

W. V. BUCKMASTER.

Among the men of the present generation who have won success and achieved note as tillers of the soil and who have meanwhile kept before them the fact that they owed something to the welfare of their fellow men must be mentioned the name of W. V. Buckmaster. He was born in Adams county, Indiana, November 22, 1865. He was the sturdy son of sturdy parents, who braved the western wilds and created a home for themselves under most unpromising conditions through their own efforts. David Buckmaster, the father of the subject of this sketch, was a native of Holmes county, Ohio, and married Sarah Hutchinson, who was bom in Wayne county of the same state. David migrated to Indiana and brought his young wife with him. He made the long trip to Adams county in 1852 and settled on a tract of land which he cultivated with some degree of success. His son, with whom this sketch is concerned, was one of a family of five children, four of whom still survive. Mr. Buckmaster was married in 1889 to Miss Elizabeth Thatcher, daughter of Hilman Thatcher. Mrs. Buckmaster's parents came originally from New Jersey. Her father was a stone mason and he followed his trade until his advancing years compelled his retirement from active business. Mr. and Mrs. Buckmaster are the parents of four children-Mabel, Lelland, Marie and W. V., Jr.-all of whom live with their parents.

The tract of land on which this family make their home is a fine tract eighty acres in extent. Almost all of the farm is under cultivation and about half of the cultivated area was cleared by the labor of Mr. Buckmaster. There are eight hundred rods of tiling on the farm, and it is by this means thoroughly drained. In addition the farm is well ditched and fenced and as it is furnished with ample and adequate buildings, including a model and comfortable home, it is one of the most productive and valuable properties of its kind in the county. A portion of his land is under lease to an oil producing company, but thus far no wells have been drilled.

But Mr. Buckmaster has found time to interest himself in matters affecting directly the public good. He has been a consistent and a persistent worker in the cause of good roads, a supporter of the movement to install rural telephone lines that would bring farmers in close touch with the outside world and with each other, and in many other ways demonstrated his public spirit and his earnest desire to do all that he might to contribute to the general good of his fellows and associates. He appreciates the advantages offered by culture and for six years taught school in his home township of Jefferson. He works in harmony with the members of the Democratic party of his county and has served as a township trustee, which office of trust arid responsibility he charged to his own and neighbors entire satisfaction. He belongs to the Order of Ben-Hur and affiliates with the lodges at Geneva and Decatur.

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