursuits which have proved profitable. In politics he is a democrat, but he has never cared for office. A member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, he gives the local congregation of that denomination a strong and sincere support. Wesley Monroe Tarter married Narcissus Tucker, who was born in Russell County in 1858. Their children are as follows: Mollie, who resides at Irvins Store, married Jonah Gosser, a farmer; Doctor Tarter, who is the second in order of birth; Joseph, who is a farmer residing at Big Oak, Russell County; Elmer E., who is a graduate of the State University at Lexington, Kentucky, is a teacher in the high school of Carlisle County, Kentucky; Jennie M., who lives at Brady, Russell County, married Daniel Roy, a farmer and owner of a saw-mill; Chrisman V.,

who is a farmer and merchant of Jabez; and Lola, who is a student of the Western Kentucky State Normal School at Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Doctor Tarter grew up on his father's farm and attended the rural schools and the graded schools of Middleburg, Kentucky. Displaying even as a child unusual talents, it was decided that he should adopt a profession, and he entered the medical department of the University of Louisville, took the regular course, and was graduated therefrom June 30, 1910, and at once entered upon the practice of his calling at Ono, Russell County, where he remained until 1918, in that year coming to Russell Springs, where he has since been occupied with a general medical and surgical practice. He owns his modern residence, where he maintains a comfortable home, and a modern office building both of them being on Main Street, a dwelling also on Main Street, and a farm of 130 acres of land located one mile west of Russell Springs. He has followed in his father's footsteps in politics and religion, and is very active in church work, now serving as superintendent of the Sunday school. A Mason, he belongs to Russell Springs Lodge No. 840, F. & A. M., and he also is a member of Russell Springs Lodge No. 180, I. O. O. F. Professionally he belongs to the Russell County Medical Society, which he is now serving as president, and the Kentucky State Medical Society. During the late war he was active in war work, serving as chairman of the Civilian Relief Committee of Russell County, and as assistant medical examiner for the draft board of the county. He bought bonds and stamps and contributed to all war organizations to the limit of his means.

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W. H. NUNN. The influence exerted in the development and furtherance of the interests of a community by a live and enterprising newspaper cannot be lightly disposed of, for the editor of such a publication occupies a vantage ground from which he is capable of swaying community action and molding public thought and opinion. Albany, the county seat of Clinton County, is to be congratulated, therefore, upon the possession of such a clean, reliable and energetic newspaper as *The New Era*, the publisher and editor of which is W. H. Nunn, who has been identified with newspaper work since the beginning of his career and who, since taking over the ownership of this sheet, in 1911, has contributed materially to the welfare of his adopted community.

Mr. Nunn was born near Glasgow, Barren County, Kentucky, September 14, 1886, a son of James and Elizabeth (Knipp) Nunn. His grandfather, Thomas N. Nunn, was born in Virginia, a member of an old and honored family of the Old Dominion State, who became a pioneer of Barren (now Cumberland) County,

Kentucky, and was engaged in farming near Marrowbone, where he died prior to the birth of his grandson. James Nunn, father of W. H., was born near Marrowbone, in 1838, and was reared in his home community, where he received his education in the public schools. As a youth he went to Metcalfe County, Kentucky, and at the outbreak of the War between the States enlisted in the Union Army and served with bravery in that struggle. On his return from the war he was married in Metcalfe County, and shortly thereafter removed to Barren County, this state, where he secured property near Glasgow and engaged in agricultural pursuits during the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1892. He was a republican in politics, but took no part in public life, preferring to devote himself entirely to his farming interests. He married Miss Elizabeth Knipp, who was born in 1854, in Metcalfe County, and survives him as a resident of Glasgow, and they became the parents of four children: Thomas, who is the proprietor of a tailoring establishment at Glasgow; W. H.; Joe R., a printer of Glasgow; and W. E., the owner of a public garage at Glasgow.

W. H. Nunn secured his education in the rural districts of Barren County, and at the age of eighteen years left school to enter the office of the Glasgow Republican, a newspaper with which he was connected for a period of four years. From that community he went to Horse Cave, Kentucky, where he assisted in the publication of the Baptist Advocate for one year, and spent the following year working as a journeyman printer at St. Louis. His next location was Smith Grove, Kentucky, where he was foreman in a printing office for eight months, and in 1908 he arrived at Albany.

In the spring of 1908 there had been established at Albany a newspaper known as the *New Era*, by Clarence L. Bell, of Lexington. Mr. Bell soon became discouraged with his venture, and this gave Mr. Nunn and Blaine Campbell an opportunity to become the owners of a newspaper. They accepted it and conducted the newspaper in partnership until 1911, when Mr. Nunn bought Mr. Campbell's interests, since which time he has been the sole proprietor and editor. He conducts *The New Era* as a republican organ, but endeavors to give his readers a clear, unbiased view of all questions, political or otherwise, and has built it up to the leading newspaper in Southern Central Kentucky. It is reliable in its news, avoids sensationalism, and contains much interesting feature matter, as well as timely editorials. The people of the community have encouraged Mr. Nunn's efforts by subscribing liberally, and he has the support of the merchants and professional men in his advertising columns. The paper circulates freely in Clinton and the adjoining counties. Mr. Nunn is the owner of the building and plant, situated on Washington Street, on the Public Square, and has facilities for doing all kinds of first-class job printing.

On May 25, 1918, Mr. Nunn was inducted into United States service, being sent for training to Camp Taylor, whence he was transferred to Camp Beauregard, Louisiana. He embarked for overseas August 6, 1918, with the Thirty-ninth Division, an infantry contingent of the American Expeditionary Forces, and was in France until January, 1919, when he was transferred to the Eighty-ninth Division, a field artillery unit, and sent to Germany with the Army of Occupation, being stationed at Irril, Germany, until May 18, 1919. He then returned to the United States and was mustered out at Camp Taylor, with the rank of corporal, June 10, 1919. On his return, he at once resumed the publication of his newspaper. Mr. Nunn is a republican in his political allegiance and as a fraternalist belongs to Albany Lodge No. 206, F. & A. M., in which he has numerous friends. In his investments in Albany real estate he has given evidence of the faith which he possesses in regard to the future development and

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W. H. NUNN. The influence exerted in the development and furtherance of the interests of a community by a live and enterprising newspaper cannot be lightly disposed of, for the editor of such a publication occupies a vantage ground from which he is capable of swaying community action and molding public thought and opinion. Albany, the county seat of Clinton County, is to be congratulated, therefore, upon the possession of such a clean, reliable and energetic newspaper as *The New Era*, the publisher and editor of which is W. H. Nunn, who has been identified with newspaper work since the beginning of his career and who, since taking over the ownership of this sheet, in 1911, has contributed materially to the welfare of his adopted community.

Mr. Nunn was born near Glasgow, Barren County, Kentucky, September 14, 1886, a son of James and Elizabeth (Knipp) Nunn. His grandfather, Thomas N. was born in Virginia, a member of an old and honored family of the Old Dominion State, who became a pioneer of Barren (now Cumberland) County,

Kentucky, and was engaged in farming near Marrowbone, where he died prior to the birth of his grandson. James Nunn, father of W. H., was born near Marrowbone, in 1838, and was reared in his home community, where he received his education in the public schools. As a youth he went to Metcalfe County, Kentucky, and at the outbreak of the War between the States enlisted in the Union Army and served with bravery in that struggle. On his return from the war he was married in Metcalfe County, and shortly thereafter removed to Barren County, this state, where he secured property near Glasgow and engaged in agricultural pursuits during the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1892. He was a republican in politics, but took no part in public life, preferring to devote himself entirely to his farming interests. He married Miss Elizabeth Knipp, who was born in 1854, in Metcalfe County, and survives him as a resident of Glasgow, and they became the parents of four children: Thomas, who is the proprietor of a tailoring establishment at Glasgow; W. H.; Joe R., a printer of Glasgow; and W. E., the owner of a public garage at Glasgow.

W. H. Nunn secured his education in the rural districts of Barren County, and at the age of eighteen years left school to enter the office of the Glasgow Republican, a newspaper with which he was connected for a period of four years. From that community he went to Horse Cave, Kentucky, where he assisted in the publication of the Baptist Advocate for one year, and spent the following year working as a journeyman printer at St. Louis. His next location was Smith Grove, Kentucky, where he was foreman in a printing office for eight months, and in 1908 he arrived at Albany.

In the spring of 1908 there had been established at Albany a newspaper known as the *New Era*, by Clarence L. Bell, of Lexington. Mr. Bell soon became discouraged with his venture, and this gave Mr. Nunn and Blaine Campbell an opportunity to become the owners of a newspaper. They accepted it and conducted the newspaper in partnership until 1911, when Mr. Nunn bought Mr. Campbell's interests, since which time he has been the sole proprietor and editor. He conducts *The New Era* as a republican organ, but endeavors to give his readers a clear, unbiased view of all questions, political or otherwise, and has built it up to the leading newspaper in Southern Central Kentucky. It is reliable in its news, avoids sensationalism, and contains much interesting feature matter, as well as timely editorials. The people of the community have encouraged Mr. Nunn's efforts by subscribing liberally, and he has the support of the merchants and professional men in his advertising columns. The paper circulates freely in Clinton and the adjoining counties. Mr. Nunn is the owner of the building and plant, situated on Washington Street, on the Public Square, and has facilities for doing all kinds of first-class job printing.

On May 25, 1918, Mr. Nunn was inducted into United States service, being sent for training to Camp Taylor, whence he was transferred to Camp Beauregard, Louisiana. He embarked for overseas August 6, 1918, with the Thirty-ninth Division, an infantry contingent of the American Expeditionary Forces, and was in France until January, 1919, when he was transferred to the Eighty-ninth Division, a field artillery unit, and sent to Germany with the Army of Occupation, being stationed at Irril, Germany, until May 18, 1919. He then returned to the United States and was mustered out at Camp Taylor, with the rank of corporal, June 10, 1919. On his return, he at once resumed the publication of his newspaper. Mr. Nunn is a republican in his political allegiance and as a fraternalist belongs to Albany Lodge No. 206, F. & A. M., in which he has numerous friends. In his investments in Albany real estate he has given evidence of the faith which he possesses in regard to the future development and

curred. During all of these changes he was occupied with farming. His wife, whose maiden name was Brown, was born in England in 1802, and died in Saint Joseph County, Michigan, in 1884.

George Hill, father of G. W. Hill, was reared in Saint Joseph County, Michigan, and attended its rural schools, but left that section for Owen County, Kentucky, about 1848, and became a very prominent man of that region, where he was extensively engaged in farming and merchandising. For twelve years he served as a magistrate, and was always active in the democratic party. The Baptist Church had in him an earnest and consistent member, and he was a strong churchman until his death. He married Mahala Smith, who was born in Owen County, Kentucky, in 1832, and died there in 1913. Their children were as follows: John, who resides in Owen County, is a farmer; Thomas, who resides at Cincinnati, Ohio, is a prominent Mason and is now acting as superintendent of one of the Masonic temples of that city; Mary, who lives near Johnstown, Pennsylvania, married Robert Noel, a musician; Sarah, who resides at Covington, Kentucky, married Charles Strother, an attorney; G. W., who was fifth in order of birth; J. W., who is in the office of the United States internal revenue department of Louisville, Kentucky; Addie, who is a resident of Owen County, married James Davis, a farmer; Willard, who died at the age of twenty-one years; and Forrest, who is a farmer of Owen County.

G. W. Hill attended both the rural schools and the Owenton High School until he was sixteen years old, and when only seventeen years old began teaching school in the rural districts of Owen County, and was occupied for a period of five years. He then entered commercial field and until 1904 was engaged in merchandising at Jonesville, Owen County. That year saw him appointed deputy county clerk of Grant County, and he held that position for five years, during that period acquiring a reputation for painstaking fidelity to any task assigned him. In 1909 he moved to Somerset, Kentucky, and for ten years was cashier of the Citizens Bank of that city, leaving it to become assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Russell Springs in 1920. On May, 1921, Mr. Hill's exceptional abilities received proper recognition in his election to the office of cashier of this bank, and he is still in it to the satisfaction of all parties and the welfare of the bank. This sound financial institution was established May 12, 1906, and its officials are: S. Wilson, president; H. M. Smith, vice president; U. G. Rexroat, second vice president; and G. W. Hill, cashier. The capital is \$25,000; the surplus and profits are \$2,000; and the deposits are \$150,000.

Both by inheritance and conviction Mr. Hill is a democrat, but he has confined his participation in public affairs to supporting his party candidates. He belongs to Somerset Lodge No. 75, I. O. O. F., and Somerset Camp No. 418, W. O. W. Mr. Hill owns a modern dwelling at Somerset. During the late war he was one of the energetic workers in behalf of local activities, participating in all of the drives, and buying bonds and stamps and contributing to the various war organizations to the limit of his means.

In 1895 he married at Vevay, Indiana, Miss Anna Salyers, a daughter of James and Mary E. (Parent) Salyers, both of whom are now deceased. He was a farmer of Grant County, Kentucky, for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Hill became the parents of the following children: Consuela, who married Sylvester Newton and lives at Louisville, Kentucky, where he is an oil driller; and Margaret, who married D. S. McChord, a farmer of Lebanon, Kentucky.

★ **ADD TARTER.** Prominently identified among the scholarly men and efficient educators of Russell County, Prof. Add Tarter, principal of the Russell Springs High

School, is one of the dependable citizens of this region. His work since coming to Russell Springs marks him as a man who has chosen well his life work, and he has won the affection of his pupils and the confidence of their parents.

Professor Tarter is a native of Russell County, having been born at Decatur, Kentucky, September 27, 1887, a son of Samuel Tarter, and grandson of Reader M. Tarter. The Tarter family originated in Ireland, from whence emigration was made to the American Colonies at an early day, and from then on until the time of Professor Tarter's great-grandfather those of the name continued to reside in Virginia. He, however, struck out into Kentucky and was one of the pioneer farmers of the southern part of Central Kentucky. His son, Reader M. Tarter, was born in Kentucky and died at Decatur before the birth of Professor Tarter. For the greater part of his life he was engaged in farming in the vicinity of Decatur. He married Martha M. Gadberry, a native of Kentucky, who also died at Decatur.

Samuel Tarter, who is still a resident of Decatur, was born in that city in 1861, and there he has spent his entire life. For many years a successful farmer, he is still following that calling. In politics he is a democrat. He married Sarah Emily Cravens, who was born in Kentucky in 1862, and died at Decatur in 1915. Their children were as follows: John F., who is engaged in farming near Liberty, Casey County, Kentucky; Ira, who is a farmer of Font Hill, Russell County; Professor Tarter, who was third in order of birth; and Florie, who lives at Russell Springs, married L. R. Wilson, Jr., a clerk in a store.

Professor Tarter attended the rural schools of Russell County, the Russell Springs High School, and the Western Kentucky State Normal School at Bowling Green, Kentucky, from which he was graduated and during this period received the equivalent of a four-year high school course and a two-year college course. In the meanwhile, in 1908, he had begun to teach school, and was connected with the rural schools of his native county for four years. During 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915 and 1916 he served as principal of the graded schools of Oakton, Kentucky, and during 1917 and 1918 was principal of the county high school at Albany, Kentucky.

His work as an educator was interrupted by his response to his country's call, when he enlisted May 27, 1918, in the World war and was sent to Camp Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky. After six weeks there he was transferred to Camp Beauregard, Louisiana, where he remained until August 2, 1918, on which date he was sent overseas to France. Before he left this country he had been made sergeant of Company L, One Hundred and Third Infantry. After he reached France he was made supply sergeant, first of the Fifth Depot Division, and later of the Central Recorders Office, and remained at Bourges for the greater part of the time. On August 9, 1919, Professor Tarter sailed from Brest, France, for the United States, and was mustered out of the service at Camp Taylor September 4, 1919.

From the time of his return home until May, 1920, he was a general bookkeeper in the First National Bank at Russell Springs, and in September of that year was made principal of the graded and high schools of this city. He has under his supervision six teachers and 350 pupils, and they, as well as he, are making a record for efficiency and scholarship. Like his father he is a democrat. The Baptist Church holds his membership, and he is a faithful worker in its ranks. A Mason, he belongs to Russell Springs Lodge No. 840, F. and A. M., and Columbia Chapter, R. A. M. Professionally he is a member of the Kentucky Educational Association. Professor Tarter is unmarried.

Having steadily advanced, earning the money to prosecute his own studies, Professor Tarter is a man who appreciates the value of a thorough educational training. A natural teacher, he not only imparts knowledge in such a manner as to make study interesting, but also

stimulates his pupils to renewed effort, and awakens in their expanding minds the desire for broader fields of intellectual development. At the same time he so regulates his supervision of his assistants as to secure their hearty co-operation, and in this, as in other ways, secures for the rising generation the best of instruction. Having devoted more than a year of his life to the service of his country, Professor Tarter has proven in a most effective and practical way his interest in it and its institutions, and may be depended upon to imbue those under his charge with the highest kind of patriotism, and to give to his home community a cheerful and valuable support whenever it is necessary.

L. W. MCGEE. In the record of business achievements of the merchants of Burkesville the name of L. W. McGee occupies a conspicuous place. His admirable efforts have not only contributed materially to the business interests of the county seat, but his career has been one that redounds to his credit, and as president of the firm of McGee Brothers, dry goods, shoes and notions dealers, he occupies a place among the leaders in his line in Cumberland County.

Mr. McGee was born at Burkesville, January 15, 1870, and is a son of J. J. and Sallie (Williams) (Baker) McGee. He is of Scotch descent on the paternal side, the original McGee in America having emigrated from the land of the thistle and the heather in pre-Revolutionary war days and settled in the Colony of Virginia. J. J. McGee, the elder, grandfather of L. W. McGee, was born at Harper's Ferry, Virginia, and as a young man went to Nashville, Tennessee, where he married a Miss Jones, a native of that city, who died in Cumberland County, Kentucky, where the grandfather secured a tract of farming land and soon became an extensive farmer and live stock dealer, as well as a large tobacco raiser. From Burkesville, his home, it was his custom to make trips to New Orleans with flatboat loads of tobacco, and on one of these trips, while on the Mississippi River, he contracted cholera, from which he died. He and his worthy wife were the parents of a large family of children.

J. J. McGee, the younger, father of L. W. McGee, was born in 1834 in Cumberland County, where he has spent his entire life, being at present a retired resident of Burkesville. As a young man he adopted the vocation of farming, an occupation in which he won gratifying success, his industry bringing him large returns which his business ability allowed him to invest with honorably gained profit, and his integrity winning him the respect of his business associates. In 1900 he gave up active labor and retired to his comfortable home at Burkesville, where he has since been in the enjoyment of the fruits of his earlier labor. His home on Columbia Street, one of the most desirable residences at Burkesville, he still owns, but he has disposed of his farms. He is a democrat and a member of and active worker in the Christian Church. He is a member and a past master of Cumberland Lodge No. 413, F. and A. M., of Burkesville. Mr. McGee first married a Miss Johnson, of Cumberland County, who died leaving two children: J. G., formerly a merchant at Burkesville, who died at the age of forty-eight years; and Mary, who died at Campbellsville, Kentucky, aged forty-nine years, as the wife of John Q. Alexander, who travels out of Louisville as a representative of the Carter Dry Goods Company of that city. After the death of his first wife Mr. McGee married Mrs. Sallie (Williams) Baker, who was born in 1841 in Cumberland County, and died at Burkesville in 1917. By her first marriage she had two children: B. C. Baker, proprietor of the Hotel Burkesville; and Mannie, the wife of T. J. Lawhorn, a farmer and live stock dealer of Burkesville. Mr. and Mrs. McGee became the parents of seven children: Elva, senior member of the Independent Tire Company of Nashville, Tennessee; L. W., of this notice; C. M.,

who resides at Burkesville and is junior member of the firm of McGee Brothers; Hattie, the wife of Robert Gowdy, a farm owner and real estate broker of Campbellsville; Charles, a former Cumberland County farmer, who died at Burkesville at the age of thirty-seven years; Jacob T., cashier of the Bank of Cumberland at Burkesville; and Effie, the wife of W. T. Ortle, a practicing attorney of the State of Colorado.

L. W. McGee is indebted for his early education to the public schools of Burkesville, he being a graduate of the high school, class of 1887. He next attended Kentucky University at Lexington, but went only through the sophomore year, when he left college and began to clerk in the store of his father and uncle, G. B. McGee, at Burkesville. After twelve years of clerking he formed a partnership with his brother, J. G. McGee, and conducted a general mercantile business, and when his brother died, two years later, L. W. McGee became sole owner of the enterprise. This he carried on alone until 1921, when he admitted to partnership his younger brother, C. M. McGee, at that time forming the present firm of McGee Brothers, of which L. W. McGee is president. This is now one of the leading dry goods, shoes and notions establishments in Cumberland County, and trade is attracted from all over the countryside to the modern store located on the west side of the Public Square. A full and up-to-date line of goods is carried, particular attention being paid to the wants and needs of the patrons, and efficient service, fair representation, popular prices and courteous attention combine to make the establishment a popular and well-patronized place of business.

Mr. McGee is a democrat in politics, but has not sought public office. However, he has never been lax in his citizenship, and has shown a commendable interest in all movements which have promised to benefit his community. In the World war period he was active in working for the success of the Red Cross, Liberty Loan and other drives, and was a generous contributor thereto. Reared in the faith of the Christian Church, he has been an active supporter thereof, and at present is serving in the capacity of elder. His only fraternal affiliation is with Burkesville Lodge, Knights of Pythias, in which he has numerous friends. He owns and occupies a pleasant modern home on High Street.

In 1892, at Burkesville, Mr. McGee was united in marriage with Miss Lee King Baker, who was born in Cumberland County, a daughter of G. F. and Adelaide (Owsley) Baker, natives of this county, who are both now deceased. Mr. Baker was for many years a merchant of Burkesville, where he was widely and favorably known in business circles and as a citizen. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McGee: Cecil, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits in the vicinity of Muldon, Mississippi; Agnes, who is the wife of Leslie McComas, agent for Dodge and Ford automobiles and owner and operator of the leading public garage at Burkesville, a sketch of whose career will be found elsewhere in this work; and Sallie King, who is a student of the senior class at the Kentucky College for Women.

JOHN M. WAUGH, one of the ablest representatives of the legal profession at Ashland, has steadily made his way to the front by sheer ability and a persistence that has never allowed him to lose sight of the ideals and ambitions he learned to cherish as a young man.

Mr. Waugh was born in Carter County, Kentucky, June 19, 1873, son of George W. and Aura (Bellew) Waugh, both natives of Kentucky. Mr. Waugh is of French and German stock. His father was French and his grandfather, German, and both were married in France. His grandmother bore the family name of Duduitt, and was a niece of Governor La Croix, prominently identified with the early French colony that settled along the Ohio River. Some of Mr. Waugh's ancestors were pioneers in the iron industry in the