

# Who's Who In Wisconsin Rapids

The Who's Who column will be run each Saturday in the Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune. It will include a brief sketch of the life of citizens who have helped make history for Wisconsin Rapids.

## Oscar Rustan Moore



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Oscar Rustan Moore was born in Hillsdale, Mich., April 3, 1871. He is a son of Horace and Lucinda Moore. His father was born in New York state and his mother came from the good old Pennsylvania Dutch stock.

When he was five years old, Mr. Moore's parents moved from Hillsdale to Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, where he grew to manhood, receiving his education in the schools of that city.

### Studied With W. A. Drumb

In the spring of 1889 Mr. Moore entered the study of photography learning the trade in the studio of W. A. Drumb at Sturgeon Bay. After a service of eighteen months in the Drumb studio, he went to Menominee, Mich., and worked for a year in the Kirkham studio there.

He left Menominee for Chicago then, and operated a studio for one year, the place being sold at the end of that time. Returning to Sturgeon Bay, he purchased the Drumb studio, which he operated for thirteen years. His next residence was at Wausau where he engaged in the same business in a studio on Third street south over the Woolworth ten cent store.

### Lived At Tomahawk

Mr. Moore next moved to Tomahawk where he was engaged in business with his brother-in-law for about five years. Coming from Tomahawk to Nekoosa, he opened a studio there, which, he operated for only a few months.

He then came to Wisconsin Rapids and purchased the Kaudy studio located in rooms over the Abel-Mullen clothing store, later moving to Second street north, in the Baker building which was later burned to the ground. On October 7, 1917 Mr. Moore purchased the Kromer property on First

street north where he opened business on the second floor. He later built an addition and remodelled the room on the main floor which he has since occupied as a ground floor studio.

### Prominent Lodge Man

Mrs. Moore has been prominent in work of the local Elks lodge, having served the unexpired term of Exalted Ruler at the time Dr. T. C. Foote moved to Janesville. Mr. Moore was elected to the same office at the following annual meeting. He has shown considerable ability along histrionic lines and has appeared in comedy roles in several amateur performances given by the local Elks lodge.

He is also a member of the Masonic Order and a supporter of the Congregational church. His wife is one of the church's most ardent workers.

### Married in 1912

On October 3, 1912 Mr. Moore was united in marriage to Miss Florence Dorney of Baraboo, Wisconsin. Besides his wife, his family consists of a sister, Mrs. Della Howard of Watseka, Illinois, his other immediate relatives having all passed away.