

GOODSON, LELAN H

Lelan H. GOODSON, one of the well-known and progressive young farmers and landowners of Wayne township, was born in that township and has resided there all his life. Mr. GOODSON was born on August 13, 1894, and is a son of Thomas U. and Elizabeth (LEE) GOODSON, the latter of whom also was born in Indiana. The late Thomas U. GOODSON was born in Illinois and was six years of age when he came to Indiana with his widowed mother, the family locating on a farm in Wayne township, this county, where he grew to manhood. After his marriage he became a farmer on his own account and bought forty acres of the home farm, where he established his home. As his affairs prospered he added to his land holdings until at the time of his death he was the owner of 330 acres of land, eighty in Wayne township, ninety in Noble township, eighty in Bearcreek township and an "eighty" in the state of Michigan. Thomas U. GOODSON and his wife were the parents of nine children, three of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Orië and Jack GOODSON, the others having been Ethel, Edith, Berley L., James W. and two who died in infancy.

Reared on the home farm in Wayne township, where he was born, Lelan H. GOODSON received his schooling in school district No.2 and from the days of his boyhood was a helpful factor in the labors of developing the farm. He married at the age of twenty and then began farming on his own on the home place and after his father's death bought the respective interests of the other heirs in the eighty-acre tract on which he is now living in Wayne township and has since been carrying on his farming operations there, having a well-equipped farm plant and everything about the place in up-to-date shape. Mr. GOODSON is a Democrat.

It was on September 20, 1914, that Lelan H. GOODSON was united in marriage to Elva M. GAGLE, of this county, and to this union four children have been born, namely: Gaynell Lucile, born on August 9, 1915; Helen Marie, February 8, 1917; Marvin Lee, January 4, 1919, and Marjorie Marcile, March 27, 1921. Mr. and Mrs. GOODSON have a pleasant home on rural mail route No. 6 out of Portland and take a proper interest in the general social activities of the community in which they live.

Mrs. GOODSON was born in Gibson township, over in Mercer county, Ohio, October 10, 1893, and was but a child when she came to Jay county with her parents, Wesley and Alice BARGER GAGLE, the family locating on a farm in Madison township. Wesley GAGLE was born in Indiana and his wife in Ohio. He has a well-kept farm of seventy-three acres in Madison township and he and his wife have eight children, those besides Mrs. GOODSON being Walter A., Zerma I., Lynville O., Dwight E., E. Lee, Ray and Marie.

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