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**ONTARIO'S EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS ARE EXPERIENCED BUSINESS MEN**

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ed his migration to Ontario from Dawson City, Nebraska, where he was born in 1882. Four years later found him with his parents in Basin, Utah, where he attended the common schools until he came to enter an academy at Salt Lake City. From the academy he entered the services of Consolidated Wagon & Machine company, and ever since then he has been handling machinery of all kinds.

His aptitude for the business was soon recognized and he was made branch manager for his firm at Murray, Utah, which place he left in 1910 to go to Boise where he joined the force of Mitchell, Lewis & Staver. He remained with that firm until coming to Ontario.

Mr. Troxell was married in 1905 at Murray to Miss Ulna Pryor and they have two sons growing up to take care of the implement business in years to come.

Aside from his service in the Council, Mr. Troxell has been a director of the Commercial club and has taken an active interest in civic and lodge affairs, in fact in every line of development that spells progress in this region.

**WILLIAM H. LAXSON**

Novelty, something different, is not the prerogative of Mayor Jones, among the members of his official family, for tho he is well known to hundreds of citizens of Malheur county, William H. Laxson will look strange to those who know him only as "Toggerly Bill."

Mr. Laxson, as his alias indicates, devotes his working hours to the furnishing trade, and he has established his Toggerly during the past nine years, during which time he has once had to move to larger quarters.

Mr. Laxson was born in Iowa, a favorite state of many Ontarians in



Councilman W. H. Laxson

selecting a place to come from. He first saw the light of day in Clay county of that state and as a young man grew up in Earlville, where he graduated from the High School in the class of '03. That year he went to Denver, where he lived for several years and caught the Western fever.

He went back to Iowa in 1910 to be married to Miss Margaret Strane, and together they returned West, this time to Idaho, where they took a claim on the Burley tracts.

While living on this claim Mr. Laxson also taught school.

Life on a homestead, while having its allurements, was not able to hold Bill after he heard of Ontario so he came here and immediately went into business. He helped Ontario by taking an interest in public affairs, and after prominence in Commercial club work he was selected on the municipal ticket in the fall of 1918, thus he is holding office for the first time, and he declares that it is the last for the activities of four youthful Laxsons demand his attention.

Mr. Laxson declares he has no particular hobby save that of helping Ontario grow by promoting every interest that will make Malheur county more populous or will add to the population of the entire Snake river valley.

**ARTHUR L. McDOWELL**

When A. L. McDowell came to the Snake River valley it was his purpose to be one of its ranchers. So thoroly did he intend to follow that calling that he brought with him a carload of agricultural machinery from his home near Fort Collins, Colorado. But he has long since left agriculture as a direct participant therein and is now one of Ontario's merchants, a member of the



Councilman A. L. McDowell

Council and a booster for good food and anything else that will make this a better country in which to live. He is the head of the McDowell Exchange store.

Mr. McDowell, like several other members of the City Council, was born in Missouri. When Mr. McDowell was five years old the family settled near Fort Collins, Colorado, where Mr. McDowell grew to manhood, and attended the Colorado Agricultural College and then went to farming. In this he continued until 1904.

After looking the country over he filed on a homestead on Dead Ox Flat. He also bought an 80-acre ranch east of Weiser and divided his time between it and his homestead. In 1912 he came to Ontario and purchased the exchange business started by O. A. Koshnick. Under his direc-

tion the business has grown continuously. In 1914 he was compelled to seek larger quarters and again in 1918 another move was necessary to keep pace with the growth of Ontario and the surrounding country.

While Mr. McDowell came west a bachelor, he did not remain single long after settling in the west. In 1908 he was married to Miss Lucretia Jones of Weiser, Idaho. They have two children, a boy and a girl. Mr. McDowell declares he has no hobby, at least not one that rides hard.

**DR. ALEXANDER G. MOORE**

Perhaps the most traveled member of Ontario's city council is Dr. Alexander Graham Moore. In his professional capacity as the only veterinarian in Malheur county Dr. Moore annually travels thousands of miles, day or night, to care for the animals of this section.

His activities are not alone confined to Malheur county nor to the care of cattle and horses or sheep. He is the first man called upon when dogs fall ill or chickens show indisposition. He is the official relief



Councilman A. G. Moore

for the pets of the county. Without his assistance Ontario could hold no poultry show and the Malheur County Fair would miss one of its most

attractive features. Since the habit of traveling with him, a boy he left his home in Missouri and journeyed over Arizona, New Mexico, California and old Mexico for several years. That was when he was still a young man, for he was born in 1881 and moved to Kansas in 1897.

After his sojourn in the West, he went back to Kansas and later attended Central Normal at Edmond, Okla., where he graduated. Here it was he met Miss Gertrude Wells, who later became Mrs. Moore. Following his normal course he attended the Kansas City Veterinary college, from which he graduated in the class of 1909, and immediately thereafter started West to "grow up with the country."

He first located in Portland as a veterinarian for the Sweeney Construction company, with whom he remained for two years. He came to Ontario in 1911 and has lived here continuously since then. If Doc has

a hobby it is good stock, better chickens and the best county fair in Oregon. He is helping to bring all these to pass.

**HUGH ALLEN**

Hugh Allen did not take long to break into the official family known as the City Council, for he only came to Ontario in April, 1917, and in less than two years was wrestling with the civic problems of the city. At the same time he was serving as a director of the Commercial club.

The fact of his rapid rise may be explained in part from the fact that he was born in Pike county, Mis-



Councilman Hugh Allen

souri, a region famed for its aggressive men.

Anyway after absorbing the spirit of Pike county Mr. Allen went to St. Louis as a young man and became engaged in the mercantile business, rising in the firm of Geo. Diet & Bros. until he managed one of their chain of stores for ten years.

Following this he went to Texas, where he made his headquarters in Waco while an auditor for the Cotton Belt railroad, from which position he resigned to come to Ontario.

After becoming thoroly convinced of Ontario's future thru the growth of the country round about it and in the interior, Mr. Allen and his associates purchased the stock and business of the Newton Shoe company, changing the name to the Allen Shoe company, which continued in business until last September when it closed out.

In Texas, during his leisure time, Mr. Allen operated a small ranch and liked it. So much did he like the out of door life that when he disposed of his business interests he immediately bought a small tract of land, a number of cows and is now established in the dairy business in Ontario.

Mr. Allen is married, Mrs. Allen having been Miss Edna A. Capelle of St. Louis prior to September 4, 1916. Mr. Allen declares that he has no hobby, but is convinced that this section of the country is the proper one in which to live.

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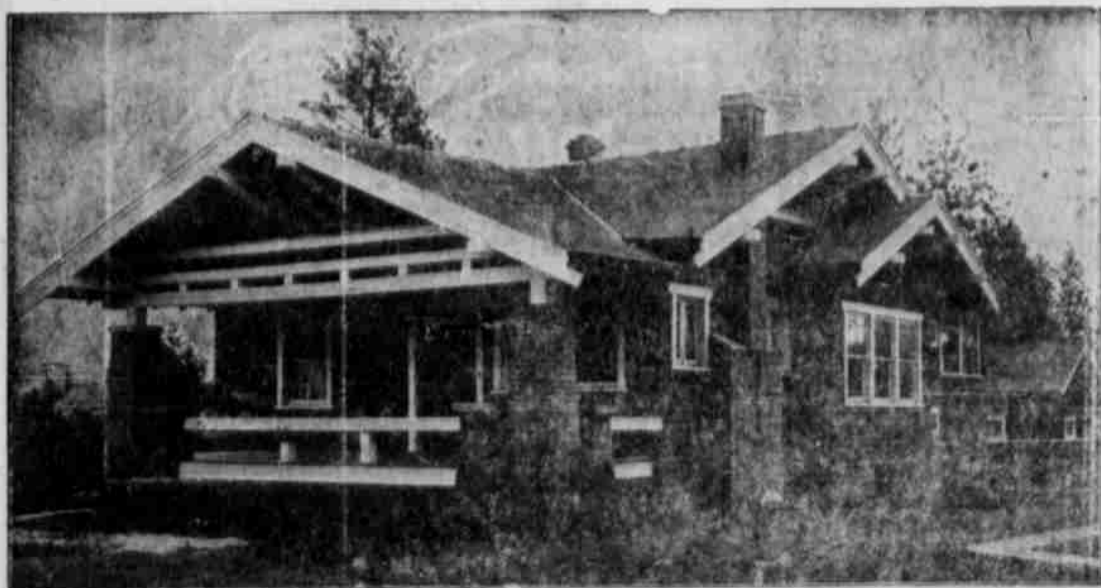
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