

EDGINGTON, PAUL

Paul EDGINGTON, of the firm of STABLER & EDGINGTON, druggists, at Bryant, former cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of that place, a former member of the board of trustees of the town of Bryant, a former teacher in the schools of this county and one of the best known young business men in the county, is a native son of Jay county and has lived here all his life. Mr. EDGINGTON was born on a farm in Jackson township on September 28, 1890, and is a son of James W. and Eva G. (LAMBERT) EDGINGTON, who are still living in that township. James W. EDGINGTON is the owner of a fine farm of 160 acres in Jackson township, where he has resided for many years. Both he and his wife were born in Franklin county, Ohio. They have four children, the subject of this sketch having three sisters, Mrs. Nell F. ALBERSON and Helen G. and Mary F. EDGINGTON. Reared on the home farm in Jackson township, Paul EDGINGTON received his early schooling in the neighborhood school and then entered Bryant high school, from which he was graduated in 1910. He then began teaching school, a vocation he continued for seven years, teaching in the schools of Jackson township, and in the meantime took a course in civil engineering in the Tri-State College at Angola, Ind. In 1917 Mr. EDGINGTON was elected cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Bryant and occupied that position until in June, 1919, when he transferred his services to the R. L. Dollings Company of Indianapolis. This latter connection continued for one year, or until 1920, in which year Mr. EDGINGTON decided to engage in business for himself. With that end in view he opened a drug store at Bryant and has since been engaged in the drug business at that place. In March, 1921, he sold a half interest in this business to I. E. Stabler, of Portland, and the business is now carried on under the firm name of Stabler & EDGINGTON. Mr. EDGINGTON is a Republican and served for two years as a member of the town board at Bryant. He is a member of the Masonic lodge at Bryant and takes an earnest interest in lodge affairs. On September 28, 1911, Paul EDGINGTON was united in marriage to Enid L. WHITEMEN, who also was born in this county, a member of one of the pioneer families here, and to this union three children have been born, James R., Joseph W. and Betty D. Mrs. EDGINGTON was born in Bearcreek township and is a daughter of James C. L. and Grace (BURDICK) WHITEMEN, the former of whom was for years a well-known teacher in the schools of this county and a substantial farmer and landowner of Bearcreek township, and the latter a daughter of Wellington BURDICK of that township. James C. L. WHITEMEN was born in Bearcreek township, a

son of James N. and Margaret I. (JAY) WHITEMEN, the former of whom was a son of James and Mary (NORTH) WHITEMEN, who came to this county from Maryland in 1837.

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