

Now they have a well-furnished, attractive and comfortable home, a beautiful lawn, well-cared for garden and a fine variety of young fruit trees.

Miss Rice, and her devoted assistant, Miss Elsie Barton, as the present condition of the Home indicates, are qualified for the position with their natural ability and love for children and their educational training along those lines. They preside over the institution with dignity and grace. The children respond to their devotion and show by their obedience and willingness their deep affection for them. The children all live at the Home and attend the public schools and the Methodist Episcopal Sunday School at La Verne. The object of the home is to help train and teach children to be self-supporting. There are at present eighty-seven children in their care, forty-three girls and forty-four boys. Flora A. Rice is indeed engaged in the most noble work possible, for nothing can equal her labor of love. With all the multitudinous cares devolving upon her in connection with the Home, she still finds time to take an active part in the religious life of the community. She is a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at La Verne, and prominent in the work of all its societies, especially that of the Epworth League.

GEORGE CYRIL PLATT

A very successful and influential young man of San Dimas is George Cyril Platt, cashier of the First National Bank of San Dimas and the San Dimas Savings Bank, who is a native of Brantford, Ontario, born February 19, 1887, the only child of Geo. F. and Catherine (Mudge) Platt, born, respectively, in Brantford and Newfoundland, who were agriculturists at Brantford until 1887, when he came to the San Fernando Valley, California. His wife and baby boy joined him in 1888, and here the father engaged in horticulture, setting out an orange grove at Chatworth Park. This ranch he sold in 1892 and located at San Dimas, where they have since engaged in citrus culture.

George Cyril Platt's first recollections are of sunny California, where he received a good education in the San Dimas schools and in the Pomona high school, graduating from the latter in 1906. Soon afterwards he entered the Bank of San Dimas which was later nationalized as the First National Bank, in time becoming assistant cashier. When the San Dimas Savings Bank was organized in 1911 he was also made assistant cashier of that institution and so well did he fill them that he was in July, 1919, elected by the directors of the above institutions as cashier of the two banks, his years of experience making him well qualified to hold the same.

Mr. Platt was married in Covina, where he was united with Miss

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Vyvyenne Faulder, born in Los Angeles, a graduate of the Covina high, and two interesting children, Robert and Priscilla, have blessed the union.

Having leave of absence from the bank Mr. Platt served in Y. M. C. A. war work in different California army camps from June, 1918, until December, 1918. He is an active member of the San Dimas Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Platt was made a Mason in San Dimas Lodge No. 428, F. & A. M., being a past master of the lodge. He is a member of Pomona Chapter, R. A. M., and with his wife is a member of the Episcopal Church in Covina.

HORACE E. HOWARD

An Eastern gentleman who has made his contribution to the successful development of the citrus industry in California is Horace E. Howard, who lives at San Dimas and whose ranch is located on the Foothill Boulevard. He was born at Vineland, N. J., on January 19, 1877, the son of E. E. Howard, who became a physician and orange grower in Florida, and is now deceased. He married Miss Clara Graham and she is also now deceased. The only child of this union is the subject of our review. His education began with the public schools at Wilmington, Del., and extended to the high school of that town, from which he went to the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, where he was graduated in 1898. For nine years thereafter he worked in Philadelphia as a pharmacist. All this while he was steadily preparing for the work he was to do once he had settled on the Pacific Coast in 1900.

After eleven years in the drug business in Los Angeles, Mr. Howard turned his attention and energies to citrus growing in San Dimas, and in that field he has been more and more successful. The truth is, that few men understand the problems of citrus culture better, while Mr. Howard has the advantage that he is both productive of new ideas and willing to introduce new ways of doing a thing.

In Los Angeles on December 15, 1906 Mr. Howard was married to Miss Emma A. Banta of Claremont. She was born in Albany, Ore., and has been deeply interested all her life in the gradual and splendid development of her native section.

A thoroughly patriotic citizen, and one who is a member of the U. S. Navy League and vigorously supports every patriotic program of the government, Mr. Howard is nevertheless a man above party and seeks to vote as he thinks—independently, every time. He is a Mason, a member of the Consistory, and also a Shriner, and in all fraternal circles is second to none in well-deserved popularity.