

BECHDOLT, CLYDE D

Clyde D. BECHDOLT, secretary of the Jay County Savings and Trust Company of Portland and an active factor in the commercial life of that city and of the county at large, was born at Portland on July II, 1889, and is a son of S. E. and Lydia BECHDOLT, who are still living at Portland. S. E. BECHDOLT, who has for years been one of the leading contractors at Portland, was born in Ohio, but has been a resident of Portland since the days of his childhood, his parents having moved here from Ohio when he was but a lad. Reared at Portland, Clyde D. BECHDOLT was graduated from the high school there in 1907. For one year thereafter he worked with Weiler Bros., and then took employment with Reinhart & Nichols, continuing with that concern until 1912, when he transferred his services to the Jay County Savings and Trust Company and was made assistant secretary of that institution, serving thus when the United States entered into the World war. In March, 1918., he enlisted in the finance division of the United States army and was for some time stationed at Washington, or until he was transferred to Montgomery, Ala. and was there connected with the finance division of the aviation section of the army until his discharge on March 27, 1919. Upon his return to Portland Mr. BECHDOLT resumed his position with the Jay County Savings and Trust Company and not long afterward was elected secretary of that institution, the position he now occupies. In that same year he married May MARTY, of Montgomery, Ala. and he and his wife have a pleasant home in Portland. Mr. BECHDOLT is a Scottish Rite Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with the consistory and the temple at Fort Wayne. He also is a member of the Portland lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In political affiliation he is a Republican. SOURCE: Milton T. Jay, M.D., History of Jay County Indiana, Historical Publishing Co., Indpls.1922, Vol. II, p.160. Transcribed by Eloine Chesnut