

SMITH, WILLIAM P.

William P. SMITH, D. C., a well-known young doctor of chiropractic at Portland, was born in that city and has lived there all his life. Doctor SMITH was born on July 20, 1899, and is a son of W. Leo and Bessie J. (HODDUPP) SMITH, both of whom also were born in Jay county, members of old families here. W. Leo SMITH, who has for years been sales manager in the big establishment of the Hood wholesale grocery at Portland, was born at Redkey, but has been a resident of Portland since his youth. He and his wife have two children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Mary.

Upon completing the course in the Portland high school, William P. SMITH was for about nine months engaged in the shipping department of the Hood wholesale house and then entered the eastern Indiana branch of the State Normal School at Muncie, where from September to December, 1918, he served in the Student Army Training Camp for service in the army during the time of this country's participation in the World war. In the meantime he had been giving his thoughtful attention to the study of chiropractic and upon leaving the normal school entered the Ross College of Chiropractic at Fort Wayne and on April 27, 1921, was graduated from that institution. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor SMITH returned to Portland and opened there an office for the practice of his profession and has since been thus engaged.

On May 27, 1920, Dr. William P. SMITH was united in marriage to Geraldine OHMART, daughter of James E. and Emma (GOEHLER) OHMART, the former of whom is a well-known real estate dealer at Portland. Mrs. SMITH was born at Laketon, Ind., but her schooling was completed in the high school at Portland, to which place her parents moved when she was a child. Doctor and Mrs. SMITH are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are Democrats. The Doctor is a member of Delta Chapter of the Phi Delta Kappa fraternity at Portland.

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