

of Indiana. That he is a good farmer and that his sons, who have taken up his work, are also good farmers, is amply proved by the fact that in a dry year, 1914, they raised from sixty to eighty bushels of corn per acre on their land. It is unfortunate that every community cannot have within its boundaries men of the same character, capacity and ability, as John Henry Metz.

GUY E. KITCHIN.

We can scarcely think a man thoroughly appreciates his privileges and independence, when he arrives at the point of owning a valuable farm of three hundred and twenty acres of good farm land, in a well-settled district. It becomes such a habit with him, that he loses sight of the fact that he is indeed fortunate in these days of high-priced real estate. If he could but read the thoughts of the man bending over the books in a city office, with his hands and feet practically chained to a desk, he would know that nothing but the acreage price keeps this man from freeing himself from his mental drudgery, and going forth, with a glad heart, to where he can get a fresh breath of air, and live an independent life. Nor is he alone in his thoughts. There are hundreds of thousands of men and women whose views would not vary a hair's breadth in this direction.

Guy Kitchin, farmer, Fugit township, was born on October 7, 1882, in Fugit township, on their home farm. He is a son of Frank B. and Clara (Robbins) Kitchin. He first attended the public schools at Kingston, and when eighteen years of age, entered Purdue University, remaining there one year, 1899-1900, after which he returned home and farmed for a short time, and then went to Kansas and Oklahoma for his health in 1908. He remained in Oklahoma four years, and then returned to Decatur county in the fall of 1912. In politics, he has always voted the Republican ticket, and is a member of the Kingston Presbyterian church. Fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias. The fine farm, of three hundred and twenty acres, stands as a witness to his ability, as well as to his thrifty habits.

Frank Benjamin Kitchin, father of our subject, was born and reared on the home farm in Decatur county, where he farmed until his removal to Indianapolis in the spring of 1912. He owns five hundred acres in Fugit township, covering three well-improved farms. He does general farming, and is a breeder of Shorthorn cattle. To Frank Kitchin and his wife were

born six children, as follow: Clyde, Guy, Coza, Grace, Thomas and Frank Barnard. Clyde lives in Rush county; Coza lives in Indianapolis; Grace is the wife of Harry Moore, and lives at Alexandria; Frank Barnard lives in Indianapolis.

In December, 1908, Guy Kitchin was married to Joy Thompson, daughter of Edgar Thompson, of Jennings county. They have one child, Edgar, born in November, 1911.

Guy Kitchin has lived on his present farm since 1911. The father bought this tract of land about 1887, known as the Donnell farm. Guy Kitchin buys cattle and feeds on an average about seventy-five head during the year. On his farm he raises diversified crops and feeds all the grain and hay he can produce. Aside from this he buys a good deal of grain and feeds to carry him through the season.

WILLIAM SKEEN WOODFILL.

The Woodfill family have been prominently identified with the history of Decatur county since 1830, when the first members of the family came to Greensburg. In everything which goes to make a community better in the essentials which advance civilization, the family have acted well their part. Succeeding generations of the Woodfills have been characterized by those sterling qualities which marked the members of the family who have gone before them.

The late William S. Woodfill was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, on November 16, 1825, the son of Gabriel and Eleanor (Pullman) Woodfill. The family trace their ancestry back to Welsh and English progenitors and have found that the first members of the family located in Pennsylvania in the early colonial days. Reverend Gabriel, the great-grandfather of William S. Woodfill, emigrated from Pennsylvania to Kentucky and settled in Shelby county early in the history of that state. He was a pioneer in Methodism in Kentucky and upon locating in Jefferson county, Indiana, became one of the earliest Methodist ministers of the Hoosier state. He was a man of large influence in his community and his labors in the Master's vineyard proved of inestimable benefit to his widely scattered neighbors.

Andrew Woodfill, the son of the good old Methodist circuit rider and the grandfather of William S. Woodfill, was born in Pennsylvania, but spent most of his life in the vicinity of Madison, Indiana. He entered government land in Jefferson county, married a Miss Mitchell and reared a family of