

MR. AND MRS. J. J. BASKINS

Walla Walla, Washington

How often have you heard the complaint, "We are not given a chance"? The wail is made by the pusillanimous, who have faltered in the struggle of life and look to the world to carry the burden that fate has destined as their lot; they have only neglected to take advantage of opportunities that have been presented, and lost the courage to push ahead.

In reviewing the record of the achievements of Mr. J. J. Baskins, one will be convinced that his life has been a busy one. Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1882, where he received his education in the public schools. Reaching his majority, he turned to learning a trade and selected that of a carpenter. How well he accomplished his desire can be attested by the following important structures he has had to do. At Leavenworth, Kansas, he built the Second Baptist Church at a cost of \$17,000. The First Baptist Church at Omaha, Nebraska, \$15,000. A shirt factory in the same city for M. E. Smith & Co., a duplex house for Dr. Hutton, remodeled the Copperworkers of America store, \$7,000, superintended the construction of two buildings in Pullman, Washington, one \$200,000 and the other \$25,000. He has been selected as assistant superintendent of a \$72,000 school building in Walla Walla. In all has built fifteen churches and numerous outstanding structures that are evidence of his handicraft.

In 1912 he married Miss Alice Baker of Bakersfield, California, and moved to Walla Walla, Washington, where he purchased ground and built two modern bungalows. He is a member of the Zion A. M. E. Church.

Mrs. Alice Baskins first saw the light of day at Leavenworth, Kansas, where she graduated from the high school with honor, moving to Checotah, Oklahoma. She taught school for one year, two years were spent in Los Angeles and Bakersfield, California. In 1912 she became the bride of Mr. J. J. Baskins. They sojourned in Oakland and Redwoods, California, for two years and returned to Omaha, Nebraska, where they remained for a short while.

With her husband she moved to Walla Walla in 1912. Her religious and civic activities are commendable; a ready speaker, she has addressed numerous bodies on topics that were food for thought. The family reside at 814 Poplar Street, Walla Walla, Washington.