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### **Ralph G. Dow, Jr.**

Ralph G. Dow, Jr., Certified Public Accountant, and owner of the accountancy firm of Dow and Dow in Pomona, is rated as one of the most expertly trained persons in his profession in the Valley, and his firm enjoys an enviable reputation and numbers among its clients many of the leading individuals and larger firms of this area.

A native son, Mr. Dow was born in Los Angeles on July 4, 1907. His parents, Ralph G. and Shirley (Jenkins) Dow, reside in Los Angeles, in which city his father, also a Certified Public Accountant, practiced for many years, but he is now more or less retired. In connection with his mother, it is interesting to note that she is a daughter of the late Dr. J. F. T. Jenkins, an old-time physician and surgeon of Los Angeles, who occupied a foremost position in the medical profession of his day.

Ralph G. Dow, Jr. attended elementary school in Los Angeles and graduated from Los Angeles High School in 1924. He then entered the University of California, where he graduated in 1928, having taken numerous courses in business, economics, and other subjects helpful in carrying out his plan of ultimately taking up the practice of accountancy.

His first professional affiliation after graduation from college was with the firm of Lybrand, Ross Brothers and Montgomery in Los Angeles. After four years with that firm he was associated with his father in Los Angeles in practice, and in 1935 he came to Pomona and was in partnership with the late Clarence Fossett, under the firm name Fossett, Dow and Company, until Mr. Fossett's death in 1945. The firm name was then changed to Dow and Dow.

Mr. Dow is a member of worthwhile organizations, including the Pomona Rotary Club and the Elks Lodge. His college fraternity is Theta Xi. His hobby is flying. The owner of a Stinson Station Wagon plane, he is a licensed pilot and makes numerous trips for pleasure to various parts of the Southwest.

The former Miss Isabelle Borthwick became the wife of Mr. Dow. He has a daughter, Patricia, by a prior marriage.

### **Owen H. Lewis**

A man who has made an exceptional record in the Pomona Valley in the real estate and insurance lines is Owen H. Lewis, of San Dimas, and his career is an inspiring one. Mr. Lewis was born in Parnell, Missouri, on March 18, 1908, son of Simon and Doris Lewis. He received his elementary and high school education in his native community and attended William Jewell College at Liberty, Missouri, for a period of four years. In 1927, he came to California and located in Los Angeles where he was employed by the Masonic Club of that city for several years. Next, he was with the Union Pacific Railroad, and while in this connection he was in a serious accident, having had his back broken and his skull fractured. Laid up for over two years, he finally almost completely

recovered and then entered the real estate business in El Monte. This was in 1939, and three years later he came to San Dimas, purchasing an orange grove here at that time. He expected to retire from active business, but it was not long before he opened a real estate and insurance office in this community. In a very short time, he has built up an exceedingly large following. In addition to his real estate and insurance brokerage business, he is local representative in this part of Southern California for the Prudential Life Insurance Company. In addition to his San Dimas office, Mr. Lewis has recently opened an office in Pomona at 161 West Holt Avenue in partnership with Arthur H. Cox. He is a Realtor and a member and past president of the San Dimas Chamber of Commerce, a member and past president of the School Club of San Dimas and a member of the San Dimas Service Club. He is also affiliated with the Pomona Kiwanis Club, being one of only two non-residents of Pomona to be members of this group.

For some time past, Mr. Lewis has owned and operated a two hundred acre cattle ranch located south of Ontario.

A prominent Mason, he is affiliated with Al Malaikah Shrine Temple of Los Angeles, the Knights Templar, Royal Arch Masons and Hollenbeck Lodge No. 319 in Los Angeles. He also belongs to the Pomona Elks Lodge.

Mr. Lewis married the former Miss Opal Mann, who is from Bradyville, Iowa. They have two daughters, Patricia and Glenda.

### **Judge Harry B. Westgate**

Judge Harry B. Westgate, Postmaster of Pomona from 1922 until 1935, and City Judge continuously since 1938, is one of the Valley's most prominent citizens. In addition to his public offices, he has for many years conducted a successful law practice, and he has the distinction of being the third oldest lawyer in length of practice in Pomona.

A native of Taunton, Nebraska, Judge Westgate was born May 24, 1888, son of James E. and Fanny E. Westgate. He attended schools in Bridge-water, Nebraska, and studied law at the University of Maine, from which he holds the degree of LL.B. He was admitted to the Bar in Maine, but never practiced in that state. Instead, he came to Pomona in 1914 and took up practice here in that year.

During World War I, Judge Westgate enlisted in the United States Army and became a member of the 63rd Infantry, which latter became a part of the 11th Division. Prominent in the affairs of the American Legion, he is Past District Commander and Past State Executive Committeeman of this organization. He is Past Master of Pomona Lodge No. 246, F. & A. M., and Past Patron of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 110. During the recent war, Judge Westgate helped to organize the State Guard at Pomona and rose from the rank of Private to First Lieutenant and company commander.