

McCONOCHY, HOMER J

Homer J. McCONOCHY, secretary and treasurer of the Portland Oil Refining Company and proprietor of an admirably equipped garage in Portland, is a native son of Jay county and has long been regarded as one of the most active young business men of the county seat town. Mr. McCONOCHY was born on a farm in Jefferson township on March 18, 1885, and is a son of Daniel and Rebecca (HUDSON) McCONOCHY, the latter of whom is still living. Daniel McCONOCHY was born in the neighboring county of Randolph and was but a child when he came up into Jay county with his parents, the family locating in Jefferson township. There he grew to manhood and after his marriage settled on a forty-acre farm which he had bought in that same township, where he remained until 1892 when he moved to the village of Blaine where his last days were spent, his death occurring there in December, 1916, he then being seventy-two years of age. To Daniel McCONOCHY and wife were born four children, the subject of this sketch having a brother, William G. McCONOCHY, who married Mamie McINTYRE and has three children, William, Wilma and Harold, and two sisters, Eva, who married A. B. HUFF, of Muncie, Ind. (Delaware County) and has one child, Arthur B. HUFF, and Mamie, who married Ray PICKETT, of Dayton, Ohio (Montgomery Co.)

Homer J. McCONOCHY was but a lad when his parents moved from the farm to the village of Blaine and he received his schooling there. He was helpful in the labors of his father's farm until after he had attained his majority, when he became interested in the automobile industry and after his marriage in 1907 became definitely engaged in the auto business. In 1916 Mr. McCONOCHY opened his present place of business in North Meridian street, Portland, and has ever since been there conducting one of the best equipped general garages in eastern Indiana. When the Portland Oil Refining Company was organized recently he took an active part in the work of organization and was elected secretary and treasurer of the company, which has erected and is operating an extensive refining plant in Portland. Mr. McCONOCHY is an active member of the local Chamber of Commerce, a Scottish Rite Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he and his wife are members of the Country Club and are Democrats.

It was in 1907, as noted above, that Homer J. McCONOCHY was united in marriage to Nellie VANGOSEN. To that union two children have been born, Maxwell and Ermal.

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