

A native of Emmetsburg, Iowa, Mr. Simonson is a son of Nels and Martha (O'Lena) Simonson. His father was born in Denmark, and his mother in Iowa.

Following graduation from high school, Mr. Simonson entered the University of Iowa, where he remained for three and a half years and was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. He served in the Student Army Training Corps at the University.

After leaving college, Mr. Simonson was with the Standard Oil Company in Iowa for about five years as a salesman. At the end of this time, he entered the insurance business in that state and has been in this line ever since. He came to California in 1934, and after spending three winters in Palm Springs and three summers in Beverly Hills, he located in Pomona and started the insurance business here and he has met with gratifying success.

Affiliations include the Congregational Church and the Kiwanis Club, being chairman of several committees of the latter.

The former Miss Genevieve Gates, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, became the wife of Mr. Simonson. They have a daughter, Nancy, the wife of Lieutenant Commander Douglas Birdsall, U. S. N. There are two grandchildren, Robin and David.

Herbert S. Gilman

Herbert S. Gilman was for many years an outstanding citrus grower and foremost citizen of the San Dimas area and enjoyed a wide reputation because of his knowledge of the citrus industry, water problems and forestry. He had served as a director and president of the San Dimas Orange Growers Association, and also was president of the Conservation Association of Southern California; a member of the State Board of Forestry under three administrations; a member of the American Forestry Association; honorary member of the Society of American Foresters; president of the San Dimas Water Company and ultimately manager and engineer of the company.

Mr. Gilman was born in Rochester, Minnesota, son of Nathaniel and Anna (Morris) Gilman. He received his early education in Rochester and graduated from the University of Minnesota as a civil engineer. Following this, he spent three years in engineering and construction in water works and sewers. In 1909, he came to California and soon married a former schoolmate, Miss Jeanette Cole, in Pasadena. Soon thereafter, Mr. Gilman brought his bride to San Dimas, and he purchased an orange grove in this area. It was not long after coming here that he became interested in the water company, which interest continued to the end of his life.

Water supply and production were his outstanding interests, and he was known as an expert on flood control and water shed protection as well as water conservation. He published a treatise upon the whole water problem, a work of such ability that it stands by itself among all the studies that have been made of water problems. The handling of the San Dimas water situation was a

matter of great difficulty in the early days, and the skill that Mr. Gilman displayed as engineer of the water company elicited the highest praise from the men in a position to know what he had done.

Mr. Gilman was one of the charter members of the Union Church of San Dimas. He sang in the choir and for twenty years served as Trustee. He was also a member and Past Master of the San Dimas Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Gilman was the recipient of the James McLaughlin-Bissell award for outstanding service in the cause of conservation in Los Angeles County, and a part of the forest reserve was dedicated to his memory, called "Gilman Grove".

In addition to his widow, Mr. Gilman is survived by four children: Anne (Mrs. J. O. Tillman, of San Dimas); Jean (Mrs. R. E. Ulery, of Pomona); Herbert S., Jr., of Redding, California; and John C., of Placerville. Both sons served in World War II. Herbert was in the Army, and John served in the United States Naval Reserve. Both spent considerable time in the South Pacific.

Mr. Gilman passed away on April 21, 1941.

William S. Cahoon

One of the most highly respected citizens of Pomona over a period of many years was William S. Cahoon, who had the unparalleled record of having been with the First National Bank for forty-five years of uninterrupted service.

Born in Winona, Illinois, on July 4, 1888, he was a son of Charles L. and Ella Cahoon. Coming to Pomona with his parents in 1900, Mr. Cahoon completed his schooling in this city. In 1905, he joined the First National Bank as a messenger boy. He subsequently became bookkeeper, next teller, and in 1917 he was made assistant cashier, which position he held until the end of his life, April 28, 1950. During these many years, Mr. Cahoon exercised a keen knowledge of the banking business, and enjoyed the esteem of his colleagues and the friendship of the hundreds of patrons of the bank with whom he dealt.

Mr. Cahoon participated generously in civic and community affairs. During the recent war, he was in charge of the bank's participation in government bond sales. He had long been an active member of the Knights of Pythias, and was a member of Trinity Methodist Church. Another affiliation was the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan.

Mr. Cahoon had a most absorbing hobby, which was his woodworking shop in his garage. He was especially adept at making things, and produced a wide variety of items in wood, most of which he made for his friends.

Mr. Cahoon is survived by his widow the former Bessie M. Clark, who comes from one of Pomona's oldest and best known families. She is a sister of Earl Clark, of the firm of Clark Brothers which is the oldest established automobile business in the eastern part of Los Angeles County. The daughter