

TENTH MARVEL REUNION-GLENN OAK PARK, PEORIA, ILL.

Report of the Tenth Annual Marvel Reunion held at Glenn Oak Park, Peoria, Illinois, on Sunday, August 18, 1929:

The basket dinner was spread at noon and then there was a short program. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis was the oldest married couple, having been married 48 years; Braxton Marvel was the oldest Marvel present, being 81 years of age; Otus Marvel had the largest family and Dr. J. E. Marvel was the tallest man. There were prizes given them:

An election of officers followed:

Raymond Marvel of Galesburg was reelected President.

Miss Edna Lewis, of Fairview was elected Vice President.

Mrs. Hettie Marvel Markley was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

The next reunion August 24, 1930, to be held at Big Creek Park, Canton, Illinois.

Mrs. Hettie Marvel Markley,
Secretary-Treasurer.

234 East Hurst Street,
Bushnell, Illinois.

c. Jay R. Smith, third child of John F. and Elsie V. (Silvers) Smith, was born in DeWitt County, Illinois, February 17, 1890. He was married in DeWitt County, Illinois, February 16, 1915 to Hazel Lowe. They live at Kankakee, Illinois, Mr. Smith being in the wholesale and retail business, and are parents of three children:

(a). Charles Lee Smith, born in DeWitt County, Illinois, January 23, 1916.

(b). John Robert Smith, born in DeWitt County, Illinois, September 19, 1917.

(c). William Russell Smith, born in DeWitt County, Illinois, April 28, 1920.

d. Cecile N. Smith, fourth child of John F. and Elsie V. (Silvers) Smith, was born in DeWitt County, Illinois, March 12, 1893. She was married to John J. Klemin, at El Paso, Illinois, January 6, 1915. They live on a farm in DeWitt County, and are the parents of three children:

(a). John Paul Klemin, born in DeWitt County, Illinois, December 2, 1915.

(b). Dorothy Viola Klemin, born in DeWitt County, Illinois, February 26, 1917.

(c). Emily Cecile Klemin, born in DeWitt County, Illinois, January 23, 1927.

e. Carl R. Smith, fifth child of John F. and Elsie V. (Silvers) Smith, was born in DeWitt County, Illinois, May 9, 1897. He was married May 11, 1918, at Decatur, Illinois, to Helen Brock. They are living in Kankakee, Illinois, where Mr. Smith is in the oil business with his brother. Two daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Smith:

(a). Jean Louise Smith, born in Peoria, Illinois, March 31, 1921; died April 1, 1921.

(b). Caroline Eloise Smith, born in Chicago, Illinois, November 27, 1927.

John F. Smith was married a second time to Mrs. Mabel C. Richey on March 5, 1929, at Bloomington, Illinois. They live at Normal, Illinois.

5. Daniel Wiley Smith, fifth child and fifth son of Charles R. and Mary (Marvel) Smith was born in DeWitt County, Illinois, October 11, 1859. He grew up on the farm with his numerous brothers, and followed the occupation of farming throughout his life. He was married at Clinton, Illinois, in 1879, to India Dollard, who was born at Owensville, Indiana, February 11, 1860, and whose parents were B. W. Pollard and Lavina Summers Pollard. Daniel Wiley

Smith died January, 1919, of cancer of the duodenum. His widow, Mrs. India Pollard Smith, lives at 232 West Johnson Avenue, Decatur, Illinois. Following is their family:

a. Florence Smith, oldest child of Daniel Wiley and India (Pollard) Smith, was born at Midland City, Illinois, December 21, 1879. She was married at Midland City, Illinois, December 7, 1898, to Amos F. Parks. Mr. Parks was born in Logan County, Illinois, October 14, 1875, and is by occupation a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Parks live in Decatur, Illinois, and are the parents of four children.

(a). Ruth India Parks, oldest child of Amos and Florence (Smith) Parks, was born August 19, 1905.

(b). Mary Margaret Parks, second child of Amos and Florence (Smith) Parks, was born July 14, 1907. She was married to J. R. Williams, and they live in Decatur, Illinois. They have one son, Richard Allen Williams, born March 3, 1929.

(c). Robert Smith Parks, third child of Amos and Florence (Smith) Parks, was born July 29, 1912.

(d). Amos Delmont Parks, fourth child of Amos and Florence (Smith) Parks, was born July 14, 1917.

b. Benjamin Wesley Smith, second child and first son of Daniel Wiley and India (Pollard) Smith, was born at Midland City, Illinois, January 3, 1882. He was married at Hastings, Nebraska, December 23, 1918, to Emma Heimenkamp, who was born in Kansas, March 4, 1882. A daughter, Mary, was born to them on June 14, 1921, and died August 21, 1921. Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Smith live at Hastings, Nebraska, where Mr. Smith is a traveling salesman for plumbing supplies and Mrs. Smith runs a "Specialty Shoppe."

c. Emma Grace Smith, third child and second daughter of Daniel Wiley and India (Pollard) Smith, was born at Midland City, Illinois, September 3, 1884. She was married at Bloomington, Illinois, February 16, 1905, to Alvin Everette Shanks. Alvin E. Shanks was born at Lawrenceburg, Indiana, January 3, 1872. Mr. and Mrs. Shanks are at present living at Turon, Kansas. They have three children:

(a). Elaine Rose Shanks, born at Kiowa, Kansas, March 24, 1908.

(b). Harriette Elizabeth Shanks, born at Kingsdown, Kansas, January 11, 1911.

(c). Everette Elliott Shanks, born at Kingsdown, Kansas, March 2, 1913.

d. Lorine Smith, fourth child of Daniel W. and India (Pollard) Smith, was born near Midland City, Illinois, July 23, 1890.

She was married in Decatur, Illinois, March 15, 1911 to Eryl E. Duff, of Hallsville, Illinois. Mr. Duff's trade is that of plumber. Eryl B. and Lorine (Smith) Duff live at 501 North Grant Street, Clinton, Illinois. They are the parents of two children.

(a). Harry Daniel Duff, born March 2, 1914.

(b). Rex Xavier Duff, born November 8, 1916.

e. Marie Smith, fifth child of Daniel W. and India (Pollard) Smith, was born near Midland City, Illinois, August 20, 1893. She was married September 6, 1913 to Harold Reid, who was born at Jacksonville, Illinois, December 5, 1891. Their present residence is Gary, Indiana. They are the parents of four sons:

(a). Edward Smith Reid, born at Decatur, Illinois, June 22, 1914.

(b). Hubert Dale Reid, born at Beason, Illinois, January 20, 1921.

(c). Harold E. Reid, born at Decatur, Illinois, October 13, 1925.

(d). Donald Roy Reid, born at Gary, Indiana, March 24, 1928.

f. Herbert Daniel Smith, sixth child of Daniel W. and India (Pollard) Smith, was born at Midland City, Illinois, December 26, 1897. He was married at Bloomington, Illinois, March 18, 1925, to Esther Charlotte Jones, who was born at Clinton, Illinois, August 8, 1899. They are the parents of one daughter, Betty Lou Smith, born at Decatur, Illinois, February 24, 1926.

g. Hubert James Smith, seventh child of Daniel W. and India (Pollard) Smith, was born at Midland City, Illinois, May 13, 1900. He lives at home with his mother in Decatur, Illinois.

6. Charles C. Smith, sixth child of Charles R. and Mary (Marvel) Smith, was born in DeWitt County, Illinois, January 8, 1861, and died at the age of three months.

7. George W. Smith, seventh child and seventh son of Charles R. and Mary (Marvel) Smith, was born near Midland City, Illinois, July 27, 1863. He grew up on the home farm, and on November 25, 1885, was married to Susie E. Keys, of Beason, Illinois. To this union were born five children:

a. Mary Louise Smith, oldest child of George W. and Susie (Keys) Smith, was born September 12, 1886. She was married to O. E. Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are parents of five children:

(a). Maynard M. Jones, born September 14, 1911.

- (b). Susie N. Jones, born September 19, 1913.
- (c). Anna Isabel Jones, born September 20, 1916.
- (d). Dorothy Faye Jones, born November 6, 1918.
- (e). Myrtle Marie Jones, born February 3, 1921.

b. Lottie E. Smith, second child of George W. and Susie (Keys) Smith, was born July 12, 1888. She was married to Fred Dix, of Waynesville, Illinois, and to this union were born two children:

- (a). Rex Franklin Dix, born July 6, 1918.
- (b). Dorothy Jean Dix, born 1920.

c. Ida Lucile Smith, third child of George W. and Susie E. (Keys) Smith, was born February 3, 1895. She was married to W. O. Richart, of Des Moines, Iowa.

d. Wilber H. Smith, fourth child of George W. and Susie E. (Keys) Smith, was born September 23, 1892. He was married September 7, 1925, to Ruth L. Stewart, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

e. Helen Margaret Smith, fifth child of George W. and Susie E. (Keys) Smith, was born October 26, 1898. She was married to Jesse Hunter, of Des Moines, Iowa. They are the parents of two children:

- (a). Betty Lou Hunter, born November 6, 1919.
- (b). Jessie E. Hunter, born August 3, 1923.

Mrs. Smith, dying, George W. Smith was married a second time to Kate H. Hammitt, of Waynesville, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are living at 2925 University Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

8. Ida Arminta Smith, eighth child and first daughter of Charles R. and Mary (Marvel) Smith, was born near Clinton, Illinois, February 24, 1866. She grew to womanhood on the home farm, attending school, helping with the home duties, which naturally were many in so large a family; and being loved and teased by her crowd of big brothers. She was converted and joined the Methodist Church in her early years, and throughout her life has been active in Church work, and in temperance and philanthropic work. A drunken doctor gave her the wrong medicine for some child's illness when she was very young, which nearly cost her her life, and did permanently impair her health. (No wonder she is in W. C. T. U. work.) She has been honored with a medal in W. C. T. U. work, and is an associate of Mrs. Haney, of Stewart, Florida, who is nationally known in the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. On December 17, 1891, Ida A. Marvel was married to Frank Samuel and they went to housekeeping in the little town of Halls-

ville, Illinois, where Mr. Samuel was in the business of grain buying and also Pastmaster. At the present time he owns a telephone plant near Danville, Illinois. Their home is at Boswell, Indiana, but for several years they have been spending the winters at Miami, Florida, (774 N. W. 36th Street.) They have an adopted daughter, Mary Margaret Samuel, born in February, 1904. She is a teacher in the Junior High School of Miami, Florida.

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9. Mary Emmaline Smith, ninth child and second daughter of Charles R. and Mary (Marvel) Smith, was born in DeWitt County, Illinois, December 12, 1868. She grew to womanhood on the home farm, and on November 3, 1887, was married to Charles Edward Gambrel, son of Thompson and Olive (Barr) Gambrel. Mary E. (Smith) Gambrel died in 1894, leaving three small children:

a. Earl Thompson Gambrel, oldest child of Charles E. and Mary E. (Smith) Gambrel, was born August 30, 1888. He was married June 16, 1914, to Nellie Halsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Halsey. They are the parents of five children:

- (a). Grace Helene Gambrel, born July 16, 1915.
- (b). Paul Thompson Gambrel, born February 1, 1919.
- (c). Marjorie Louise Gambrel, born December 24, 1921.
- (d). Maurice J. Gambrel, born May 29, 1923.
- (e). Carol Virginia Gambrel, born December 10, 1925.

b. Charles Loren Gambrel, second child of Charles E. and Mary E. (Smith) Gambrel, was born January 30, 1890. He was married on March 27, 1913, to Blanche Pullen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Pullen. They have three children:

- (a). Charles Robert Gambrel, born June 29, 1915.
- (b). Doris Jane Gambrel, born May 12, 1921.
- (c). Earl Burdette Gambrel, born February 26, 1923.

c. Ida Ethel Gambrel, third child of Charles E. and Mary E. (Smith) Gambrel, was born November 6, 1891. She was married on December 24, 1912, to Charles Wiley Marvel, the eighth child of Wiley and Elizabeth (Williams) Marvel, who was the sons of Prettyman Marvel, Junior. (See page 194 of the Marvel History.) Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Marvel live near Waynesville, Illinois, on the farm where Mr. Marvel was born, and which he now owns. They are the parents of six children:

- (a). William Earl Marvel, born October 20, 1913.
 - (b). Charlene Elizabeth Marvel, born August 28, 1915.
 - (c). Leona Frances Marvel, born January 6, 1918.
 - (d). Wayne Thompson Marvel, born July 24, 1924.
 - (e). Emma Jean Marvel, born March 31, 1926.
 - (f). Ada Marie Marvel, born June 20, 1927.
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10. Florence Smith, tenth child and third daughter of Charles R. and Mary (Marvel) Smith, was born in DeWitt County, Illinois, August 24, 1870. She died at the age of two and one-half years.

✓ 11. Nellie B. Smith, eleventh child and fourth daughter of Charles R. and Mary (Marvel) Smith was born in DeWitt County, Illinois, December 5, 1873. She grew to womanhood on the home farm, and September 21, 1898, was married to Thomas Odell Brown, who was born in DeWitt County, Illinois, September 6, 1869. They made their home in Clinton, Illinois, until after the death of Mr. Brown, who passed away October 29, 1917, at the age of forty-eight. For over fifteen years prior to his death he had been a dry goods merchant. In 1921 Nellie B. (Smith) Brown and family moved to Oregon and later Mrs. Brown moved to California. Thomas O. and Nellie B. (Smith) Brown were the parents of three sons:

a. Wilfrid Odell Brown, oldest child of Thomas O. and Nellie B. (Smith) Brown, was born in Clinton, Illinois, August 24, 1900. He was married July 20, 1920, to Beulah Rosenberg, of Galesburg, Illinois. They are living at 165 West Olive Street, Clinton, California, where Mr. Brown is employed in newspaper reporting and copy desk work. They have four children: Robert, aged seven years, J. Rudger, aged four years, Barbara Ann, aged two years, and Pamela Lee, born July 30, 1928.

b. Russel Smith Brown, second child of Thomas O. and Nellie B. (Smith) Brown, was born in Clinton, Illinois, October 18, 1902. He was married on June 30, 1927, to Dorothy Evans, of Eugene, Oregon. Their present address is 634 East Allegheny Street, Portland, Oregon. Mr. Brown is salesman for the Prudential Savings and Loan Association, with offices in Portland.

c. Thomas Lowell Brown, third child of Thomas O. and Nellie B. (Smith) Brown, was born at Clinton, Illinois, May 21, 1909. He makes his home with his mother, at 244 East Eleventh St., San Bernardino, California, and is a clerk in a grocery and meat market.

✓ III. Levina Marvel, third child of Wiley and Charity (Clark) Marvel, was born in Gibson County, Indiana, January 17, 1832, and died October 14, 1833.

✓ IV. Elizabeth Marvel, fourth child of Wiley and Charity (Clark) Marvel, was born August 24, 1834, in Gibson County, Indiana, and died September 18, 1834.

V. Prettyman Marvel, fifth child and second son of Wiley and Charity (Clark) Marvel, was born in Gibson County, Indiana, December 29 1925. His early years were spent in the parental home in Southern Indiana, engaged in occupations incident to the lives of pioneer's children, in the winter months attending such schools as the time afforded. At the age of fifteen he entered Asbury Academy at Greencastle, Indiana (now DePauw University), where he remained for two years. In the year 1852 he came with the family to DeWitt County, Illinois, where being the oldest of the children then at home, he continued with his father on the new farm home until his marriage. In April, 1859, Prettyman joined a company of twenty-five young men, which, with Thomas Bergen at their head, was organized for the purpose of making a trip to Pike's Peak to search for gold, there being considerable excitement over a reported discovery of the precious metal in that region of the Rocky Mountains. Six of the company were from the vicinity of Waynesville: Richard Botkin, Elijah Coleman, Prettyman Barr, another Prettyman Marvel (a cousin, son of Prettyman Marvel, Jr., see page 170 of this history), besides "Uncle Wiley's" two boys, Prettyman and Joseph. The six took three ox teams of four oxen each with covered wagons loaded with supplies of cured meat, flour, corn meal, and dried fruit. The men walked driving their oxen. Crossing the Missouri River at St. Joe, where they joined the rest of the company and thence traveling westward to the Big Blue River in Kansas, they struck northwestward until they reached the valley of the Platte, which they followed to the mountains. Their dream of gold proved a delusion, but it was a great trip, the varied experiences of which Prettyman never tired of telling.

Prettyman Marvel was married on November 18, 1859, to Ellen Jane Kenton, a near relative of Simon Kenton, the noted pioneer. She was born November 18, 1844. After seven years of married life she passed away, leaving two small children. Mr. Marvel was married a second time in 1867 to Mary Judith Jones, daughter of William and Nancy (Bay) Jones.

In March, 1871, Mr. Marvel, in company with a brother-in-law, George W. Duncan, moved with his family to Kansas, settling near Westmoreland. There he improved a good farm, and in the autumn of 1889 moved to Baldwin, Kansas, having in view better educational advantages for his children, as Baldwin was and is, the seat of Baker University. He lived there until his death, which occurred July 12, 1912, after a protracted illness. Mrs. Marvel died March 24, 1906.

Prettyman Marvel was a public spirited citizen, active in all movements looking toward the betterment of the community where he lived. He represented his County (Pottawatomie) in the Kansas

legislature in 1875-'76, and was again the republican candidate for representative in 1882, but was defeated by a narrow margin by reaction of the reaction against Prohibition, which the state had adopted two years before; and Mr. Marvel was a staunch prohibitionist. He was County Commissioner in 1877-79, and most of his mature life a member of the School Board. He was a life-long Methodist, taking a leading part in pioneer Church work in Kansas, being Recording Steward, Trustee, and Superintendent of Sunday School for many years. The building of the little country church at Pleasant Run, near his home, in 1883, was largely due to his efforts; and to this day that Church has never abandoned its services. He loved righteousness and hated iniquity.

Prettyman Marvel was the father of ten children, as follows:

1. Mary Ellen Marvel, oldest child of Prettyman and Ellen J. (Kenton) Marvel, was born at Midland City, Illinois, December 22, 1860. She was married at her father's home near Westmoreland, Kansas, in June, 1884, to Otto Gier, son of Frederick and Gier. Two sons were born to them, as follows:

a. Walter Roy Gier, oldest child of Otto and Mary E. (Marvel) Gier, was born at Fostoria, Kansas, September 17, 1891. He was married to Frieda Marie Berkecal, at Napa, California, January 20, 1924. Mrs. Gier was born at Hamburg, Germany, November 4, 1892. They have one daughter, Lois Marie Gier, born October 31, 1924. They live at 3249 Liese Avenue, Oakland, California, where Mr. Gier is a city mail carrier. Mr. and Mrs. Gier are active workers in the Baptist Church in their local community.

b. Arthur Dewey Gier, second child of Otto and Mary E. (Marvel) Gier, was born at Morse, Kansas, May 16, 1898. Arthur is at present in the U. S. Navy.

Mrs. Mary E. (Marvel) Gier died at Pueblo, Colorado, February 23, 1923. Otto Gier lives at Oakland, California.

2. Ulysses Grant Marvel, second child of Prettyman and Ellen J. (Kenton) Marvel, was born near Midland City, Illinois, September 6, 1863. He attended the public schools there and in Pottawatomie County, Kansas, whither the family moved in 1871. He entered the service of the Central Branch Railroad (now the Missouri Pacific) at Atchison, Kansas, about 1884, and except for a short time on a farm in Missouri, has been in the railway service ever since. He is now a conductor on the Colorado and Southern Railway out of Denver. He was married in 1887 to Charlotte Pringle, of Dallas, Texas. Their home is at 4042 Alcott Street, Denver, Colorado. They are the parents of twelve children, of whom three died in childhood. A complete record of the children of U. G. and

Charlotte (Pringle) Marvel has not been obtainable, but the following is a partial record: Charles, Annie Dolores, James Riley, Grant Wiley, Harold, Cornelia Imogene (is married and living in Pueblo, Colorado), Netta (married Patrick O'Connell and lives in Pueblo, Colorado. They have three children, Donald, George and); George, Ena and Helen.

The U. G. Marvel family are members of the Roman Catholic Church.

The children of Prettyman Marvel and Mary Judith (Jones) Marvel are as follows:

1. Unnamed infant, died at birth.
2. ✓ Esther Almira Marvel, second child of Prettyman and Mary J. (Jones) Marvel, was born at Midland City, Illinois, December 18, 1869. Her parents moving to Kansas when Esther was quite young, she was educated in the public schools of the latter state, teaching in the country schools after finishing the district school. In the autumn of 1889 she entered Baker University, at Baldwin, Kansas, graduating in 1895. She afterwards taught school for several years. In September, 1900, just before beginning her work as teacher in a college at Alvin, Texas, she was caught in the terrible storm that wrought such havoc at Galveston, and narrowly escaped with her life. Her health was permanently impaired by this experience. On June 25, 1901, she was married to Charles Benjamin Dalton, son of the Rev. Henry Dalton, a native of England. Mr. Dalton was a young Methodist minister at the time of their marriage. He has held pastorates in Kansas City, Kansas; El Paso, Texas; Boise, Idaho; and Berkeley, Sacramento, Pomona, Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, Orange, Pasadena, and Redondo Beach, in California. Esther (Marvel) Dalton died in Berkeley, California, on September 21, 1910. They were the parents of two children:

a. Evelyn Ruth Dalton, oldest child of Charles B. and Esther (Marvel) Dalton, was born in Kansas City, Kansas, June 20, 1902. She graduated from the Pasadena, California, High School in 1919, and from the University of California in 1923, receiving her Master's degree from the same institution in 1924. She is at present teaching in the Ukiah, California, High School.

b. Esther Frances Dalton, second child of Charles B. and Esther (Marvel) Dalton, was born in Boise, Idaho, January 28, 1907. She graduated from the High School at Orange, California, in 1923 and from Redlands University in 1928. She is an accomplished musician and lives at home in Redondo Beach, California.

3. George Anthus Marvel, third child of Prettyman and Mary J. (Jones) Marvel, was born near Westmoreland, Kansas, October 8, 1871, on the farm afterwards owned by his uncle, George W. Marvel. He attended the district school near by, and in 1899 entered Baker University at Baldwin, Kansas, graduating in 1894. Afterwards he taught school for three years, then entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, taking a theological course at Boston University School of Theology, from which he graduated in 1901. He has held pastorates at the following places: Dunavant, Centropolis, Kansas City, Wamego, Topeka, Clay Center, White City, Valley Falls, Burrton, Oxford, and Argonia, in Kansas; and in Douglas, Arizona. He is at present pastor at Argonia, Kansas. He was married on August 30, 1904, at Kansas City, Kansas, to Katie May Rushmore, daughter of Henry C. and Martha (Landon) Rushmore. They are the parents of five children, as follows:

a. Theodore Prettyman Marvel, oldest child of George A. and Katie (Rushmore) Marvel, was born at Wamego, Kansas, July 15, 1905. He graduated from the High School at White City, Kansas, in 1921, was for two years in school at Southwestern College, at Winfield, Kansas, three seasons in Chautauqua and Lyceum work as reader and baritone singer, studied Voice in New York City for a year, and is at present in school at Chicago University.

b. Helen Margaret Marvel, second child of George A. and Katie (Rushmore) Marvel, was born at Wamego, Kansas, May 6, 1907. She graduated from the High School at Valley Falls, Kansas, in 1924, attended Southwestern College at Winfield, Kansas, for two years, and for the year 1930-'31 will teach in the schools at Burden, Kansas.

c. Victor Henry Marvel, third child of George A. and Katie (Rushmore) Marvel, was born in Wamego, Kansas, August 28, 1909. He graduated from the High School at Oxford, Kansas, in 1927, and is now a senior in Southwestern College, is a member of the "A CAPELLA CHOIR," and editor-in-chief of the Southwestern Collegian, the college paper.

d. Katherine Ruth Marvel, fourth child of George A. and Katie (Rushmore) Marvel, was born at Topeka, Kansas, February 8, 1912. She graduated from the High School at Oxford, Kansas, in 1929, and is now in her sophomore year at Southwestern College, studying for her degree in music.

e. Martha Esther Marvel, fifth child of George A. and Katie (Rushmore) Marvel, was born at White City, Kansas, February 2, 1921. She died at Valley Falls, Kansas, January 20, 1923.

4. Harriet Newell Marvel, fourth child of Prettyman and Mary J. (Jones) Marvel, was born near Westmoreland, Kansas, October 10, 1873. She attended Baker University at Baldwin, Kansas, graduating with the class of 1897. She was married at her father's home in Baldwin, Kansas, on December 26, 1900, to Bruce Pennington. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Pennington moved to Oregon, then in 1907 to Independence, Kansas, in 1912 to Cedar-edge, Colorado, in 1914 to Liberty, Kansas and in 1920 to Winfield, Kansas, this last move being to get their children into Southwestern College. The children are four in number, as follows:

a. Fletcher Eugene Pennington, oldest child of Bruce E. and Harriet N. (Marvel) Pennington, was born near Arlington, Oregon, October 27, 1901. He graduated from the Montgomery County (Kansas) High School, then entered Southwestern College at Winfield, Kansas, graduating there in 1925. He has taught school at Abbyville, Adams, and Mt. Hope, all in Kansas, and at present is superintendent of the public schools of Abbyville. He was married July 19, 1925, to Mildred Ferguson, of Ponco, Oklahoma. They have one daughter, Olive Harriett Pennington, born at Mt. Hope, Kansas, December 4, 1927.

b. Rachel Alma Pennington, second child of Bruce E. and Harriet N. (Marvel) Pennington, was born near Arlington, Oregon, November 8, 1903. She was educated in the Montgomery County Kansas, High School, and at Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas, graduating from the latter school in 1925. She taught in the Burdette, Kansas, High School during the year after her graduation, and on June 8, 1926 was married to Joseph VanCleave, son of the Rev. and Mrs. S. M. VanCleave. Joseph VanCleave is a student of surgery, being at present in a Cleveland, Ohio, hospital. The VanCleave's have one daughter, Mary Frances VanCleave, born at Kansas City, Missouri, April 13, 1927.

c. Mary Louise Pennington, third child of Bruce E. and Harriet N. (Marvel) Pennington, was born at Independence, Kansas, June 20, 1908. She graduated from the Winfield, Kansas, High School in 1926, took two years work in the Teachers' course in Southwestern College, and has taught school in Forgan, Oklahoma and near Mt. Hope, Kansas.

d. Frances Marvel Pennington, fourth child of Bruce E. and Harriet N. (Marvel) Pennington, was born at Cedarville, Colorado, January 26, 1911. She graduated at the Winfield, Kansas, High School in 1928. Has taken a years work in Southwestern College, and is secretary to the Dean of Liberal Arts in that school. She and her sister, Mary Louise, are both members of the "A CAPELLA CHOIR" of that college,

✓ 5. Asenath Cassandra Marvel, fifth child of Prettyman and Mary J. (Jones) Marvel, was born near Westmoreland, Kansas, August 3, 1875. She graduated from the Baldwin, Kansas, High School in 1894. She taught in the Kansas public schools for several years, and for two years was in the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles B. Dalton, caring for the two Dalton children, as Mrs. Dalton was then an invalid. Mrs. Dalton died in 1910. On January 8, 1912, Sena was married to the Rev. Charles B. Dalton, in Berkeley, California. They have one daughter, Mary Alice McClure Dalton, born in Berkeley, California, March 5, 1913. She attends the High school at Redondo Beach, California, where her father is pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

6. Alma Marvel, sixth child of Prettyman and Mary J. (Jones) Marvel, was born near Westmoreland, Kansas, May 29, 1877. She graduated from the Baldwin, Kansas, High School in 1895. Her father being an invalid for several years preceding his death, Alma was his constant companion and nurse. She has followed school teaching and practical nursing, and now lives in Los Angeles, California.

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✓ 7. Mabel Marvel, seventh child of Prettyman and Mary J. (Jones) Marvel, was born near Westmoreland, Kansas, March 29, 1879. She was educated in the public schools in Baldwin, Kansas, and at Baker University, from which she graduated in 1901. She taught in the High School at Sabetha, Kansas for two years. She was married at Baldwin, Kansas, May 26, 1903, to William Ray Manning. Mr. Manning has been a teacher in Purdue University, George Washington University, and the University of Texas, and is now a specialist in the Division of Latin American Affairs, Department of State, Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. Manning have three children:

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✓ a. Dorothy Carmen Manning, oldest child of William Ray and Mabel (Marvel) Manning was born in Chicago, Illinois, July 8, 1904. She graduated from George Washington University, Washington, D. C. in 1927, and is now a clerk in the Department of State at Washington.

✓ b. Winston Marvel Manning, second child of William Ray and Mabel (Marvel) Manning, was born in Washington, D.C., March 26, 1909. He graduated from the American University at Washington in June 1930, and will take advanced work in Chemistry in Brown University in 1930-'31, on a scholarship granted him for proficiency in that subject.

c. Neva Pauline Manning, third child of William Ray and Mabel (Marvel) Manning, was born in Washington, D. C., March 4, 1922. She is in the public schools at Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Manning live at 4701 Fessenden Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

✓ 8. Isabel Marvel, eighth child of Prettyman and Mary J. (Jones) Marvel, was born near Westmoreland, Kansas, December 28, 1881. She graduated at the Baldwin, Kansas, High School, in 1898, and attended Baker University for two years. She was married at Lawrence, Kansas, in 1903, to William Arthur Strimple. They lived for some years at Wilson, Kansas, and in 1913 moved to Cedaredge, Colorado, where they engaged in ranching. Present address, Boulder, Colorado. They are the parents of five children:

a. Irene Isabel Strimple, oldest child of W. A. and Isabel (Marvel) Strimple, was born at Wilson, Kansas, January 4, 1904. She was married in December, 1924, to Samuel Gramlech. They are living on a ranch in Paradise Valley, Colorado. They are the parents of two children:

(a). Barbara Gramlech, born December 16, 1925.

(b). Samuel Vernon Gramlech, born October 2, 1927.

b. Lucille Harriet Strimple, second child of W. A. and Isabel (Marvel) Strimple, was born at Wilson, Kansas, March 17, 1905. She graduated from the High School at Delta, Colorado, in 1922, took work in the Normal School at Gunnison, Colorado, and graduated from Nurses' Training School at the Bethel Hospital at Colorado Springs, in June, 1930.

c. Lawrence William Strimple, third child of W. A. and Isabel (Marvel) Strimple, was born at Wilson, Kansas, May 31, 1907. He graduated from the High School at Delta, Colorado, in 1924, and is now a telegrapher in Denver.

d. Alma Elizabeth Strimple, fourth child of W. A. and Isabel (Marvel) Strimple, was born at Wilson, Kansas, July 18, 1909. She graduated from the High School at Delta, Colorado, in 1927, and at present is a bookkeeper in a Boulder, Colorado bank.

e. Virginia Strimple, fifth child of W. A. and Isabel (Marvel) Strimple, was born at Delta, Colorado, January 9, 1919. She is in school at Boulder, Colorado.

✓ VI. Joseph Wiley Marvel, sixth child of Wiley and Charity (Clark) Marvel, was born in Gibson County, Indiana, July 30, 1838. When Joseph was fourteen years old the family moved to DeWitt County, Illinois, settling on the farm on which the father lived until

his death. Here the boy lived and worked with his brothers to build a home in the new country, and make life worth while on the Illinois prairies. Illinois had enjoyed statehood for a generation, yet settlement was made slowly, and much of the state was still virgin soil. In April, 1859, Joseph joined a company of young men who dreamed of a fortune by digging gold at Pike's Peak and started by ox-team across the Plains. In the company also were Joseph's brother Prettyman, and two of his cousins, Prettyman Marvel, and Prettyman Barr, and twenty-one others—twenty-five in all. Their quest for gold was fruitless, and they returned home in the fall of the same year.

Early in the following spring, March 18, 1860, to be exact, Joseph Marvel was married to Nancy Emmaline Barr, daughter of Thomas and Alcy (Watt) Barr. They began housekeeping on a quarter section in Logan County, which he purchased from the Government. Later he bought an adjoining eighty acres, and by diligence and care in improving the place made it one of the finest farms in that section of the country. Both Mr. and Mrs. Marvel were Methodists, and active workers in the "Old Tabor Church." In 1901, they purchased a home in Waynesville, retired from the farm, and spent the remainder of their lives in that village. They were both interested in all religious enterprises, and active supporters of the Waynesville Methodist Church of which they were members. Mr. Marvel was tall and rather spare in build, and of a quiet disposition, but he was a firm believer in the right and was a friend to every one. He was usually a democrat in politics. He and his older brother Prettyman were much alike in appearance and being of nearly the same age, were great chums as boys and very close to each other as men. He passed away at his home in Waynesville, October 7, 1909. Mrs. Marvel followed him in death on August 20, 1916.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Marvel were the parents of seven children, as follows:

1. Elsie Elnora Marvel, oldest child of Joseph Wiley and Nancy E. (Barr) Marvel, was born in Logan County, Illinois, April 1, 1861. She was married October 7, 1885, to John W. Evans. They lived on a farm near Beason, Illinois, until 1899, when they moved to Normal, Illinois, remaining there until 1907. They returned to the farm near Tabor, which was their home until 1915, when they retired, moving to Lincoln, Illinois, where they have since lived. Mr. Evans passed away November 6, 1925. They were both active members of the Methodist church. Mrs. Evan's home is at 303 Broadway, Lincoln, Illinois. Their children are as follows:

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a. George Claude Evans, oldest child of John W. and Elsie Elnora (Marvel) Evans, was born July 27, 1887. He graduated from the High School in Normal, Illinois, in 1906, later taking a commercial course, also attending the State Normal School. He was married February 10, 1909, to Alice E. Morse, of Cairo, Illinois. They have four children:

(a). John Reed Evans, born February 22, 1910. John lost his life by drowning while on a hiking trip with the Boy Scout troop of which he was a member.

(b). Mary Lilah, born November 18, 1911.

(c). George Claude, Jr., born June 8, 1918.

(d). Billy Joe, born June 28, 1922.

The George Claude Evans family live at 423 West Monroe Street, Springfield, Illinois.

b. John Marvel Evans, second child of John W. and Elsie Elnora (Marvel) Evans, was born April 13, 1889. He graduated from the High School at Normal, Illinois, in 1906, later taking a commercial course. He was married to Florence McElheny, of Kenney, Illinois, on February 17, 1915. They resided on a farm near Tabor until Mr. Evans' death, May 9, 1926. They were the parents of three children:

(a). George Marvel Evans, born August 25, 1916.

(b). Edward Lee Evans, born November 6, 1917.

(c). Phyllis Helen Evans, born June 16, 1921.

Mrs. Evans and the children live at 318 Mulberry Street, Clinton, Illinois.

c. Leta Emma Evans, third child of John W. and Elsie Elnora (Marvel) Evans, was born April 24, 1893, attended school in Normal, Illinois, and graduated from the Atlanta High School in 1910. She later attended the Illinois Woman's College for two years. On December 11, 1912, she was married to Roscoe G. Safly, of Kenney, Illinois. They are parents of three children.

(a). John Evans Safly, born September 8, 1914.

(b). Paul Keys Safly, born February 13, 1917. (Died in infancy.)

(c). Dorothy Jean Safly, born August 6, 1920.

Mr. and Mrs. Safly live at 326 Pekin Street, Lincoln, Illinois.

✓ 2. George Lafayette Marvel, second child and oldest son of Joseph W. and Nancy E. (Barr) Marvel, was born in Logan County, Illinois, July 9, 1863. He received his education in the country schools and in Illinois Wesleyan University, at Bloomington. He was married in 1891 to Miss Adella Harrauff. Two children were born to them, both dying in infancy.

In 1899 Mr. Marvel was employed by J. F. Humphreys & Co., Wholesale Grocers at Bloomington, Illinois, as traveling salesman. He was with this firm for five years. In 1904 he accepted a position as traveling salesman with Sprague, Warner & Co., Wholesale Grocers, of Chicago, for whom he traveled for eighteen and a half years, retiring from the road in 1923. Since then he has been with the Twentieth Century Life Company, of Chicago, Illinois, as General Agent. Mr. and Mrs. George L. Marvel live at Washington, Illinois.

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3. John Thomas Marvel, third child and second son of Joseph W. and Nancy Emma (Barr) Marvel, was born August 25, 1865, near Beason, Illinois. He was educated in the public schools of Logan County, and had one year in the Illinois Wesleyan University, at Bloomington. He was married to Mary Lucy Wasson, on March 1, 1888. Mary Lucy Wasson was the seventh child of John Willis and Caroline (Sharp) Wasson, and was born near Midland City, Illinois, February 27, 1868. She was educated in the public schools of DeWitt County, and taught in the schools of Logan County in 1886 and 1887. John T. Marvel farmed in DeWitt County until 1896. Lived in Decatur, Illinois, 1896-98; Eldorado Springs, Mo., 1898-1900; farmed near Waynesville, Illinois, 1900-1916. After retiring from the farm the family lived in Normal, Illinois, 1916-'17, and in their beautiful and comfortable home in Waynesville from 1917 to the present time. They are active members of the Waynesville Methodist church.

a. Edith Mae Marvel, oldest child of John Thomas and Mary L. (Wasson) Marvel, was born March 6, 1889, near Waynesville, Illinois. Following is her record to date: graduated from Waynesville Academy, 1906; B. S., Illinois Wesleyan University, 1912; A. B., Illinois Wesleyan, 1913; Advanced Work in Home Economics at the University of Illinois, 1916; University of Chicago, 1922; Supervisor of Home Economics in the Public Schools of Webster City, Iowa, 1912-'14; Edwardsville, Illinois, 1914-'15; Director of the Y. W. C. A. Cafeteria at Youngstown, Ohio, 1917-'20; Bay City, Michigan, 1920-'21; Supervisor of Home Economics in the Junior and Senior High Schools of Bay City, Michigan, since 1921; Member of the American Home Economics Society; Registered Red Cross Dietician.

b. Carl Shipp Marvel, second child of John T. and Mary Lucy (Wasson) Marvel, was born near Waynesville, Illinois, September 11, 1894. Following is his record, which ought certainly to entitle him to a place in "Who's Who", if not eventually in the Hall of Fame: Graduate of Waynesville Academy, 1911; A. B. and M. S. from Illinois Wesleyan University, 1915; M. A. University of Illinois,

1916; Ph. D. University of Illinois, 1920; Member of Tau Kappa Epsilon, Phi Kappa Phi, Gamma Alpha, Phi Lambda Upsilon, Alpha Chi Sigma, Sigma, Omega Beta Pi, Gamma Pi Upsilon, Izaak Walton League of America, American Chemical Society, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Illinois State Academy of Science, Co-Author of four University of Illinois Bulletins, Member of the Editorial Board of Organic Syntheses, a yearly publication of satisfactory methods for the preparation of organic chemicals; Author of some thirty-five scientific articles which have appeared in the Journal of the American Chemical Society, the Journal of Biological Chemistry, and Refrigeration Engineering. He is now Professor of Organic Chemistry in the University of Illinois.

On June 4, 1918, Carl S. Marvel was married to Nelle Mary Beggs. Her parents were John L. and Minnie (Fee) Beggs, and she was born at Laramie, Wyoming, June 4, 1893. She completed work at University High School at Normal, Illinois, in 1911, and received her A. B. from Illinois Wesleyan in 1915. She was teacher of German and Science at Stanford, Illinois, 1915-'17, and at LeRoy, Illinois, 1917-'18. She is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma and Phi Kappa Phi.

c. Sadie Marie Marvel, third child of John T. and Mary Lucy (Wasson) Marvel, was born at Eldorado Springs, Missouri, November 27, 1899. She graduated from the University High School at Normal, Illinois, in 1917. She received an A. B. from the University of Illinois in 1921, and a M. A. from Northwestern University in 1923. She was director of Religious Education for the Rural Association of the Champaign-Danville District of the Illinois Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1923-'27. She is the author of several articles in the Church School Journal; is secretary of the Rural Leadership Council of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and Methodist representative on the Education Committee of the Illinois State Council of Religious Education. She is now Director of Religious Education of the Christian Education Association of Chicago Northern District, Town and Country Churches with headquarters at Evanston, Illinois.

d. Mary Gertrude Marvel, fourth child of John T. and Mary Lucy (Wasson) Marvel, was born near Waynesville, Illinois, December 10, 1903. She graduated from the Waynesville Township High School in 1920, and from the University of Illinois (A.B.) in 1927. She graduated from the Michael Reece Hospital as dietician in 1927, and was a member of the American Dietetics Association, and dietician at St. Mary's Hospital, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, 1927-'28. She is at present dietician at the babies' hospital, Columbia University Medical Center, New York City.

e. and f. Two sons of John T. and Mary Lucy (Wasson) Marvel died in infancy.

4. Charles Wiley Marvel, fourth child of Joseph W. and Nancy E. (Barr) Marvel, was born on the Joseph Marvel farm near Beason, Illinois, March 25, 1868. He was educated in the public schools of Logan County. He was married to Eva Gambrel, daughter of William and Mary Ann (Marvel) Gambrel, on September 3, 1889. One son, Ralph Lorin, was born to this union. They farmed near Tabor, Illinois, until Mrs. Marvel's death in 1898. On November 27, 1900 he was married to Sadie Wasson, fifth child of John W. and Caroline (Sharp) Wasson. Sadie (Wasson) Marvel was born November 7, 1879; received Bachelor of Letters Degree from Lincoln College, Lincoln, Illinois, in 1896; taught in the public schools of Logan and DeWitt Counties 1896-1900. They lived on a farm near Tabor, Illinois, until 1904, then for the next two years in Normal, Illinois. Mr. Marvel, graduated from the school of Auctioneering, in Davenport, Iowa, in 1905, and the next year moved with his family to their present home in Webster City, Iowa, where he is engaged in the Real Estate and Auctioneering business. His wife, Sadie (Wasson) Marvel, passed away on January 28, after several months of great suffering from cancer of the brain.

Following is the record of the Charles W. Marvel family:

a. Ralph Lorin Marvel, son of Charles W. and Eva (Gambrel) Marvel, was born January 3, 1892. He attended country school near his home at Tabor, Illinois; graduated from the Webster City, Iowa, High School in 1909 and had three years' work at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa. He was married on February 24, 1915, to Lela McNee, in Blairsburg, Iowa. They have one son, Robert Wiley Marvel, born at Webster City, Iowa, August 3, 1918.

The children of Charles W. and Sadie (Wasson) Marvel are:

a. Helen Gladys Marvel, first child of Charles W. and Sadie (Wasson) Marvel, was born on a farm near Tabor, Illinois, on March 21, 1902. She graduated from the Webster City High School in 1920, attended Iowa State College and Ellsworth College for two years; and taught in the public schools of Colorado and Iowa for three years. On February 11, 1925 she was married to Harold Glenn Mitchell. They have one child, Betty Jean. They are at present living on a farm near Webster City, Iowa.

b. Harold Kenneth Marvel, second child of Charles W. and Sadie (Wasson) Marvel, was born on the home farm near Tabor, Illinois, April 6, 1903. He graduated from the Webster City High School in 1921. He was married to Dorothy Mary Lane Gilmore in 1921. She is the fourth child of Oscar L. and Effie E. Gilmore, and was born July 4, 1904. She graduated from the Webster City

High School in 1921. Mr. and Mrs. Harold K. Marvel live on a farm near Blairsburg, Iowa. They have three children:

- ✓(a). John Wasson Marvel.
- ✓(b). Marcelyn Lorene Marvel.
- ✓(c). Donald Gilmore Marvel.

c. and d. Mable Lorene Marvel and Catherine Louise Marvel, twins, third and fourth children of Charles W. and Sadie (Wasson) Marvel, were born at Webster City, Iowa, October 4, 1908. They graduated from the Webster City High School in 1927, and are at present attending Junior College at Webster City, Iowa.

5. The fifth child of Joseph Wiley and Nancy E. (Barr) Marvel, a daughter, died in infancy.

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6. Alice Mae Marvel, sixth child of Joseph W. and Nancy E. (Barr) Marvel, was born in Logan County, Illinois, August 4, 1873. She attended the country schools and received all the instructions that schools of this type afforded. She was married February 8, 1893 to H. M. Cantrel. One daughter, Pearl Elenora, was born to this union.

In the Spring of 1901 Alice Mae and her little daughter moved with her parents to Waynesville. Here on September 30, 1903, she was married to William W. Farmer, son of William and Mary Catherine (Carlyle) Farmer. One daughter, Mary Emma, was born to this union. Mr. and Mrs. Farmer made their home with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Marvel, and Alice Mae cared for her parents during their declining years. After their death the Marvel home became that of the Farmers, and they have continued to live there until the present time. They are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Waynesville. Mr. Farmer operates a Cream Station for the Pioneer Creamery Company of Champaign, Illinois.

Pearl Elenora, daughter of H. M. Cantrel and Alice Mae (Marvel) Cantrel, was born in Logan County, Illinois, October 31, 1894. She moved with her mother and grandparents to Waynesville, Illinois, in 1901. She graduated from the Waynesville Township High School in June 1913; attended Wesleyan College of Music at Bloomington, Illinois, in 1914-'16, taught Piano in Waynesville for a number of years. She was married to Arthur E. Swan, oldest son of James and Viola (Adair) Swan, on April 18, 1918. Arthur Swan served in Company M, 37th Infantry, at Laredo, Texas, during the World War, and upon receiving an Honorable Discharge in March, 1919, returned to Waynesville, where a home was purchased, and where they have since resided. Mrs. Swan is a worker in the Children's Department of the Sunday School, Chairman of a Home Bureau Unit, and she and her husband are active in Church and Musical Circles.