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JOHN F. LACHOT.

Among the men of the present generation that have achieved prominence in this section of the state in which they reside is John F. Lachot; whose home is at Decatur. Indiana. Although still a comparatively young man, Mr. Lachot has gained enviable prominence among his business and social associates and is counted among the substantial men of the community in which he lives. He was born at Mount Eaton, Wayne county, Ohio, June 9, 1860. He comes of Swiss stock, his father having been Amil Lachot and his mother Zeline (Grosjean) Lachot, natives of the canton of Berne. The parents of the subject of this sketch emigrated to this country and made a home for themselves in Wayne county, Ohio. The father fought through a portion of the Civil war and died in 1862 of injuries received in battle. His wife followed him to the grave a year later. The couple had five children, of whom John F. was the fourth in order of birth.

When John was eight years of age he came to Indiana and made his home with an uncle, Henry Michaud, in French township, Adams county. He continued to live with his uncle until he reached his majority. In his youth he attended the common schools of the neighborhood and gained the rudiments of his education. When he reached his twenty-first year he came to Berne and secured employment in a livery stable, in which line of work he continued for two years. He then took employment in a tile factory near Berne, but after a year gave up his place and began clerking in a drug store. This business appealed to him and he continues in it as clerk and proprietor of a store for ten years. During these years he was chosen marshal of the village of Berne and was the first marshal the village had. In addition to this he was a member of the village school board for three years. Following his withdrawal from the drug business he operated the Cottage Hotel for a year and then entered the employ of the Brooks Oil Company as a traveling salesman. He was connected with this firm for twelve years. It was while in the employ of the oil company that he became a candidate for the office of treasurer of Adams county on the Democratic ticket. He was elected to this important county office in November, 1904, and assumed the duties of his new office in June, 1906. He has ever been a man of pronounced public spirit and has taken an active and aggressive part in all movements that had for their objects the betterment of local and state conditions.

The religious phase of life has always had a strong attraction for Mr. Lachot. He has taken an active part in the church work of his village and community, and with the members of his immediate family is a member of the Evangelical church. He has been prominently interested in Sunday-school work and has been

superintendent and teacher of the Sunday-school of the church at Berne. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

He was married in Berne on June 9, 1885, to Miss Martha A. Everhart, who is a native of Blue Creek township, the daughter of John and Martha Everhart, and was born December 28, 1866. Her parents were among the old settlers of Blue Creek township, her grandfather being Kalida Jacobs, one of the pioneers of that section of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Lachot are the parents of six children, five of them now living. They are: Herbert, Lilah, Dwight. Dewey and Noble. Ruby, the eldest child, died when three months of age.