

Valley. At the present time he is the owner of four groves, with a total of forty acres.

Mr. Price was originally appointed to the La Verne City Council to fill a vacancy, and he has been elected twice, having served as Mayor for several years. Long interested in the Red Cross, Mr. Price is a director of the La Verne Chapter. For fifteen years he has been president of the Mills Tract Water Company.

Mr. Price married Miss Eva Brownsberger. They have two children, David, and Doris, the latter the wife of Charles Martini, a teacher at Bonita High School.

R. E. Lee Aldrich

R. E. Lee Aldrich, publisher of the San Dimas Press, was born in Dysart, Iowa, April 16, 1892, son of Dr. P. M. Aldrich and Mary (Farnsworth) Aldrich. He received his schooling in his native town, and following graduation from high school was with newspapers there and at Belle Plaine and Newell, Iowa. He served two terms of four years as County Recorder at Vinton, Iowa.

Prior to coming to San Dimas, Mr. Aldrich engaged in newspaper work at Temple City, Firestone Park, Maywood, San Gabriel and La Verne.

Mr. Aldrich's religious affiliation is with the Presbyterian Church, and fraternally he is a member of Temple City Lodge F. & A. M. No. 612. A member of the Toastmasters' Club, he is a past District Governor of Founder's District, Toastmasters' International.

The former Kathleen Turner became the wife of Mr. Aldrich. They have two daughters, Mrs. Harriet Magee, of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Betty Lee Nelson, of Woodland Hills, California.

Orrie Wilson Hoke

Orrie Wilson Hoke is a very old time resident of California, arriving here in 1901 from his native Wisconsin, having been born in the town of Sextonville, on December 6, 1867, son of George Mathias and Marion (Johnson) Hoke. His father, who was of Pennsylvania Dutch extraction, enlisted for service in the Civil War at the age of seventeen and served three years and nine months.

The subject of this sketch attended grade and high schools in Sextonville and also went to the University of Wisconsin. Prior to coming to California he was prominent in the cheese and butter making industry in Wisconsin and in Iowa, and also taught school for several years in the middle west.

Mr. Hoke was manager of a chain store for some time, and ultimately bought a half interest in the hardware store in San Dimas which was owned

by H. L. Foresman. This business he continued for seventeen years. Later he was in partnership with F. H. Harwood in the hardware business. He is now retired from active business.

Mr. Hoke is a former president of the old San Dimas Board of Trade, forerunner of the present Chamber of Commerce, and has served as a member of the local elementary school board for eight years. He is a charter member of the San Dimas Masonic Lodge, and also belongs to the Odd Fellows and the Elks.

Mr. Hoke was married in Kankakee, Illinois, to Miss Frances Nieman. Of this union were born one son, Graydon Hoke, now of Covina; two daughters, Mrs. Mildred McDonald and Miss Irma Hoke, both of San Dimas. Following his first wife's death, he married in 1912 at San Dimas, Gail Burch Sisson. Of this union were born two daughters, Mrs. Madeline Hill and Miss Joyce Hoke, both of San Dimas. He had one adopted son, Gorden Sisson Hoke, now deceased.

Isabelle A. K. Johnson

Owner and manager of the Johnson Realty Company and Pomona Rental Agency, Mrs. Isabelle Johnson is an example of a woman who has made an outstanding record in her chosen line of endeavor. Widely known for her success in finding homes for old and new residents of the city, she also handles a considerable number of deals covering industrial and citrus properties.

Mrs. Johnson was born in the town of Grafton North Dakota, and is the daughter of Mrs. Helen Kuta and the late Peter Paul Kuta who migrated from Austria Hungary in 1895 and homesteaded in the Red River Valley of North Dakota and Minnesota.

Mrs. Johnson attended elementary and high school at Minto, North Dakota. Residing in Chicago from 1930 she married the late Theodore S. Johnson, a chemical engineer, who lost his life in an oil refinery explosion on July 6th, 1944. Mr. Johnson was supervising the initial operation of a 100 octane aviation gasoline plant near Oil City, Pennsylvania. He was one of nine persons who lost their lives as a result of the explosion and fire. At her husband's death Mrs. Johnson came to Los Angeles and attended Los Angeles City College, and then returned to Minnesota and attended the University of Minnesota, majoring in nursing. But during the real estate activity Mrs. Johnson thought she would rather sell real estate.

Mrs. Johnson has been a resident of California since 1945, residing in North Hollywood, Los Angeles and in 1947 came to Pomona after reading an article in Life magazine that Pomona, California and Eugene, Oregon were the two fastest growing cities in the U. S. Purchasing the property where she now resides, she also manages a small guest home for the Aged.

Mrs. Johnson is a member of the National Association of Real Estate Boards; The Pomona Valley Real Estate Board; The National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club; Pomona Chamber of Commerce