

1903, he formed a connection with a stock company under the name of the Goodell Ice and Fuel Company, in which he continued active until 1909, when he went into the coal business. For a while he has been wholesale agent for the Pabst Brewing Company of Beardstown and vicinity. In all his undertakings he has met with a good measure of success, and in the various enterprises which have occupied his attention, he has made numerous friends who hold him in high regard. In his political course Mr. Schweer has uniformly acted with the Democratic party. He is affiliated with the A. F. & A. M., being a Knight Templar, and is also identified with the B. P. O. E. No. 1007, and the A. O. F., all of Beardstown.

**SEHY, John**, manufacturer of drain tile and brick, is one of the representative manufacturers of Cass County, and his plants at Ashland are thoroughly modern in every respect, and do credit not only to his own business enterprise and ability, but to the community as well. He was born at Berlin, Ill., February 7, 1867, a son of Peter and Margaret (Stork) Sehy, who came to Sangamon County, Ill., in 1865. The father is a shoemaker by trade, and since 1881 has lived at Ashland. His brothers and sister were: Adam, Conrad, Frank and Catherine. After the birth of her two children, John and Frank, the first Mrs. Sehy died. Later Peter Sehy married Mary Reith, and they had two sons, Matthew and Steven, and two daughters, Mary E., who is Mrs. William Henn, of Morgan County, Ill.; and Catherine, who is Mrs. Henry Henn, of Cass County, Ill.

John Sehy attended the common schools of his native place and worked at various things until 1892, when he, with four others, bought out the brick manufacturing plant of J. B. Lohman. From time to time he purchased the interests of his partners and since 1902 has been sole proprietor. In 1909 he added the manufacture of drain tile, erecting a plant for that purpose, and now has a very large and flourishing business. The capacity of his brick plant is 15,000 per day, while he manufactures from 3,000 to 6,000 drain tile, according to the size. Since 1909 his plant has been operated by a 35-horse power engine and a 40-horse power boiler, and employment is given to six men. The main drying shed is 125x32 feet, and he has a second building 75x28 feet, in which are located the engine, boiler, machine shop and clay pit. The drying room has a cement floor and exhaust steam is forced into the tile which heats the shed and assists in drying the product. Mr. Sehy has two round down-draft kilns, with a capacity of 70,000, heated by a grateless furnace of the latest improved model. All equipments in his plants are the most modern in the county, and he is constantly improving them.

On February 18, 1890, Mr. Sehy married Mary Elizabeth Brazzle, born in La Salle County, a daughter of Thomas and Anna (Farrel) Brazzle, natives of Ireland, and the following

children have been born to them: Charles Francis, who is of Ashland, Ill., is engineer of the tile plant; Anna Marie, who is at home; Frances Catherine, Helen May, Margaret Mary, Frank Conrad, Gertrude, Thomas Peter, John James, and Agnes Louise who died in infancy. Mr. Sehy is a member of the Catholic church. He belongs to the W. C. U. No. 24, of Ashland. In politics he is a Democrat.

**SHANKLAND, Ora**, editor and publisher of the Chandlerville Times, and a man who is conscientious in moulding opinion and advocating improvements and liberal reforms, was born at Chandlerville, Ill., June 20, 1881, a son of Rev. Benjamin Hartley and Elizabeth (Peek) Shankland, the former born in Nicholas County, Ky., November 23, 1843, and the latter in Menard County, Ill., November 19, 1835. The father was a Methodist minister and a farmer, and both he and his excellent wife spent their lives in doing good to others. Earnest and consistent members of the Methodist church, they worked towards its advancement, and made relieving the needy one of the chief aims of their existence. During the Civil war, the father served for six months in Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, while in political views he is a Democrat.

Ora Shankland is a graduate of the Chandlerville High school, class of 1900, and after completing his school course he learned the printing trade, which he has followed ever since, with the exception of a few months when he was a grocery clerk. On September 8, 1911, he bought the Chandlerville Times and has since issued it and conducts in conjunction with it a well equipped job printing office. He is a member of the Chandlerville Chamber of Commerce and an honorary member of the Cass County Country Life Club. Since 1907 he has belonged to the Modern Woodmen of America, and in July, 1913, he joined the Knights of Pythias. He is not only clerk and secretary of the Christian church board, which religious organization he joined January 1, 1910, but he is a member of the Sunday school orchestra. In politics he is a Democrat, and one of the leaders of his party.

On May 10, 1911, Mr. Shankland married Nellie F. McDonald, a daughter of William Edgar and Ida Mae (Johnson) McDonald, the former a painter and paper hanger. Mrs. Shankland was born at Virginia, Ill., May 7, 1893, and is a member of the Christian church and a very prominent worker in the same, with which church she united when twelve years of age. She is also a member of the Court of Honor, which she joined October 5, 1914. Mrs. Shankland also taught a very successful term of school. Mr. and Mrs. Shankland have many warm personal friends at Chandlerville, and are numbered among the social leaders of the place.

**SHAW, Rev. William Bird**, minister of the Congregational church at Chandlerville, Ill., and a man widely known and universally respected