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and Margaret Ann Baker, on January 31, 1939, the former at Paragould, Arkansas, the latter in Little Rock. In 1945 young James, having completed a high school course, was attending Little Rock Junior College. Margaret Ann contemporaneously was at the Forrest Park School.

Meantime their father, James Carl Baker, was extending his reputation as a road builder and at the same time extending Arkansas' huge network of roads and highways. Mr. Baker is considered one of the State's most valuable public officials.

SAMUEL VIRGINIUS BRACY

Samuel Virginius Bracy has been retired several years from his business and professional activities, but he still enjoys the renown and prestige won throughout the State of Arkansas during the active years of his life.

Much of the esteem in which his fellow citizens hold him derives from the long and successful battle he fought to raise the standards of the pharmaceutical business and profession. He engaged in this battle both as a member of that business and profession and as a public official—having been president of the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy for ten years.

He is also remembered for the distinguished service he gave while on the Compensation Commission and there are some, of ripe old years, who even remember him as the young man who was City Clerk of Hope, Arkansas, which first knew him as an ambitious, vigorous and brilliant college student and then as a druggist in his first job.

For years he was an active partner of Snodgrass and Bracy, the drug store which was first at 120 Main Street, in Little Rock, and then—as now—at 110 Main Street—and which in its first thirty years was open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

Through the years that he was giving long hours to the building up of the drug store he founded, to public service and politics, to civic activity, his church and the Rotary Club, of which he is a charter member in Little Rock, he also operated a farm. This is eleven miles out of Little Rock—and there he spends his retirement, occasionally venturing away from it only for his other hobbies, hunting and fishing.

Samuel Virginius Bracy was born in Camden, Arkansas, on February 11, 1872. His father was William Frederick Bracy, who was born in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, in

1829. The elder Bracy attended rural schools in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, and then became a clerk in a drug store at Washington, Arkansas, to which he migrated when he was twenty years old. The drug store was owned by Dr. Penn Jett, of Washington, Arkansas, who, recognizing the acumen of his young employee, assisted him financially to obtain a start in a drug store business of his own, which was opened in Camden, Arkansas, and which William Bracy operated until 1879, when he sold out and retired to his farm. He died in 1893. The mother of Samuel Virginius Bracy was Ann Hawes (Coleman) Bracy, who was born in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1839, and who was educated both at Princeton, Arkansas, and Memphis. She and William Frederick Bracy were married in 1858. Born to them, in this sequence, were Adele Bracy, India Bracy, Mary Bracy, Clara Bracy, William Bracy, Samuel Virginius Bracy, Anibel Bracy, Eugene Bracy, and Junius Bracy. Adele became the wife of M. C. Cross; India, of S. A. Buchanan; Mary, of C. R. Benson; Clara, of Lee Cross; Anibel, of Harvey Hudson. William married Frankie Newton; Eugene, Bertha Buford. The mother of these nine Bracys died in Camden, Arkansas, in 1904.

Samuel Virginius Bracy was first educated in the grammar and high schools of Camden, Arkansas, and then at Ouachita College, Arkadelphia. For his professional training he went to the St. Louis College of Pharmacy in St. Louis, Missouri, his father, who encouraged him in his choice of profession, having long known the disadvantages of a lack of pharmaceutical education for one in the drug store business. Young Samuel Bracy was graduated from the college of pharmacy when he was twenty-two. He had worked in a drug store since he was fourteen years of age. He then returned to his first job at Hope, Arkansas, where he remained fourteen years. It was in the early part of this period that he served as Hope's City Clerk, for he had soon shown civic interest and exhibited civic leadership. In 1908, he moved to Little Rock, where he formed a partnership with Latta Snodgrass, another pharmacist, and they opened the Snodgrass and Bracy Pharmacy in 1898—the store which, in one location or another, was never closed through three solid decades.

Long a member of the Democratic Party, Mr. Bracy became active in its Little Rock organization soon after establishing himself in the capital city. At the same time, he became active in Little Rock's civic affairs and in affairs concerning Pulaski County and the

entire State of Arkansas. His ten years on the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy as well as his presidency of this important body were natural consequences of his leadership in his field of professional interest and his civic and political activity. The same may be said of the four years he served on the State Compensation Commission. On the list of Rotarians when that organization was chartered in Little Rock, he has been a member for more than thirty years. He is also a member of the Little Rock Chamber of Commerce and an elder in the First Presbyterian Church in Little Rock, and a member of City Planning Commission for several years.

Mr. Bracy and Katherine McRae were married in Mt. Holly on February 12, 1896—one day after his twenty-fourth birthday. Mrs. Bracy was born in Mount Holly, Union County, Arkansas, on May 24, 1873, and died May 6, 1939, in Little Rock. Born to the marriage was Alfred McRae Bracy. He married Dorothy Huffmaster of El Dorado, Arkansas. They have two children, Alfred McRae Bracy, Jr., and Nancy Bracy now attending the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Mary Eleanor Bracy, Samuel Virginius Bracy, Jr., and Clara Bracy who died in infancy were also born to this union. Mary Eleanor married Van E. Manning; her son is Van E. Manning, Jr. Samuel V. Bracy, Jr., who assists in the management of the Snodgrass & Bracy Drug Store, is the father of Samuel V. Bracy, III, Fletcher and Calvin Bracy, all of them students.

Well into the seventh decade of his life, Samuel Virginius Bracy finds on his farm all the compensations for his retirement as well as the rest which he feels he has earned in a long and strenuous life. Enjoying his memories, he also rejoices in the knowledge he served his fellow citizens well and that they, appreciating the extent and value of his service, will pass on to future generations the esteem for him which they have felt for nearly three score years.

CLYDE MORGAN DOLLAR

Clyde Morgan Dollar is the owner of a successful distributing company operating out of Fort Smith, Arkansas. His company, The Clyde Dollar Distributing Company, handles produce, beer and native wines. Mr. Dollar had many years of practical experience before he organized his own business, and he has consistently forged ahead. He has a thorough knowledge of the products he handles, and even in the stringent days of war his company maintained a high standard of service.

On June 15, 1903, Clyde Morgan Dollar was born at Fayetteville, Tennessee. He was one of a family of six children. His father, James Dollar, is now deceased. His mother's maiden name was Minnie Thrasher.

After graduating from public grade and high school at Birmingham, Alabama, Clyde Morgan Dollar enrolled at Birmingham Southern College, Birmingham, Alabama, where he took a general academic course. During his college years he paid his expenses by working for his brother Jack, who owned and operated the National Packing and Produce Company. This was an excellent combination of practical and theoretical training, and for six years after graduation Clyde Dollar remained with the National Packing and Produce Company. He then became associated in a sales capacity with the Premier Malt Sales Company, remaining with this company for a period of fourteen years. After leaving this company Clyde Dollar was connected with the M. K. Goetz Brewing Company of St. Joe, Missouri. At the end of one year he decided to go into business for himself at Fort Smith, Arkansas. Here he organized the Clyde Dollar Distributing Company, handling produce, beer and native wines. The business has gone ahead rapidly and employs twenty-two people. There are four salesmen and their territory embraces eight counties in Arkansas and four counties in Oklahoma.

On January 3, 1929, Clyde Morgan Dollar was married to Rilla Prater, daughter of Jasper Prater and Martha (Daniels) Prater. She was born in Marble Valley, Alabama, where she received her preliminary education. She then attended the School for Girls at Jacksonville, Alabama, where she majored in home economics. After that she was employed by the United States Tire Company as Secretary-Treasurer at Birmingham, Alabama, a position which she held for five years, when she resigned on the occasion of her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Dollar are the parents of two children: Clyde David, born on March 12, 1932; and Mary Lou, born on August 1, 1934. The family worships at the Baptist Church. They have a very lovely home, where Mrs. Dollar indulges her hobby of gardening.

During his college days Mr. Dollar was a football player, and he is still an avid follower of outdoor sports, although his personal activities are slowed down now to fishing and hunting. He is a member of the Fort Smith Lions Club and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He is also an active member of the Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce. The political affiliation of Mr. Dollar is with the Democratic