

ELBERSON, MAURICE

MAURICE ELBERSON, a well-known garage owner and local agent for the Overland and Cleveland automobiles at Portland, is a native son of Jay county and has lived here all his life. Mr. ELBERSON was born on a farm in the vicinity of Westchester on December 25, 1890, and is a son of William H. and Jennie (BROOKHEART) ELBERSON, who are now living in Portland. William H. ELBERSON was born in Ohio, son of Samuel H. and Sarah ELBERSON and was reared in that state, where he received his schooling and early became engaged in farming. He married in that state and continued to reside there until he was thirty years of age when he came over into Indiana and rented a farm of eighty acres in the Westchester neighborhood in this county. Sometime later he gave up farming and moved to the village of Bryant, where he became engaged in the hardware and drug business, and was so engaged at that point for twenty-seven years, at the end of which time he retired from business and moved to Portland, where he is now residing, associated with his son Maurice in the management of the automobile establishment which they maintain in that city. To William H. ELBERSON and wife were born three children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Bonnie, and a brother, James ELBERSON. Maurice ELBERSON was reared at Bryant and upon completing the course in the high school there went to Portland, where he became engaged in the automobile business in association with James RUPEL. In 1914 he became engaged in business alone and so continued until the partnership with his father was contracted in 1920. The ELBERSON's have an attractive place of business on Main street. They hold the local agency for the Overland and Cleveland automobiles and the Pennsylvania and Ajax tires and have done well in their line, handling also a general line of auto accessories. On May 29, 1911, Maurice ELBERSON was united in marriage to Delia E. RUPEL, who was born in this county, daughter of James and Ara RUPEL, members of old families here, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Robert. Mr. ELBERSON is a Democrat. He is an active member of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and is affiliated with the local lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

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