

METZ, VERNON E.

VERNON E. METZ, who is widely known throughout the counties of Jay, Adams, Randolph and Wayne as a salesman of made to measure clothing for men, with headquarters at Portland, is a native son of Jay county and has lived here all his life. Mr. METZ was born on a farm in Wayne township on March 22, 1889, and is a son of Thomas J. and Margaret (BICKLE) METZ, both members of old families here, the former born in Wayne township and the latter in Pike township. Thomas J. METZ is a landowner in Pike township, where he has farmed for years, and he and his wife have had six children, four of whom are living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Hazel, Glicie and Juanita. Reared on the home farm, Vernon E. METZ received his schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of his boyhood home and after leaving school continued farming. He married before he was twenty years of age and for four or five years thereafter was variously occupied until he was made manager of the grain elevator at Blaine, a position he continued to occupy for eighteen months, at the end of which time he became engaged in his present line, selling men's clothing by sample and on made-to-measure lines, his territory covering the four counties above enumerated, and has done well. For about nine months during the time of America's participation in the World war Mr. METZ was occupied in the more essential occupation of fireman on the Pennsylvania railroad, but upon the return of normal conditions resumed his clothing business, making his headquarters at Portland, where he has established an excellent business. Mr. METZ is a Democrat and is a member of the local lodges of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Improved Order of Redmen at Portland.

On September 26, 1908, Vernon E. METZ was united in marriage to Nellie E. DUNMOYER, who was born in Pike township, this county, daughter of William H. and Rosa E. (BROWN) DUNMOYER, and to this union two children have been born, Millard and Noel. Mrs. METZ's schooling was completed in the Portland high school. Her father, William H. BROWN, is the owner of a farm of 115 acres in Greene township, this county, and he and his wife have had six children, four of whom are living, Mrs. METZ having three sisters, Elsie, Bernice and Dolores.

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