

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.

Dr. William Melvin Ruckle



Dr. William Melvin Ruckle was born at Lovington, Illinois, November 23, 1877. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Ruckle. His father's ancestors were Scotch while his forefathers and his mother's side were of Irish descent, making him a mixture of good sound Scotch principles and loyal blooded Irish, mixed with the ready wit of that race.

Became Kansan

When he was eighteen months of age, William's parents moved from Lovington to Newton, Kansas, where his father was owner and proprietor of a planing mill.

After a residence of three years at Newton the family returned to Illinois, locating at Decatur. When of sufficient age, William attended the public schools, and after finishing the high school attended the Decatur Business College from which he was graduated.

After his graduation, Mr. Ruckle was employed for a few years as bookkeeper for several business firms in Decatur. He later left for Chicago where he attended the Chicago Medical College from which he graduated in 1903.

Came Here in 1905

The next two years were spent in post graduation work in the offices of different physicians in preparation for his future work. He specialized in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. At the end of the two years, Dr. Ruckle decided to engage in business for himself and came to Wisconsin Rapids in June, 1905. He opened his office in the Wood County Realty building, where he has practiced his profession ever since.

Dr. Ruckle is a man of a keen mind, of quiet tastes and a lover of home and family. He enjoys a game of golf and when time permits, being one of the most enthusiastic members of the Bull's Eye Country Club.

Prominent in Lodges

He is a member of the local Masonic Lodge, the Order of the Eastern Star, the B. P. O. S., the American Medical Society and the State County Medical societies. He is also a member of the First Congregational Church of this city.

During the late war he was among the liberal subscribers of liberty bonds and war stamps and a donor to the Red Cross and other necessary work. He was also county secretary of the Equalization of Medical War Work.

Married in 1909

On October 11, 1909, Dr. Ruckle was joined in marriage to Miss Olive Bemis of Menasha who was a former teacher in Lincoln High School. They are the parents of one child, their twelve year old daughter Ruth.

Dr. Ruckle is not only well known in Wisconsin Rapids, but also throughout the state, and is possessed of the right metal to make the town better by being one of its most desirable citizens.