

Orville D. ARNOLD, president of the Emerald Oil Company of Bryant and manager for the Sub-Trenton Oil Company of Portland, for years one of the most active figures in the local oil fields, with offices at Bryant, where he has long made his home, is a native son of Indiana and has lived in this state all his life. Mr. ARNOLD was born in Bluecreek Township, in the neighboring county of Adams, March 31, 1886, and is a son of James S. and Frances (CARMENE) ARNOLD, the latter of whom was born in Mercer County, Ohio. James S. ARNOLD was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, but early became a resident of Indiana, locating in Adams County, where he for years was engaged in promoting the timber, industry and later practiced law. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, eight of whom are living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Everett C., Myrtle, James F., Ben H., Grace, Mina and Mark. Orville D. ARNOLD received his early schooling in the Bryant schools and supplemented this by one year in the Indiana Law College at Indianapolis and a year in the old Voorhees Business College in that city, gaining there a good working knowledge of commercial law and general business forms. He and his brother, James F. ARNOLD, then became engaged in business at Bryant as general salvage brokers, opening up a local market for the disposition of various forms of "junk" within a wide territory hereabout, and developed quite a business in that line, a form of commercial activity they have maintained for the past nineteen years. In the meantime, in 1911, they became attracted to the possibilities of continued oil development hereabout and entered upon their present successful business of buying and selling oil leases and at once took a prominent place among the leading producers of this section, this business being carried on under the firm name of the Emerald Oil Company, of which Orville D. ARNOLD is the president. When the ambitious project was promoted in the spring of 1921, for the development and exploration of the possibilities of oil in the sub-Trenton stratum in this section of Indiana and the Sub-Trenton Oil Company of Portland was organized Mr. ARNOLD was made manager of that company's affairs and set about the desired exploration by means of what promises to be a series of deep wells in Bearcreek township, where some of the best wells in the Indiana field have been brought in. Mr. ARNOLD also has been instrumental in the organization of other oil companies, has leases in this county as well as in Texas and has a wide and interesting acquaintance among oil men throughout the country. He is a Republican and a member of the Elks lodge at Portland and he and his wife are members of the Church of the Immaculate Conception (Catholic) at Portland. On January 6, 1910, Orville D. ARNOLD was united in marriage to Mary M. FORD and to this union one child has been born, a son, Jay Ford ARNOLD, who is now attending school at Bryant. Mr. and Mrs. ARNOLD have a pleasant home at Bryant and have ever taken an interested part in the general social

activities of the community. Mrs. ARNOLD was born in Jefferson Township, in the neighboring county of Adams, daughter of Daniel B. and Dill (LAUGHLIN) FORD, and completed her schooling by a course of four years of instruction in the Sacred Heart Academy at Fort Wayne. SOURCE: Milton T. Jay, M.D., *History of Jay County Indiana*, Historical Publishing Co., Indpls. 1922, Vol. II, pp.134-135. Transcribed by Eloine Chesnut