

## SHAFER, EUGENE E.

Eugene E. SHAFER, cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Redkey and for many years one of the best known business men of that city, is a native son of Jay county and has lived here all his life. Mr. SHAFER was born on a farm in Penn township on November 7, 1875, and a son of Daniel G. and Mary A. (UNDERWOOD) SHAFER, who more than twenty-five years ago became residents of Redkey. Daniel G. SHAFER was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, and was but a lad when he came with his mother and stepfather to Indiana, the family settling on a farm in Penn township, this county, in 1846, among the pioneers of that section of the county. He grew up on that pioneer farm and after his marriage continued fanning until 1878, in which year he moved to Pennville where he remained until 1894, the year of his removal to Redkey, where he became engaged as a teamster and where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there on October 3, 1917.

Eugene E. SHAFER was but three years of age when his parents moved from the farm to Pennville and in the excellent schools of this pleasant village he received his schooling. When the family moved to Redkey he became employed in a restaurant there and presently became engaged in the restaurant business on his own account, a business he followed for about twenty years or until he was asked to take the position of assistant cashier in the Farmers State Bank of Redkey. It was on April 9, 1917, that Mr. SHAFER entered upon his service in the bank and on February 1, 1921, he was elected cashier of the bank, the position he now occupies, one of the best known bankers in this part of the state. The Farmers State Bank of Redkey was organized on March 18, 1914, with Lee DEARMOND as president, Morton DULL as vice-president and Mark A. WILSON as cashier. Mr. SHAFER is a 32d degree (Scottish Rite) Mason and a Knight of Pythias. He and his wife are members of the Christian (Disciples) Church and are Republicans.

On May 14, 1919, Eugene SHAFER was united in marriage to Ethel BLACKBURN, who was born in the neighboring county of Delaware, daughter of George and Nettie BLACKBURN, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Thelma Pearl. Mr. and Mrs. SHAFER have a pleasant home at Redkey and take an interested part in the general social activities of the community.

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