

married Myrtle Mathew, and they are the parents of a daughter: Arlene, who married William Burns, and is the mother of a daughter: Vicky.

DALE E. NORTON—Into the colorful life of Dale E. Norton, automobile dealer of Clinton, a wide variety of activities has entered. Many of these have no doubt contributed to his popularity as a business man and civic-minded citizen. He is a native of Fonda, Iowa, born March 1, 1898, son of Nathan Louis and Sybil (Farnsworth) Norton, and the grandson of Herkimer and Orilla (Kingsley) Norton, pioneer settlers of Pocahontas County.

Nathan Louis Norton (q.v.), born in the first frame house in Pocahontas County, was a prominent citizen of Laurens, an undertaker and furniture dealer of long and high standing. Dale E. Norton was encouraged to secure a broad education, and after being prepared for further studies in the Laurens High School, where he was graduated with the class of 1915, he matriculated at Morningside College, Sioux City, where he received the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1919. He had from the first participated in extracurricular activities, notably athletics, and his record reads about as follows: 1916-18, played on the Varsity football team, elected captain in his senior year; 1917-19, member of the baseball team; 1919, member of the track team; and 1918-19, member of the basketball team; and, 1918-19, with the debating team. As an undergraduate he was pledged to the Delta Tau Delta and the Delta Rho fraternities.

After being graduated from Morningside College, Mr. Norton became for a year athletic coach and instructor in social science in the Spencer High School, at Spencer. From 1920 to 1925, he was in Humboldt, this state, and from 1925 to 1928 was coach in athletics and instructor in physical training at Spencer High School. In 1928, he became a part owner and operator of the Chevrolet Agency in Spencer, dealing in Buick and Chevrolet motor cars, and continued these business activities to 1938. Since then he has continued his connection with the automotive industry as the owner of his own business, with headquarters at 713 Grand Avenue, in the city. During World War I, Mr. Norton was a member of the Student Army Training Corps, at Morningside College, Sioux City. In 1938, he was elected a member of the Board of Education of Spencer, and has rendered much valuable service of the public in this capacity. He was president of the Spencer Chamber of Commerce, 1932-1933. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he belongs to the Spencer Golf and Country Club. He worships in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and enters into many local charitable endeavors. Athletics remain his major hobby.

On October 26, 1930, Dale E. Norton married Marjorie McClurg, at Spirit Lake, Iowa, and they are the parents of the following children: Sandra Jean, Sybil Ann, and Dale E., Jr.

NATHAN LOUIS NORTON—Although throughout most of his life, Nathan Louis Norton was engaged in business at Laurens, down through the years he became a familiar and respected citizen of several other Iowa communities. Since the day when

he was born in the first frame house built in Pocahontas County, he witnessed many changes in the development of Iowa, and in many ways was no idle spectator of passing events, but played his part well in community affairs.

Son of Herkimer and Orilla (Kingsley) Norton, Nathan Louis Norton was born near Fonda, Iowa, on March 11, 1874, his father a farmer. His parents first lived in a tent and then a sod house while breaking the virgin soil and planting first crops. As indicated, they built the first frame house in Pocahontas County, and in it bore and reared their children. Nathan Louis Norton attended rural elementary schools and completed his formal education in Fonda. Not until later, when business interests required it, did he study pharmacy and embalming. As a licensed pharmacist he operated drug stores in Fonda, Albert City, and Marthon, before the drug store became a general emporium for the sale of almost everything. Following the custom of the times, and later, he engaged in the furniture and undertaking business, in Fonda, Storm Lake, Marathon and Laurens, and over the longer part of his career in Laurens, as already indicated. Fraternally, Mr. Norton was a long-time member and officer of the Knights of Pythias, and belonged to the Methodist Church. Always public-spirited, he was keenly and constructively interested in the progress of the community and the welfare of its citizens. Religious and charitable projects received his generous support until his death on November 28, 1920.

On December 30, 1896, at Fonda, Iowa, Nathan Louis Norton married Sybil Farnsworth, daughter of Ebenezer and Sarah (Gilbert) Farnsworth. Mr. and Mrs. Norton became the parents of four children: 1. Dale E., born March 1, 1898 (q.v.). 2. Geneva E., born January 15, 1900. 3. Dorothy May, born July 13, 1902. 4. Carolyn O., born December 31, 1906.

JAMES IVAN HOSSACK—Thousands of men in the history of the United States have left the farm and become lawyers in the cities and there have continued to serve the people in the agricultural areas, as well as those in the urban regions. In the course of their careers these men have made unusual contributions to growth and welfare, and one such man is James Ivan Hossack of Spencer. Mr. Hossack has not only made a reputation in private practice as attorney, but he has also served as City Attorney of Spencer. He is also well known in civic and organizational affairs and in lay Catholic circles.

James Ivan Hossack was born in Ayrshire, Iowa, on October 9, 1911, the son of Alec H. Hossack, a farmer, and Cora (Dailey) Hossack. After attending grade schools near his birthplace, Mr. Hossack went to the Spencer High School, from which he was graduated in 1930. He took both his prelegal studies and professional work at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. This institution awarded him the degrees of Bachelor of Arts in 1935 and Bachelor of Laws in 1938. In 1938, too, he was admitted to the Iowa State Bar and since that year he has been in practice in Spencer. From 1946 to 1948, Mr. Hossack served as the City Attorney.

Mr. Hossack is a member of the Iowa and Clay County bar associations, the Spencer Chamber of Commerce, the Spencer Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Spencer Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and Gamma Eta and Theta Chi