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Following graduation from El Monte High School, Jack Singer entered La Verne College, where he spent three years, until 1933. While still attending this college, he started working in citrus packing houses at night and during vacations. For several years he was employed by the La Verne Co-operative Association, and while in this connection he purchased his first grove, in 1937, in Ontario. This was a ten-acre piece of property, which he still owns. In 1939, he purchased a forty-acre grove in the ten hundred block of Cucamonga in the city limits of Pomona, and here he recently erected a very attractive home which is on the site of the historic Willis S. Jones home-place. The beautiful grove is one of the oldest in the Pomona Valley, the trees having been planted over fifty years ago. In 1944, Mr. Singer purchased a twenty-acre adjoining grove, and in 1950 he purchased another forty-acre piece, also adjoining, so that now he has one hundred acres of adjoining citrus property, all in the city limits of pomona.

Mr. Singer has been officially identified with numerous organizations. He is former state chairman of the Citrus Section of the Sub-Tropical Department of the California Farm Bureau, and he is a former chairman of the San Antonio Citrus Center of the Los Angeles County Farm Bureau and currently a director. He is an alternate member of the Orange Administrative Committee of the State of California and holds a similar position with the Lemon Administrative Committee. He is a director of the La Verne Cooperative Citrus Association, and he is vice-president of the El Camino Water Company and the Pomona Canyon Water Company. Another affiliation is with the Upland Pest Control Spray Association, of which he is a director. He recently was selected to represent the California Citrus Growers at a Production and Market Association meeting held in Texas.

Mr. Singer has the honor of being president for the year 1950 of the La Verne Lions Club, and he represented the club at the national convention in Chicago in the summer of 1950.

He married the former Miss Marion Amy Steves on February 22, 1935. They were classmates at the La Verne College, where Mrs. Singer graduated in 1935. She is a daughter of T. J. and Amy (Lapp) Steves, her father being one of the most prominent citizens of La Verne.

Mr. and Mrs. Singer have three children: Penelope Joan, Jacquelin Marion and John Douglas.

Mr. Singer finds his chief diversion in motoring, and with his wife and children has covered many miles of territory in this country. He is also an aviation enthusiast and has a student pilot's licence.

Vere Raley

Vere Raley of San Dimas, a prominent and successful citrus grower, is as well known as a vocalist and religious leader as he is in the field of agriculture.

A native son, Mr. Raley was born in La Verne on January 8, 1912, the son of Leslie W. and Pearl (Akers) Raley. Mr. Raley's mother passed away when he was quite young and he spent several years of his youth in Illinois with relatives and completed his grammar school education in that State; he then returned to California and went to high school at San Jacinto. Then he went to Pomona Junior College, and ultimately he took a course at the Bible Institute in Los Angeles.

As a young man Mr. Raley worked in the La Verne Co-operative Packing House, continuing there for a number of years, and he also obtained valuable experience working on the citrus groves of his father-in-law, T. J. Steves. He acquired the first grove of his own in 1938, which consisted of ten acres and was located on Alexander Avenue in Pomona. He subsequently disposed of this property, and later bought a twenty acre grove in Covina, which he also sold. Currently he owns a twenty-acre grove on Grand Avenue in Glendora and a thirty-acre grove on Covina Boulevard in San Dimas, which is his home-place. It is interesting to note that the house on this property was completed by the late Lucian S. Taylor in the same year Mr. Raley was born.

Widely known as a baritone, Mr. Raley is a charter member of the Pomona Valley Musicians Club, and has sung in amateur grand opera. Perhaps his greatest interest at the present time is in his position as associate pastor and choir director of the Hollywood Calvary Baptist Church. In addition, he has charge of the singing on the radio broadcast known as "Voice of Calvary." Mr. Raley won a scholarship a few years ago from the Pasadena Music Festival Association, and subsequently studied voice under several noted teachers.

Mrs. Raley was formerly Miss Mae Millicent Steves, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Steves, her father having been a leading citizen of La Verne for over a half century. Mrs. Raley is a talented violinist.

The two children in the Raley family are: Janice Lyn, and Stephen Leslie.

Paul Endicott

Paul Endicott, President of the Home-Builder's Savings and Loan Association of Pomona, was born in Brighton, Iowa, on November 6, 1890, son of the late Alfred B. and Rose (Shafer) Edicott. His late father had been a railroad man in his early life and later engaged in the banking business and other pursuits. Coming to Pomona in 1911, he had a varied career here which included some years in association with the real estate firm of Caves, Stevens and Hartley. He helped organize a bank at El Monte and lived there while managing it. He later moved back to Pomona and was with the old Pomona Commercial and Savings Bank for several years. In 1922 he joined the Home-Builders' Savings and Loan Association staff, continuing there until he passed away in 1936.

The subject of this sketch attended public schools in Iowa and was graduated from the State University of Iowa in June, 1912. Arriving in

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