

CHAPTER XXXV

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

THE COUNTRY DOCTOR

The real measure of life is in the amount of meritorious service that it yields, and nowhere else, perhaps, is this standard more true than in the life of a doctor in a country town, who has to be something of a "specialist" and general practitioner and surgeon, all in one. Subject to emergency calls twenty-four hours a day and the hectic rush of calls during office hours, he, nevertheless, maintains his cool and composure, administering to the needs of his patients, often under conditions that would lead men of lesser stature to distraction. He must reach beyond his medical call of duty to take an active part in civic and community affairs for the good of the town and his fellow man. Jaffrey is fortunate to have physicians with these qualifications: C. Francis Wozmak, M.D., Franklin W. Sterling, M.D., and Charles H. Hamilton, M.D., whose biographical sketches follow in the order of their seniority.

C. FRANCIS WOZMAK, M.D.

C. Francis Wozmak, M.D., the senior physician and surgeon in Jaffrey, has found time, in spite of his busy life as a physician, to participate in community affairs. His thirty-seven years of devoted service to the people of Jaffrey and vicinity has gained for him a rightful place in the esteem of the people. He came to Jaffrey in 1932 upon the recommendation of the late Dr. Laurence B. Hatch, who met the young doctor in a big city hospital. Dr. Hatch saw in him a likely successor to the position which he was relinquishing after a near lifetime of service as a country doctor. The young doctor saw the opportunity that lay before him and severed his connection with the city and its hospital and came to Jaffrey in the summer of 1932. On September 10, 1933, he purchased the Dr. Hatch office and home on School Street, which he used as a home and office. In 1941 he purchased the Alice W. Poole property on Main Street, which is still his home, retaining the former building for his office and clinic.

Dr. Wozmak was born in Buffalo, New York, on March 1, 1908, a son of Frank and Mary (Czaplinska) Wozniak. Because of his father's occupation, the family moved to Haverhill, Massachusetts,

where the son was graduated from Haverhill High School in 1925. Having decided on a medical career, he studied at Tufts University College of Liberal Arts, 1925-1927, and from 1927 to 1931 he was a student at Tufts University School of Medicine, graduating Cum Laude the latter year. He was Presiding Junior and Presiding Senior of Phi Chi Medical Fraternity. He served an internship at Lowell (Massachusetts) Corporation Hospital in 1930-1931, and a residency at St. Joseph's Hospital in Lowell, 1931-1932. After coming to Jaffrey he continued his medical and surgical study by taking courses at Cook County Graduate School of Medicine in Chicago, Illinois, and later, in 1940, he took further courses at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

In his practice in Jaffrey Dr. Wozmak has had several associates. A partnership was formed with Dr. Franklin W. Sterling, September 10, 1949, but was dissolved June 30, 1953, when Dr. Sterling was called into military service. Other associates have been the following doctors: David Glynn Millard, M.D., 1954 to 1956; Alfred Langois, M.D., 1956; Carl Y. Malmquist, M.D., May 8, 1958 to 1959; and Dominic V. Sorge, M.D., 1962-1963.

Dr. Wozmak's medical affiliations are numerous and important. Throughout his Jaffrey residency he has been on the staff of the Monadnock Community Hospital and on its surgical staff from 1932 to the present time. He served as president of the hospital staff in 1953-1954. He is also associated with the Elliot Community Hospital in Keene, New Hampshire.

He has been a member of the Cheshire County Medical Society from 1934 to the present time. From 1941 to the present time he has been Medical Advisor to Selective Service Board No. 3. Also from 1934 to the present time he has been a member of the New Hampshire Medical Society and served as a member of its House of Delegates from 1940 to the present time. Starting in 1956, he has been a member of the Committee on Industrial Health and served as its chairman from 1957 to 1966. He has been a member and chairman of the Committee on Alcoholism from 1967 to the present time. His other state medical post is on the judicial council from 1956 to the present time.

Nationally, he began his long membership with the American Medical Association in 1931, which he still continues. He was made Fellow of International College of Surgeons in 1957, and is a member of the Planning Committee, Eastern Regional Meeting, Congress on Occupational Health.

In addition to his impressive list of medical affiliations, Dr. Wozmak has entered into the life of the community in which he lives. He joined the Jaffrey Grange in 1942, and still retains his membership in the order. He was co-founder with Frederick Butler of the local Lions Club, being associated with the club from July 10, 1952, to 1958, and served as its president in 1956. His thirteen years of service on the Jaffrey School Board has been invaluable. When the Jaffrey Grade School was built, he served as chairman of the Building Committee, 1937-1938. His town office has been membership on the budget committee, 1938 to 1949. In 1959 he was elected a member of the Corporate Board of Monadnock Savings Bank, a position he still holds.

Dr. Wozmak first married Annette Sasner. They were divorced October 22, 1945. On May 17, 1947, he married Virginia Tucker Lawrence.

FRANKLIN WELDON STERLING, M.D.

Franklin Weldon Sterling, M.D., was born in Hillsborough, New Hampshire, July 26, 1916, the third of four sons of Weldon Price and Aura M. (Carr) Sterling. (See genealogical record.) He attended the local schools in Hillsborough and the University of New Hampshire where he received his B.S. degree in 1941. While at the University he was elected to Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and served as the Chapter President for two years. He was graduated from Tufts University Medical School in 1944. After graduation he interned at the Worcester City Hospital where he met his wife, the former Elizabeth Haynes. They were married in Worcester, Massachusetts, in 1945.

Dr. Sterling served in the United States Navy at the Chelsea Naval Hospital in Boston. He later was assigned to the Marine Base at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and as Medical Officer aboard the U.S.S. Mississippi.

After his discharge in 1946, Dr. Sterling began his first practice in Antrim, New Hampshire, and joined the staff of the Monadnock Community Hospital at Peterborough, New Hampshire. At this time he was contacted by C. Francis Wozmak, M.D., and asked to form a partnership with him for the practice of medicine in Jaffrey. On January 1, 1947, Dr. Sterling moved to Jaffrey and made his home on School Street. For a short time he conducted his practice from the former office of Dr. Anson Kendall on Main Street before moving in with Dr. Wozmak on School Street.

In 1950 Dr. Sterling moved his family into the former Baptist Parsonage on East Main Street. At the time of the Korean Conflict he was recalled into the United States Navy and his partnership with Dr. Wozmak was dissolved. After his discharge from the Navy, Dr. Sterling built a home on Cutter Hill on Harkness Road. He purchased the former parsonage for his office which he still maintains.

Dr. Sterling has been active in town affairs since coming to Jaffrey. He has served as school physician since 1947 for both Jaffrey and Rindge. He has been organizer and president of the Jaffrey Pony League baseball teams and has served on the Town Planning Board since its beginning. Dr. Sterling has been President of the Staff of the Monadnock Community Hospital for two terms and President of the Cheshire County Medical Society. He is also acting Medical Referee for Cheshire County and a member of the Cheshire County Medical Society and the New Hampshire Medical Society.

CHARLES H. HAMILTON, M.D.

Charles H. Hamilton, M.D., is a Jaffrey native who went away to school but returned to his home town for the practice of his chosen profession. He was born August 15, 1930, the son of Axel and Anna M. (Johansson) Hamilton, and was graduated from Conant High School in 1948. He was graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1952 after which he studied medicine at Tufts Medical School, graduating in 1956. Following his graduation he interned at the New England Center Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts, which was followed by a residency at Mt. Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, Massachusetts. His medical residencies were interrupted by two years of service in the United States Navy. Upon the completion of his military service, he had a residency at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Returning East, he was at the Worcester, Massachusetts, City Hospital.

He returned to Jaffrey in 1964 and started a general and surgical practice, with his office at his residence in Jaffrey Center, the former Fernald property. In Jaffrey he has actively borne his part in community and civic affairs. He was a member of the School Study Committee, and is a member and past president of the Jaffrey Lions Club. In 1969 he was appointed to succeed the late Ralph E. Boynton as a trustee of the Jaffrey Public Library. He was one of the incorporators of the Jaffrey-Gilmore Foundation. He is an incorporator of the Monadnock Savings Bank.

His medical affiliations are memberships in the Cheshire County and New Hampshire Medical Societies.

He married in Milwaukee, January 28, 1961, Sylvia J. Barnaby of Boston, and they have three children. (See genealogical record.)

JAFFREY CITIZENS

DELCIE DAVID BEAN, JR.

Delcie David Bean, Jr., secretary-treasurer of D. D. Bean & Sons Company of Jaffrey, helped found the family business with his father and brother in 1938.

A graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy in 1927 and Dartmouth College in 1931, he served in the U.S. Naval Reserve from July, 1944 to June, 1946 during which time he achieved the rank of lieutenant.

His civic activities have included service as trustee of the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, The United Church of Jaffrey, Monadnock Community Hospital in Peterborough, and of Franklin Pierce College in Rindge. He also serves as secretary-treasurer of the Amos Fortune Forum in Jaffrey, and as a director of the Planned Parenthood Association of Southern New Hampshire.

He is a director of the Monadnock National Bank and of Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc. He was a former consultant to the match industry in Jamaica, West Indies, and is a charter member and director of the Jaffrey Community Corporation.

He and his wife, Margaret, have six children and four grandchildren. They make their home in Jaffrey.

VERNON JAMES BEAN

Vernon James Bean was born in Rindge, New Hampshire, January 23, 1906, the eldest son of Delcie D. and Ellen (Holden) Bean. When he was six years of age his father moved to Jaffrey with his family and the son attended the Jaffrey Grade School. He was graduated from Conant High School in 1922, after which he attended Phillips Exeter Academy for one year. His college education was received at Boston University which he attended two years. He was a member of S.A.E. fraternity.

Vernon J. Bean has devoted his life to business interests and has prominently identified himself with the life of the community. He spent a year in Florida where he was employed as a clerk in the Bradentown (Florida) Post Office. Returning to New England, he

was engaged in the fuel business in Boston, Massachusetts. He engaged also in the lumber business before entering into what was to become the major activity of his life, the book match business.

In 1928 he promoted and built the Bean Block on Main Street in Jaffrey, which provided quarters for many local business establishments, including the local United States Post Office for many years. The building was sold in 1946 to Leonard St. George, the present owner.

In 1938 he helped found with his father and brother the D. D. Bean & Sons Company, Inc. This family business is now the second major industry in Jaffrey. Since the death of his father he has served as president of the company. He has been a director of the Wilton, New Hampshire, National Bank since 1958. He is a member of the Advisory Council Board, American Mutual Insurance Company.

His civic and fraternal memberships include the Jaffrey Lions Club and Charity Lodge, F. & A.M. He is a member of the United Church of Jaffrey.

He is married to the former Laura Evelyn Evans and they have three children. (See genealogical record.)

HOMER J. BELLETETE

When in 1899 Elie Belletete started his store business in the former Goodnow store building on North Street, he laid the foundations of what fifty years later, in the hands of his sons, Homer and Reynold, expanded into the largest retail store business in the history of Jaffrey.

Homer J. Belletete was born in Jaffrey on May 6, 1908, and grew up in the traditions of the country store grocery business of his father, learning in boyhood the rudiments of retail merchandising. He was educated in the Jaffrey schools, graduating from Conant High in 1926. His father needed help in his store and what better arrangement could there be than to have his son work with him? And thus it was that he gave up any thought of further academic education and entered wholeheartedly into what was to become his life's work. In spite of long hours of work and activity as the family business demanded, he began to find time for other things, including public service and civic and fraternal activities.

Then came the war years and he saw his brothers go to the war front. He would have liked to have gone, too, but there was also a home front to serve and his was in his aging father's store and the

town of Jaffrey. His outside interests had grown and already he had served as president of the Civic Club in 1939, and was president of the Jaffrey Outing Club in 1944. He ran for selectman in 1943 and was elected. Once more he sought the office and won, making his service as selectman extend from 1943 to 1949. He represented Jaffrey in the New Hampshire General Court, 1953-4. He has served on the town Planning Board, 1953 to 1961, and as vice president of the former Credit Union. He is an active member of the Lions Club, the Jaffrey Board of Trade, and of the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's Church, and is a third degree Knight of Columbus.

He possesses a deep appreciation of historical things and values and was one of the founders of the Jaffrey Historical Society and has served as its vice president and treasurer. He is also a member of the Jaffrey History Committee. Since 1955 he has been a trustee of the Clay Library and has a genuine interest in making its already excellent services and facilities even better. First appointed a trustee of the Conant Trust Fund in 1949, he continues to serve at the present time. He was a trustee and incorporator of the Jaffrey-Gilmore Foundation when it was organized in 1964, and continues to the present time. In line with his business, he is (1968) vice president and director of the New Hampshire Retail Grocer's Association. Since 1958 he has been an incorporator of the Monadnock Savings Bank. In addition to local interests, he has been serving the Monadnock Region Association as a director since 1954, and is a trustee of the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge. From 1942 to 1945 he served as an incorporator of the Monadnock Community Hospital.

He is manager of the grocery business of Belletete's, Inc., while his brother Reynold handles the hardware and building supply end of the business.

He married in 1935 Louise M. Busi of Nashua, New Hampshire. She was a teacher in the Jaffrey Schools from 1930 until retiring to a part-time basis in 1964.

RALPH E. BOYNTON

If any man has had a selfless affection for the town of Jaffrey, that man was Ralph E. Boynton, who held the office of selectman more years than anyone else in the history of Jaffrey, a total of twenty-seven years. He was a true Town Father, with the best interests of the town at heart always. He garnered many memories during his fourscore years, and one of the main delights of his

latter years was the recalling of events and persons that have figured in the way we have come to where we are. Many of these recollections he wrote down and are being preserved by the Jaffrey Historical Society which was formed in 1958, and remained a member for the rest of his life, serving also on its board of directors. He was the first president of the Society.

Ralph E. Boynton was born in Sharon, New Hampshire, on September 15, 1888, the son of Frank J. and Hattie A. (Butler) Boynton. In 1890 his father moved to Jaffrey where the son received his education in the local schools. Upon attaining man's estate, he became an accountant for the Boston & Maine Railroad, in which capacity he served for fifty years. His genial and courteous manner during his service in the local station office won him many friends, both in town and among the railroad officialdom, whose friendships he treasured for the rest of his life.

He early acquired the so-called Lt. James Stevens farm near Gilmore Pond, which remained his home until old age. For many years he and his wife, Sarah L. (Taylor) Boynton, took in summer boarders, many of whom returned, year after year, to enjoy the peace and quiet of the farm and the genuine hospitality of their hosts.

As a young man he joined the Jaffrey Grange and remained an active and interested member for forty-six years. For a number of years he was the local Grange insurance representative. His active interests were county-wide and for twelve years he served as a Cheshire County Commissioner. In Jaffrey he served as a library trustee until his death. When the burden of his eighty years and failing health began to weigh heavily upon him, and fearful that he was not able to render his former measure of service, he considered giving up his latter post. But his associates found his service still valuable and encouraged him to stay on.

Fraternally, he was a fifty-year member of the Artisan Lodge of Masons of Winchendon, Massachusetts. He was also a member of the New Hampshire Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. He was a member of the Jaffrey History Committee which was appointed in 1967. Among his other services to the town and its people was his town auditor office. He died on February 6, 1969.

LUCIA B. CUTTER

Many persons, including the writer, first became acquainted with Lucia B. Cutter while she was serving as librarian at the Jaffrey

Public Library; and out of those acquaintances developed life-long friendships, for Lucia was a loyally friendly person. Of her it can be said, in the words of the bard, "The friends thou hast and their adoption tried, grapple them to thy heart with hoops of steel." And she did just that. Her friends were her dearest possessions, and when she was among them she was radiantly happy. Their welfare was a personal concern with her.

Although not endowed with great wealth, she was rich in kindness and those virtues that are enduring and endearing. Of what she had she gave freely to any worthwhile cause or individuals in need, often four and five times as much as some one else of greater means. She had a generous spirit that extended in all directions, but these things she kept to herself.

Lucia Belle Cutter was born on the Cutter homestead on Cutter Hill in Jaffrey Center, on Harkness Road, December 9, 1871, the daughter of Lucius Averill and Corrisande E. (Lawrence) Cutter. She received her education in the Jaffrey Schools after which, in turn, she taught others the things she had learned, as a teacher at the schools in Districts No. 1, 3, 7, and 9, from 1890 to 1897, with the exception of 1896.

Her service as librarian at the Jaffrey Public Library, starting in 1898, has been exceeded only by Evelyn H. Ruffle, the present librarian. It terminated in 1918. Since that time she often served as substitute librarian, and in this capacity many of the younger generations came to know and respect her.

For many years of her life she took in summer boarders at the Cutter homestead, many of whom came there upon the recommendations of friends. Later she rented part of the house as an apartment, and among her tenants were the Rev. Ralph Danforth family, the Dr. Rolf Kingsley family of New York, and A. Amy (Hosmer) Torrey, widow of the Rev. David C. Torrey, who was pastor of the First Church at Jaffrey Center.

Up on the hill, with Nature in all her beauty about her, she learned to love all things of Nature—birds, flowers, trees, and above all Mt. Monadnock of which she had a superb view from her western windows—and she instilled into others the love of Nature.

When at last the infirmities of age crept upon her and she was forced to leave Jaffrey to make her home at the Mary Hunt Home in Nashua, New Hampshire, she lived in memory in Jaffrey and developed a voluminous correspondence with her Jaffrey friends.

She died in Nashua, December 2, 1957, at the age of 86 years lacking seven days.

RAYMOND J. DESMARAIS

Raymond J. Desmarais, whose aspirations for public office and service led him early in life to espouse the Democratic party, has been active in local, county, and state political circles. Still in his early forties, he has shown more interest and enthusiasm in governmental affairs than most men do in a lifetime twice his age. He was born in Winchendon, Massachusetts, during the temporary residence of the family in that town, on August 4, 1928, the son of William J. and Marguerite (Robitaille) Desmarais.

After his grade school and high school education, he went to work at D. D. Bean & Sons Company, Inc., continuing at the same time his education at Suffolk University. After eight years he left his previous employer and worked for a year at W. W. Cross & Company, Inc., 1956-1957. After two unsuccessful attempts for the office, he was elected in 1955 to the office of Tax Collector for Jaffrey, a position he has held to the present time.

From November, 1957, to June, 1960, he served as treasurer of the Jaffrey Water Works, and has also served as water commissioner. He was the Jaffrey Civil Defense Director from 1959 to 1962, and since that date he has been co-director. In April, 1961, he was named clerk of the Jaffrey Municipal Court, retaining that post after the present District Court System was inaugurated. From 1961 he has served as bail commissioner. Since 1959 he has been on the Local Selective Board Number Three and still holds that post.

Raymond Desmarais has a natural aptitude for figures. He has assisted persons with Federal Internal-Revenue returns since 1948 and has acquired a wide clientele in Jaffrey and other nearby towns. He has been a notary public and justice of the peace since 1958. In 1961 he was elected vice president of the New Hampshire Tax Collectors and in 1962 president. He was the first treasurer of the Ja-Fi-Ri Credit Union, 1961.

He served Jaffrey as a member of the New Hampshire General Court for three terms, 1961 to 1967, and was town clerk of Jaffrey from September, 1959, to January, 1961. In other local affairs he has held all the Jaffrey P.T.A. offices, and has served as chairman of the local Democratic party since 1960, during which period he has revived considerable interest in party affairs. In 1966 he headed the drive for Monadnock Council for Retarded Children, and in

1971 he is president of the Jaffrey-Rindge department of Citizens Scholarship Foundation.

From 1963 to the present time he has been on the State Right of Way Commission, a Democratic State Committeeman, 1962-1964, and clerk of the Cheshire County Delegation in 1963.

He is married to the former Constance G. Ouellette of Jaffrey and they have three daughters, Donna, Kathie, and Linda.

HOMER J. FORCIER

A second generation member of a numerous Jaffrey family of French-Canadian antecedents, Homer J. Forcier has held a special niche in the affections and esteem of his fellow townsmen for over fifty years. After receiving his preliminary education in the Jaffrey schools and his graduation from Conant High School in 1925, he matriculated at Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts. From there he received his A.B. degree in 1929. On January 1, 1931, he was elected to fill a vacancy on the teaching staff at the Jaffrey Grade School and that fall he was transferred to the Conant Junior High School faculty. The following fall he was advanced to teach social science in the senior high school and held the position until 1934, when, in March, he was elected to the Jaffrey School Board, but later resigned the office to avoid a possible conflict upon being appointed to fill the vacancy of postmaster at the East Jaffrey Post Office. James H. Fitzgerald had resigned to accept the manager-ship of the New Hampshire Liquor Commission Store in Jaffrey.

Homer Forcier's long term as Postmaster, during which the name of the office was changed from East Jaffrey to Jaffrey Post Office, started in 1936 and came to an end in 1970 when he retired to devote his time, energies, and know-how to an accumulation of other interests while still young enough to make a change. During World War II he interrupted his career as postmaster for a stint in the United States Navy from June, 1944, to December, 1945.

He has retained the quickness of mind and body of his youth to a remarkable degree, which are still stimulants to useful activity in the community, for he has refused to stand by to accept the approach of retirement with his arms folded. His quick wit and ever ready answers at repartee have stood him well and he is at the fore-front today, serving the town as selectman and as representative to the General Court. In 1942 he received an LL.B. degree from Northeastern University and this training has been and continues

to be of useful importance in his many activities. He served three more years on the Jaffrey School Board, but declined re-election in 1950. He continues to be active in church, civic, social, and veterans' organizations. He retains memberships in the John Humiston Post, American Legion, and Jaffrey Memorial Post, V.F.W. He has been a director of the Peterborough Cooperative Bank for many years.

Homer J. Forcier was born in Ste. Germaine, P. Q., Canada, on December 15, 1907, the son of Cyrille and Amanda (Frappier) Forcier, and came to Jaffrey with his father's family in 1919. He was married on August 6, 1934, to Frances E. Jackson of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, who was a schoolteacher in Jaffrey. They are parents of three sons, who are following their father's example of useful citizenship. (See genealogical section.)

ATTORNEY WALTER H. GENTSCH

Being the first member of the legal profession to make a success of the practice of law in Jaffrey is the singular achievement of Attorney Walter H. Gentsch. How did Attorney Gentsch succeed in that in which all before him had failed? The answer must lie in some measure in the fact that he brought to his practice the will to make a go of it, the willingness to work long hours, and the spirit of self-sacrifice. At the outset, his friends, who were reluctant to see him fail, advised him not to open a law office in Jaffrey but to seek a more lucrative field elsewhere. He disregarded their well intended advice and in 1933 opened an office in the second floor rooms of the Goodnow store annex. He possessed in large measure the diligence and methodical perseverance of his German forbears and decided to try for himself against the advice of others. It was a wise decision, as time eventually proved, and soon by dint of hard work and long hours he found himself riding on the road to success. People in Jaffrey, in ever increasing numbers, sought his counsel and legal services in matters with which they themselves could not cope. And before long his name spread outside the borders of Jaffrey and his clientele grew. That, in brief, is the success story of Attorney Gentsch.

Attorney Gentsch was born in Clinton, Massachusetts, on March 16, 1907, the son of Hugo F. and Mary D. (Keisling) Gentsch. After securing his preliminary education in the schools of his native town, he came to Jaffrey and was graduated from Conant

High School with the Class of 1925. Two years later he was graduated from Bay Path Institute in Springfield, Massachusetts, where he majored in Accounting and Finance. He completed a two-year course in one year with high scholastic standing. He then entered LaSalle University from which he was graduated in 1928 with a major in Higher Accounting. Throughout his college career he was a brilliant student. He then chose the legal profession as his life's work. The choice was well made. He enrolled at Northeastern University, School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts. Here he led his class scholastically and was graduated in 1932 with an LL.B. degree.

With his academic education completed, there came a series of advances in his chosen profession. The first of these was immediately following his graduation from law school, when he was admitted to practice law in Massachusetts. The following year, 1933, he was admitted to the practice of law in New Hampshire, and in 1934 he was admitted to the practice in the United States District Court in the State of New Hampshire. He was subsequently admitted to practice in the United States District Court in the State of Vermont also.

As time went on, the sphere of his practice widened and before long he was admitted to practice in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston. But the pinnacle of his ambition came when he was admitted to practice in the United States Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., which was followed by his admittance to practice before the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington, D.C.

All these milestones in the legal profession indicate an alert, conscientious, and versatile legal mind, innate qualities which Attorney Gentsch possesses in a marked degree, and which were reflected in all his work throughout his legal career. His is a success story which might be summed up in his own words as due "to personal sacrifice, complete devotion to my profession, long hours of service, and my wife's understanding co-operation."

He has held memberships in the Cheshire County Bar Association and the New Hampshire Bar Association. He has also served as president of the Cheshire County Bar Association.

Attorney Gentsch began his law practice in Jaffrey in 1933 as a general practitioner and as a tax attorney and consultant. He gave to the people of Jaffrey thirty years of legal service and counsel, which almost made him something of a legend in the town. He retired in 1963.

Not all his time in Jaffrey was devoted to legal matters for he found time to serve with acceptability as town clerk from 1935 to 1942, and as school district clerk from 1935 to 1943. For many years he was attorney for the Town of Jaffrey. In 1935 he was appointed by Governor Styles Bridges as Special Justice of the Jaffrey Municipal Court and later by Governor John King as Special Justice of the Jaffrey District Court when the District Court System was established. He resigned as Justice in 1967 to devote more time for travel and other interests.

Among the highlights of his professional career are many cases in which he participated which were taken to the Supreme Court, establishing precedents since used and cited by the courts and the legal profession. One such case is of special interest to Jaffrey when he represented the Town of Jaffrey in litigation, establishing the precedent in the Supreme Court that towns may engage in private business and plow private driveways, etc.

On his own since the age of seventeen, he found great satisfaction and joy in helping many a young couple meet emergencies, start in business or acquire a home with funds otherwise not available to them through regular financial channels.

While living in Jaffrey Attorney and Mrs. Gentsch have owned and occupied several of the most renowned historical houses in Jaffrey. Included among these were the Cutter House at Jaffrey Center, the so-called Upton-Packard house on Main Street, where the first bank was established, and at the time of his retirement owned and resided at the Nightingale Estate on the Mountain Road. They still retain legal residence in Jaffrey. Judge and Mrs. Gentsch have had the honor of being listed in the publications of *Who's Who in New England* and *Who's Who In the East*.

Now, after active and busy careers, Judge and Mrs. Gentsch are enjoying life as world travelers. In addition to around the world cruises, they have travelled in all the continents and across the seven seas. They have taken extensive cruises in the Pacific to the countries of the Orient, also to the South Pacific countries and islands. They have taken many cruises to South America, most of the Caribbean Islands, Europe, the countries bordering on the Mediterranean Sea, the Holy Land, and the near and far East. They have made comprehensive travel around and through Africa, and all but three states and two countries in North and Central America.

On Christmas Day in 1935, Attorney Gentsch married Doris

Eddy, daughter of Ellsworth C. and Alice (Crosby) Eddy of Southern Pines, North Carolina. Throughout their married life she has been a devoted helpmate and able assistant in his work.

ANNE BRADLEY GORDON

Not content to rest upon her laurels as a mother who raised a family of four children, Anne Bradley Gordon has extended her influence and service town- and county-wide, even reaching into legislative halls of the State. She is one of the most active women in the history of Jaffrey, having inherited some of the strong qualities of her strong ancestry, the Perkinses, Spauldings, Uptons, and Goodnows. She was born in Hartford, Connecticut, April 27, 1908, the daughter of Dr. Mark S. and Jessie E. (Goodnow) Bradley of Hartford and Jaffrey. (See family record.) Her father was a physician in Hartford but spent his summers in Jaffrey, and thus his daughter acquired first-hand knowledge of the town which was to become her permanent home and which she has served in so many capacities to the present time.

After graduating from Cushing Academy in Ashburnham, Massachusetts, she attended Fairmount School in Washington, D.C., 1927, and was graduated from the School of Occupational Therapy in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1929. The mother of four children and the grandmother of a baker's dozen, eight of whom attended the Jaffrey-Rindge School district, her immediate attentions today are focused on educational matters. From 1958 to 1970 she has served as secretary for the Supervisory Union #47, and on the Jaffrey School Board from 1958 to 1970. From 1946 to 1970 she was vice-chairman of the Jaffrey School Board. She is a member of the Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School Board, 1969-1972.

During her long membership in the Jaffrey Grange, she has held a number of offices, including that of Master in 1940-41. Active in the Girl Scout program, she served as a leader from 1954 to 1960. Since 1944 she has been a member of the John Humiston Legion Auxiliary Unit, serving as president in 1959-1960, and as chaplain and vice president at other times.

Following her interest in these local affairs, she launched her political career in 1957, when she was elected to the General Court (1957-9) and was a member of the Special Session in 1958, the longest session in the history of the Court in 1959 with adjournment on September 17th. In 1957 she served on the Education Committee and in 1959 on the Ways and Means Committee. She

was a member of the New Hampshire Legislative Council, 1957-1958, and of the Constitutional Convention in 1962. She was appointed by Governor Peterson to serve on the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, 1970-1984, and at the organization meeting on June 19th this year she was elected secretary of the Commission.

She has been active in various other Republican activities, including the following: Co-chairman of Cheshire County Republican Committee, 1968-71; co-chairman of Jaffrey Republican Committee, 1960-1970; member of the Cheshire County Republican Women's Club, president in 1967-68, and on the executive committee, 1969-1970. In 1970 she was Chairman of the By-laws Committee of the New Hampshire Federation of Republican Women's Clubs.

Anne Gordon was one of the ten signers of the incorporation papers for the Jaffrey Historical Society and served three terms as president, three terms as secretary, and has been on the Executive Board the rest of the time. From 1957 to 1968 she served on the Cheshire County Executive Committee of the National Foundation (March of Dimes) and as sponsor of the Spaulding Youth Center, 1960-1970. She has been active in the United Church, serving as president of the Church Guild, and as moderator, 1967-1970. She has also found time to serve as a substitute for the Monadnock Community Hospital visitors' desk. She has also served as town and school auditor, 1952-1958.

Her memberships include the following: New Hampshire School Boards Association, New Hampshire Council for Better Schools, New Hampshire World Council, Jaffrey-Rindge Hospital Aid Society, Jaffrey Woman's Club, Signet Chapter, O.E.S., National Order of Women Legislators, National Wildlife Federation, American Museum of Natural History, New Hampshire Historical Society, Monadnock Community Hospital Aid Society, New Hampshire Social Welfare Council, National History Society, and the Gilmore Pond Association, serving as president in 1965-1966.

She has a liking for dogs, and for people of "all ages from babies to grandmothers."

GRACE ELEANOR (MESSING) HANNAN

Listings in *Who's Who of American Women* since Third Edition, 1961, in *Who's Who in the East*, and in *World's Who's Who in Commerce and Industry* are the attainments of Grace Eleanor

(Messing) Hannan of Jaffrey, in a distinguished career in which she has combined those of a wife and mother as well. Born in Auburn, Massachusetts, October 16, 1917, the youngest of the two children of William C. and Eleanor (Sivret) Messing (see family record), she received her preliminary education in the Jaffrey schools and was graduated from Conant High School in 1935. She then attended the Fairchild Office School in Worcester, Massachusetts, in 1936.

For four years, 1936 to 1940, she was employed in the treasurer's office at Clark University in Worcester, until she accepted the latter year a position in the Time and Cost Office of Pratt & Whitney, Division of Nils Bement Pond, in West Hartford, Connecticut, which she held until 1943. She then returned to Jaffrey, and for the next six years, 1943-1949, she was employed in the Time and Cost, Production, Billing and Stock departments at W. W. Cross & Co., Inc.

In 1951 she began the line of employment that has brought her her many laurels, becoming associated with the New Hampshire Pharmaceutical Association in July of that year. From 1956 to 1969 she was secretary-manager and in 1969 she became Executive Secretary. She continues in that capacity to the present time.

Membership-wise, her affiliations are impressive and include the following: New Hampshire Pharmaceutical Association, member and editor of the NHPA Journal; American Pharmaceutical Association, member and delegate to House of Delegates; American Society of Hospital Pharmacists, member; National Association of Retail Druggists, member; Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, Boston, Massachusetts, New Hampshire Chapter, Alumni Association, Charter member of New Hampshire Chapter; New England Public Health Association, member; American Institute of History of Pharmacy, member; National Council of State Pharmaceutical Association Executives, member since 1956, past president, (1966-1967).

She is an Honorary Registered Pharmacist in states of Idaho, Connecticut, and Massachusetts.

She was married on April 15, 1939, to Maxwell Martin Hannan, in Worcester, Mass., and they have three grownup children.

MARION MACK JOHNSON

Although many Jaffrey sons and daughters spend their active years in far-flung places, there is something about the town that

draws them back home again when they have concluded the major activities of their lives. Such was the case of Marion Mack Johnson, who, after terminating her teaching career in the Domestic Arts Department at Conant High School to accept a more lucrative position in Massachusetts in 1928, returned to Jaffrey in 1960.

Meanwhile she married Stephen Roosevelt Johnson of Brookline and Worcester, and, as she stated, "most of my time for a great number of years was spent raising the family." In Worcester she worked as a volunteer at the Worcester Girls' Club, and later became a director on the Executive Board. She was active in raising the funds required to establish the "Day Camp". This is now a summer camp, offering full camping schedules to the under-privileged girls in the city.

As a member of Central Congregational Church she served on various programs, established a library for children within the church, and served as president of the Women's Fellowship. She represented the Central Church at the Worcester Area Council of Churches.

Returning to Jaffrey for her retirement years, she was not content to spend them in absolute retirement. She has served as a trustee at the United Church of Jaffrey and two terms on the Jaffrey School Board, 1965 to 1971. In 1969-1971 she was a member of the Jaffrey-Rindge Co-operative School Board. Her major contribution to her native town was the founding of the Jaffrey-Gilmore Foundation, which is now, perhaps, the biggest attraction and greatest cultural asset in Jaffrey, and, for that matter, in the immediate region. The beautiful brick building she erected on the site of the former Wilkins-Bradley property, adjacent to the Jaffrey Public Library, will always be a testimonial to her interest in the better things of life for both the town and its people. (See Chapter -- Jaffrey-Gilmore Foundation.)

In 1970, in recognition of her contributions to the material and aesthetic services to the town, she was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Education degree from Franklin Pierce College in Rindge, New Hampshire.

She now makes her home on the shore of her beloved Gilmore Pond, with its magnificent view of Mt. Monadnock.

ALICE E. E. LEHTINEN

Few individuals have the privilege of working on two histories of their home towns; but that is the story of Alice E. E. Lehtinen,

who started her work in association with the late Albert Annett on the previous volumes during the summer of 1926. Returning to the University of Michigan that fall for her senior year, she continued historical research in an off-and-on way at the University Library archives, which she found had a well stocked section devoted to New Hampshire history. After graduation in June, 1927, she returned to Jaffrey and began her full-time work and co-authored with Albert Annett Volumes I and II of the Jaffrey history published in 1937 and 1934 respectively. Following Annett's death in the spring of 1936, she completed the last volume, which actually was Volume I. Perhaps that was "putting the cart before the horse" but that was the way it was done! Thirty years later, in 1967 to be specific, she started the present volume, Volume III of the History of Jaffrey, New Hampshire.

She was born in Calumet in the Copper Country of Michigan, on February 7, 1901, the oldest of the five children of Edward M. and Hannah Kristina (Kangas) Lehtinen. Her father brought his family to Jaffrey in the spring of 1905, and for fifteen years he farmed on the Old Jaffrey Town Farm, operating a dairy farm. In 1918 he bought the former Bacon farm from his neighbor, Fred A. Moses, where the second generation of the family is now living.

She was educated in the Jaffrey Schools, graduating from Conant High School in 1919. From 1921 to 1923 she taught school at the old Number Nine school which she had attended for seven years herself, and where she was the last teacher before the school was discontinued, in line with the general abandonment of the old school districts. She studied at Boston University and Clark University before matriculating at the University of Michigan, and in the 1930's one summer session at the University of New Hampshire. She obtained her college education through her own efforts.

Poetry has been one of her hobbies all her life and she can still recite from memory many of the poems she memorized at old Number Nine for the simple pleasure of memorizing them, when the superintendent of schools brought new reading books for spare time reading. Since then she has tried her own hand at verse making and one of her earliest poems, "The Washington Elm" was published in the now defunct Boston Post when the elm tree was lost. Since then, some of her poems have been published, most of them for sheer pleasure of versification. At Michigan she won election to membership in "The Black Quill," a campus literary society. Some of her poems are found in two anthologies.

For some fifteen years she was the news correspondent for several area newspapers and for a time edited the local paper. She worked in the office of D. D. Bean and Sons Company, Inc., for over seven years, and since then has been interested in carrying on a dairy farm with registered Guernsey and Jersey cattle, and for eight years operated a retail milk enterprise, after which the milk business has been on a "pick-up-at-the-farm basis."

Locally she served as the first woman selectman of Jaffrey, has been a member of the Jaffrey School Board, and served as treasurer and president of the Jaffrey Parent-Teachers Association. For several years she was secretary and press correspondent of the Jaffrey Woman's Club, then called the East Jaffrey Woman's Club, and in a competition conducted by the New York Herald Tribune she was awarded the red ribbon second prize for "Editorial Excellence" in reporting the club news.

Today she retains her inborn interest in organic gardening and every summer grows more vegetables than necessary for the pleasure of seeing them grow and ripen and of giving vegetables to her friends and some for sale. Her other interests over the years never allowed her to lose contact with the soil, for that gives one a feeling of youth even when youth is gone!

Although reticent by nature, she possesses a warmth of friendliness having early in life adopted the words of the bard, "The friends thou hast and their adoption tried, grapple them to thy heart with hoops of steel," as a guiding principle of her life.

MADELEINE ANNE McCARTHY

Some people make their mark in the business world; some achieve success in the professions, arts, and sciences, and some, with a compassion for human suffering, dedicate their lives to the calling of "women in white" devoted to the alleviation of pain and sickness. One of the latter is Madeleine Anne McCarthy of Jaffrey, who was graduated from Conant High School in 1918. She then took a three-year program at the Newport Hospital School of Nursing, graduating in 1921. Her first position was as supervisor of Obstetrical Department at Elizabeth General Hospital, Elizabeth, New Jersey. Returning to the Newport Hospital, Newport, Rhode Island, in 1923, she became a supervisor of Out-Patient Department, and then, starting in 1924, she engaged in private duty in Montclair, New Jersey, and at Mountainside Hospital, for three years.

From 1928 to 1936 her fourth tour of duty was as nurse secretary to Consultants, Dr. George H. Lathrope (medicine) and Dr. Royce Paddock (allergy) in Newark, New Jersey. Following her mother's death in December, 1936, she returned to Jaffrey for two years to assist her father to "keep the home together" for her father and two brothers. It was during this period that she developed an interest in real estate and under her father's direction established a real estate business and opened the Brick Oven Coffee Shop, where she also had her office. After her father's death, November 9, 1940, she closed the business in 1941 and took a position at the Middleton Hospital in Middleton, Ohio, for five months.

Then came World War II, and with both brothers enlisting in the service, she tried to enlist but was rejected as over age. She then returned to nursing and was at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, where she was during the war except for a year's leave of absence to accept a Bolton Scholarship at Boston University and graduated in 1946 with a B.S. degree in education. At Beth Israel she held positions of staff nurse, assistant head nurse, head nurse, evening supervisor, and night supervisor. From January, 1946, to August, 1947, she was Associate Director of Nursing Services at St. Luke Hospital in New Bedford, Massachusetts. From August, 1947, to August, 1950, she was Associate Director of School of Nursing and Nursing Services at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston.

In August, 1950, she resigned her position to enter the University of Chicago as a graduate student and received her M.A. degree in Social Sciences in August, 1951, specializing in Administration and Education (Nurses). Upon receiving her degree she was appointed to the faculty at the University of Chicago (in Nursing Education) with the responsibility for planning, organizing, and conducting an In-Service Education Program in Administration of Nursing Services for nursing administrators on all levels in the State of Illinois, under a five-year W. K. Kellogg Foundation Grant to the University of Chicago.

After research and consultation with all the hospital directors, directors of schools of nursing and nursing services, supervisors, head nurses, and all engaged in the care of patients in hospitals of Illinois, her committee was formed, composed of hospital administrators, directors of nursing and nursing services, and hospitals affiliated in Chicago, and the officials in Chicago of the American Hospital Association, the American Medical Association, and the

State and local nursing organization boards. The program was initiated with two to three-day institutes in strategic cities in Illinois. Nurses holding administrative positions in Indiana and Missouri were invited to attend these seminars in Illinois. Work shops, work conferences, etc., made this position a strenuous one, with a great deal of travel included, and after two years she returned East, to Worcester (Massachusetts) Memorial Hospital as Director of School of Nursing and Nursing Services. Illness, due to the stress of her position, forced her to give up her work for two years.

After recovery, she went back to her first love—hospitals and nursing services—with administrative positions at Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Medford, Massachusetts, Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, and Salem Hospital in Salem, Massachusetts. In 1965 she left the hospital pressures and returned to Newport, Rhode Island, from where she was graduated in 1921, and engaged in private duty. Her later services were at Winchester Hospital, Winchester, Massachusetts, and other suburban hospitals around Boston. She retired two years ago and returned to Jaffrey, where she hopes to gather the data collected over the years into book form, and where she has become interested in several local organizations.

During her career, her affiliations have been many: She has been an American National Red Cross Nurse since 1923, and is a registered nurse (R.N.) in Rhode Island, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. She is still keeping up her affiliations as member of the American Nurses Association, of the New Hampshire State Nurse Association, and nursing boards and organizations in Massachusetts. Her other memberships have included the Salem (Massachusetts) Community Council, two years, (city organization), the Chicago Community Council (health organization of Chicago), and the International House Council, University of Chicago. In Newport, Rhode Island, she was a member of the Art Association and the Preservation Society of Newport.

Madeleine Anne McCarthy was born in Jaffrey, on November 16, 1898, the oldest of the three children of Eugene O. and Margaret C. (Crowe) McCarthy.

ALBERT JOSEPH ALFRED MORIN

If any individual in a community can approach indispensability, Albert J. Morin comes the nearest to that distinction in Jaffrey.

In his knowledge and management of the intricacies of the offices of town clerk, town treasurer, town bookkeeper, and general information bureau, past and present, he is something of a human "computer" who always comes up with the right answers.

Albert J. Morin was born in Jaffrey, on October 22, 1918, the son of Pierre Joseph and Marie Melina (Mercure) Morin. During his childhood and early youth, his father was the village baker, and, as was customary in those days, stores and shops served also as clearing-houses for local information and news, and from these the young boy gathered a wealth of local lore, much of which has been of great help in authenticating many historical facts for these pages.

He attended the Jaffrey grade school and then Conant High School from which he was graduated in 1936. As for any wide-awake school boy, he learned much from his college-educated father and from his mother, who was a former schoolteacher in Canada. He learned also a great deal from his many associations and interests as a growing boy, with the businessmen of the town. As a schoolboy, one of his interests was the open door at the village blacksmith shop on River Street where Seymour H. Austin and his son, James W. Austin, plied their trades as blacksmiths, and from them he gathered more information, for the former was a selectman of Jaffrey. All these things added up to a wealth of information, much of which has been of help in supply interesting facts for this volume.

Politically, Albert Morin is a conservative Republican, but he is not blindly politically motivated. He looks beyond the pale of power politics, for whatever is for the best interests and welfare of Town, State, and Nation.

Following his graduation from Conant High School, he was employed in the American Railway Express Office, of which Eugene F. Boynton was agent. His next employment was in the shop at Bean & Symonds, Inc., where he stayed until World War II called him.

On March 25, 1941, he was inducted at Manchester, New Hampshire, in the United States Army and sent to Fort Bragg for his basic training. Following this training, he was sent to Camp Blanding, Florida, where he joined the outfit of the New Hampshire National Guard. This was the 172nd Field Artillery, where all the New Hampshire men who had joined the New Hampshire National Guard finally ended at the time. He remained with the

172nd and after a stay at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, the unit was moved to Desert Center, California. There, in December, 1943, the outfit was split up and he became a member of Headquarters 16th Corps Artillery, and was sent to Fort Riley, Kansas. In August, 1944, the unit went overseas and became part of the 9th Army. He served in Northern France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany, until discharge on November, 1945.

Returning to civilian life, he worked a short time at Bellows Insurance Company in Peterborough, New Hampshire, until February, 1946, when he accepted a position as bookkeeper for Wade Motor Sales in Jaffrey, where he continued until April, 1949. His next job was at Fitch Motor Company in Keene, New Hampshire, until April, 1953, when he succeeded Eugene F. Boynton as town bookkeeper in Jaffrey, as well as town treasurer. He held both positions until August, 1958, when he and his wife moved to Tucson, Arizona. Meanwhile, in 1956, he was elected town clerk of Jaffrey, by the endorsement of 859 voters.

They returned to Jaffrey and in 1961 he was elected again to his former town offices, which he has held to the present time with an indispensability unmatched in Jaffrey history. He was treasurer and bookkeeper for the Jaffrey Water Works from 1961 to 1965, when he resigned under pressure of his other duties and was succeeded by the present incumbent, Alfred Christian. He has also served as a water commissioner, overseer of public welfare (succeeding Lucien Vigneault who died on September 1, 1965), clerk of the Jaffrey Budget Committee, member of the school budget committee, 1970-1971, member of the town road-naming committee, and secretary of the Jaffrey History Committee to the present time.

His other affiliations are with Jaffrey Memorial Post No. 5613, Veterans of Foreign Wars, John Humiston Post No. 11, American Legion, New Hampshire Town Clerks Association, chairman in 1970-1971, of the Monadnock Region Town Clerks Association, Knights of Columbus, and the Jaffrey Historical Society.

He married on May 28, 1949, Margaret Isabel Brown of Jaffrey, daughter of George R. and Annie J. (Burke) Brown. In June, 1941, she joined the Army Nurses Corps and served at Kauai, Hawaii, until illness forced her to return in August, 1944, after which she spent fourteen months in a hospital in Georgia.

In 1949 he built the house on Howard Hill, now owned and occupied by the Harold Petts family, which he sold when he moved to Arizona. Upon returning to Jaffrey he built a new house on

Highland Avenue, in the section formerly known as "Rocky Point", where he and his wife now make their home.

JAMES BIGELOW PERRY

Few people are privileged to serve their fellowmen in as many capacities as did James Bigelow Perry. A native of Rindge, New Hampshire, where his boyhood and youth were spent, he was born March 24, 1884, the son of Jason Stanley and Elsie A. (Page) Perry. He secured his preliminary education in the schools of Rindge, after which he attended Highland Military Academy in Worcester, Massachusetts. He married in 1936 Lenna G. Wilson of Sharon, New Hampshire.

In 1918 he came to Jaffrey to join with a group of local men in the purchase of the Annett Box Company at Squantum. He served as president of the corporation until 1942, when the stock was sold to a Gardner, Massachusetts, firm. However, he continued in active participation with the firm until 1947. Thereafter he engaged in real estate operations. Prior to coming to Jaffrey he was construction superintendent for Swift & Company.

James B. Perry was a man of many interests and capabilities and upon coming to Jaffrey he assumed an active role in town affairs, which ended only with his sudden death from a heart attack, July 13, 1951. The people of Jaffrey were quick to recognize his many qualifications and frequently called upon him to serve in various capacities. Ever ready in the performance of his duties, he served from committee-posts to positions of high honor and trust. These duties he discharged with efficiency and public-spirit, a credit to himself and of advantage to the community.

He was a trustee of the Monadnock Savings Bank; a director of the Monadnock National Bank; treasurer of the Jaffrey Trustees of Trust Funds; a water commissioner from 1924 until his death; a member of the Conant Cemetery Committee; and a Library Trustee. He was representative from Jaffrey to the General Court of New Hampshire in 1935, 1947, 1949, and 1951, serving on the judiciary committee, and a delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1948.

His other affiliations were with the Masons; Sons of American Revolution, serving as vice president of Col. Nathan Hale Chapter; the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests; the New Hampshire Taxpayers Federation; the New Hampshire Water Works Association; and the National Audubon Society.

EVELYN H. RUFFLE

Her contributions to the educational and cultural life of Jaffrey are creditable achievements of Evelyn Harrison Ruffle, who has served as librarian at the Jaffrey Public Library since 1944, exceeding in length of time that of any former librarian. Still young in enthusiasm and the desire to serve the public, she is deeply interested in making the Jaffrey library increasingly more attractive and valuable to the citizens of the town, particularly for the student population.

She was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, on November 3, 1903, the daughter of John and Mary (Hill) Harrison. About 1910 her father moved with his family to Marlborough, New Hampshire, where she grew up and received her preliminary education. Her secondary education was received at the Keene, New Hampshire, High School, after which she attended Keene Normal School (now Keene State College) and graduated in 1925. She attended Boston University also.

The year following her graduation, she married Warren C. Ruffle, and in 1927 they came to Jaffrey, after which Jaffrey became "her town". She developed a keen interest in the town's past, present, and future, and since its formation has been an enthusiastic supporter of the Jaffrey Historical Society. As a member of the Jaffrey History Committee, she is rendering valuable service, drawing upon her knowledge of history projects of other communities.

Prior to her association with library activities, her attentions were focused on educational lines, and for several years she was employed as a teacher in the schools of Rindge, Peterborough, Jaffrey, and Hancock, New Hampshire, and in Belmont, Massachusetts. In 1943 her qualifications for a member of the Jaffrey School Board were recognized by the Jaffrey School District, which in March of that year, elected her a member of the Jaffrey School Board. She continued to be a member of the Board by virtue of subsequent re-elections until 1963. During the early 1950's, when the new addition to Conant High School was built, she served as clerk of the Conant High School Building Committee.

During World War II, she was one of the most active and enthusiastic workers on the home front, contributing her time and effort to various phases of home front work such as bandage class instructor and Red Cross surgical dressings and "Bundles from Jaffrey" projects for the boys in the service overseas.

Her many activities include the following: member of the Jaffrey School Board for twenty-one years; Past Worthy Matron of Signet Chapter, Order of Eastern Star; member of the Governor's Committee for Better Libraries; Past President and Director of the Jaffrey Historical Society; and Trustee and Clerk of the Jaffrey-Gilmore Foundation.

Her recreational activities include caring for her "kitchen garden patch" for home grown vegetables during the summers, thus keeping, in addition to her cultural interests, a close touch with Mother Earth.

She and her husband have one son, Dr. Ronald H. Ruffle, a practicing dentist in Keene, and three grandchildren.

WARREN C. RUFFLE

After almost twenty years as a town banker, Warren C. Ruffle retired on January 1, 1971, as treasurer of the Monadnock Savings Bank, to which position he was named in 1952. Previously, he had served his fellowmen in other capacities. Upon coming to Jaffrey in 1927, he was in the office of the Derry Electric Company for eighteen years. By 1945 a vacancy had occurred in the Jaffrey Water Works and the officials felt that he was the man for the superintendency of the department. He served in this capacity until his appointment as treasurer of the Savings Bank. In addition, he was affiliated with the bank as a trustee.

Warren C. Ruffle was born in Swanzey, New Hampshire, on March 29, 1904, the son of Edward S. and Josephine (Conboy) Ruffle. He was educated in the schools of Marlborough, New Hampshire, and following his marriage in 1927 to Evelyn Harrison (see above) he came to Jaffrey where he developed a keen interest in the town and its people, and assumed an active role in community affairs, civic, social, and cultural. He had a special liking for the young people of the town and many of them formed life-long memories of his interest in their welfare.

He was a past master of Charity Lodge No. 18, F. & A. M., and past district grand master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire. He became interested in the Sharon Arts Center and served as its president in 1956-57. He served as treasurer of the Jaffrey Trustees of Trust Funds. At the time of his death, July 13, 1971, he was a member of the Advisory Committee of the Ecological Center at Monadnock State Park in Jaffrey.

At Sharon Arts Center his superior skill as a craftsman became fully recognized and for a time he was a teacher in porcelain enameling. He was an expert metalsmith and enjoyed working with metals.

As a citizen, Warren C. Ruffle was a man of integrity, as he was in his business dealings also. He liked his neighbors and friends, to whom he was ever ready to extend a helping hand and many will remember him for his numerous generousities. He was looking forward to years more of gardening and enjoyment of Nature when the end came unexpectedly.

JUDGE JASON C. SAWYER

To manage successfully the town's largest dairy farm is a full time job, but to this Judge Jason C. Sawyer has added numerous other activities and filled acceptably many offices of trust within the gift of the town. He was born on the farm of his father and grandfather on November 14, 1898, and naturally grew up into its operation and management. He was widely known for his herd of choice Jersey cattle. In 1944 he was awarded the Mary Ware trophy for Distinguished Service to Agriculture and Rural Community Life in New Hampshire. The active management of his farm has now devolved upon his son, Richard P. Sawyer, though he still maintains a general interest in its operation. Alongside of his farming he has engaged in custom tractor work until 1947 and has officiated as auctioneer many times.

Time demanding as farming is, he has, nevertheless, found time to serve on local, regional, and state levels. He has never been too busy to serve his fellow men, always with tact and fairness.

Judge Sawyer received his early education in the Jaffrey Schools, leaving Conant High School in his sophomore year to attend Mount Hermon School. Returning to the home farm, he took a correspondence course in Law from Blackstone Institute and received an LL.B. degree. In his school days he was on the baseball and basketball teams at Conant and on the basketball and wrestling teams at Mount Hermon. He has kept an interest in academic life, serving as president of the Jaffrey Parent Teachers' Association, school moderator, and as an *ex officio* member of the Conant High School Building Committee in 1953-4.

Always interested in the welfare of Jaffrey, he has counted it a high privilege to be of service to the town and fellow townsmen.

And it has been with this spirit of service that he has accepted the offices of trust and honor that he has been called upon to fill. He has served the town on the Board of Selectmen for nine years, 1941-1950; been its moderator for the second longest tenure in the history of Jaffrey, being now (1968) in his 27th year; and has served two years as town treasurer. His sound judgment has been recognized by his fellow men who have referred many problems for his judicious arbitration. On the local scene also, he has been associated with both the Monadnock Banks. Since 1924 he has been a trustee of the Monadnock Savings Bank, and is now the first vice president of that institution. For ten years he was employed as teller and cashier of the Monadnock National Bank. He has been on the town planning board and been president of the Jaffrey Service Club.

His many interests have extended beyond the borders of Jaffrey. He has served the entire Monadnock Region through the Monadnock Region Association as a director, treasurer, chairman of the board, and as president. More recently, until his retirement in 1968 from the post, he served the association as Executive Secretary for seven years.

He is one of the few Jaffrey people listed in *Who's Who in New England*. On the state level he has served ten years on the New Hampshire Forestry and Recreation Commission and was chairman until it was reorganized in 1962. He is president of the New Hampshire Moderators' Association and has been president of the New Hampshire Tax Assessors' Association. He has represented Jaffrey during three sessions of the General Court, 1929, 1937, and 1939, and has been State Senator for one term, 1947. He has been a member of four Constitutional Conventions. During the war years in the 1940's he served on the Selective Service Draft Board.

Fifty-five years ago he became a member of the East Congregational Church, now the United Church, and was on its standing committee for twenty-five years. He has also served as moderator of the Cheshire Association of Congregational Churches.

In line with his farming activity, he has been active in farm bureau circles, having been a member of the Cheshire County Farm Bureau for many years and has served as its president.

His keen mind and retentive memory and his historical interest have enabled him to garner much Jaffrey lore, some of it from the oldtimers of his boyhood years. Many of these he finds of interest to tell at opportune times and are appreciated by his listeners. His

services have also been often sought as master of ceremonies at various functions.

In 1942 Governor Robert O. Blood appointed him judge of the Jaffrey Municipal Court, now the District Court, succeeding Judge George P. Wellington. Successive reappointments to the Judgeship have been made by Governors Charles H. Dale and John King, giving him a service record of twenty-six years.

He is one of the most versatile of Jaffrey citizens and through his long service has demonstrated an unusual ability of handling matters of public concern.

He married in 1928 Elizabeth S. Doty, a native of East Smithfield, Pennsylvania, who came to Jaffrey as head of the English department at Conant High School.

DONALD J. WILLIAMS, Ph.D.

Straight from Conant High School through the portals of Yale University where he distinguished himself as a brilliant student, Donald J. Williams, son of Toivo J. and Ina (Kokkinen) Williams of Jaffrey, has since won recognition by the United States Government as a leading nuclear physicist of the country. A native of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, by virtue of his mother's return to her former home for the month of his birth, he grew up in Jaffrey and attended the Jaffrey schools. Endowed with an inquiring mind and an inborn interest in the science of physics, he pursued the subject at Yale and has made good in a field that needed men of his caliber. He was graduated from Yale magna cum laude, receiving his B.S. degree in physics in 1955. Through ROTC at Yale, he served as a lieutenant in the Army Air Force for two years, mostly in the Florida area.

Following his graduation, he continued at Yale as a graduate student and won the Leight Page memorial prize in his first year of graduate study. This is an award for a Yale's first-year graduate student in physics with the highest scholastic record. In 1957 he was honored with a Silliman Sloane fellowship. Donald received his Master's degree in science in 1958, and he was awarded his Ph.D. in nuclear physics from Yale in 1962. Three years earlier, 1959, he was the recipient of the Bell Telephone Laboratories Fellowship, and in 1960 of a National Science Foundation Fellowship.

From 1961 to 1965, Dr. Williams was a senior staff physicist in the Applied Physics Laboratories of Johns Hopkins University. In 1965 he joined the National Aeronautics and Space Administration

as head of the Auroral and Trapped Radiation Section of the Goddard Space Flight Center, and later became head of the Particle Physics Branch of that installation. He supervised and coordinated the research activities of scientists working in his groups, and also personally directed several space research projects of his own.

In 1970 he was appointed director of the Space Disturbances Laboratory of the Environmental Science Services Administration (ESSA) Research Laboratories in Boulder, Colorado. He and his wife, the former Priscilla Gagnon of Jaffrey, reside in Boulder with their three children, Steven, Craig, and Eino.

He is co-editor of the book "Magnetospheric Physics", and he has contributed numerous articles to scientific and technical publications. He is a member of the American Geophysical Union, American Physical Society, and Sigma XI. Among his other associations have been associate editor of the Journal of Geophysical Research and as chairman and participant on several national and international planning boards in the field of space research.

Dr. Williams has been sent by the United States Government on various missions to Brazil, England, Norway, Germany, Yugoslavia, Italy, France, and three times to Russia. He speaks Russian fluently. He has also traveled extensively in the United States, and has lectured at numerous universities in the country, including the University of New Hampshire.

Dr. Williams is proud of his Finnish ancestry and song fests with his relatives in Jaffrey and Fitchburg were an enjoyable part of his life while still living closer to them. He is an accomplished guitar player himself.

VIRGINIA STEWART WOZMAK

Closely associated with the medical profession all her adult life, first as a registered nurse and later as the wife of a busy practicing physician and surgeon, Virginia Stewart Wozmak has won for herself a place in the affections of her fellow citizens. "Dixi" Wozmak, as she is affectionately called, was born in Hyattsville, Maryland, February 19, 1912, the daughter of Frank and Nellie (Whidden) Tucker. Her early years, 1913 to 1918, were spent in Washington, D. C., moving to New England in 1918. After a year at Roslindale, Massachusetts, and two years in Arlington, Massachusetts, she settled with her father's family in Reading, Massachusetts, where she lived for nineteen years.

She was graduated from the Reading High School in 1929, after which she attended Simmons College, 1929 to 1931. Meanwhile, she decided on a nursing career and in 1931 she transferred to New England Deaconess Hospital Nurses Training School where she received the degree of R.N. in 1934.

In 1937 she was married to Charles T. Lawrence, a practicing dentist in Peterborough, New Hampshire. The marriage ended in divorce in 1944. There were no children.

On May 17, 1947, she was married to Dr. C. Francis Wozmak of Jaffrey after which she became an active citizen of Jaffrey. They have three children. (See family record.)

She has been active in Medical Auxiliaries of Cheshire County Medical Society for the past twenty years and has held various offices many times. She was President of the Cheshire County Medical Society Auxiliary in 1961 and 1962 and president of the New Hampshire Medical Society Auxiliary in 1965. She served as the Eastern Regional Representative of the American Medical Society Auxiliary in 1966.

She has been the Jaffrey chairman of the New Hampshire Heart Association since 1957 very successfully, and she has been the Area Co-ordinator for Cheshire County since 1969 and has received several meritorious awards.