

FOLTZ, FRED W

FRED W. FOLTZ, the well-known local representative of the Haynes and the Buick automobiles at Portland, with salesrooms at 301 North Meridian street, and formerly widely known as a traveling salesman out of that city, is a native son of Jay county and has lived here all his life. Mr. FOLTZ was born in the village of New Corydon on May 1, 1883, and is a son of John W. and Margaret (MARTIN) FOLTZ, both of whom also were born in this county, members of old families here, and the former of whom was for years engaged in the drug business at New Corydon and later at Portland. Fred W. FOLTZ completed his schooling in the Portland high school and upon leaving school became engaged as a clerk, in the drug store of I.B. Little, where he remained for about four years, at the end of which time he went into the plant of the O. A. Rawlings Lumber Company, now known as the Jay County Lumber Company, and was for seven years engaged working there as a cabinet maker. He then transferred his services to the Haynes Milling Company and for four years gave his full time to that company as a traveling salesman. For three years thereafter he gave the milling company but half his time, devoting the other half to the sale of the Haynes automobile. In 1918, Mr. FOLTZ also took the, local sales agency for the Buick automobile, retaining at the same time has agency for the Haynes car, and has since given his whole attention to the development of the sales of these two cars in this territory, with his sales rooms at 301 North Meridian street, in connection with which he also maintains a service station for these two cars. Mr. FOLTZ is a Republican. He is a 32 Mason, a member of the consistory at Fort Wayne, and is a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with the temple at Fort Wayne. He also is a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Portland and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. On November 15, 1904, Fred W. FOLTZ was united in marriage to Lillian May WARD, who was born at Ridgeville, in the neighboring county of Randolph, daughter of John C. and Eleanor (BIDDLEBARGER) WARD, both of whom were born in that same county. John C. WARD was for years engaged in the mercantile business at Ridgeville, later and for about nine years was a traveling salesman for A. H. Perfect & Co. at Fort Wayne and the last years of his life were spent as manager of the J. A. Hood wholesale grocery at Union City. Mr. and Mrs. FOLTZ have three daughters. Garnet, Marguerite and Georgia, the two elder of who are students in the Portland high school. The FOLTZ's have a pleasant home at Portland and take an interested part in the city's general social activities.

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