

HONOR DIXON BEN

PAGE FAMILY'S START IN MILK INDUSTRY HERE

Sons of First Manager of Milk Plant At Dinner Tonight

Walter Page, a vice president of the Borden Co., whose intercession with the directors of his company resulted in the presentation by the company to the city of Dixon of the tract of land between the local milk factory and the river for park purposes, and who is one of the honored guests and speakers at this evening's "New Deal" dinner at the Masonic Temple, can trace his connection with the milk business to his boyhood days.

In fact he started in the milk business as a boy at Dixon, with the Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Company under his father, William B. Page, who was in charge of the Dixon and Monroe plants of that company, and has kept going in almost every conceivable capacity in the milk business ever since.

In 1904 or thereabouts Mr. Page left to become Superintendent of the Scranton Condensed Milk Company's Ellicottville, N. Y. plant and sometime later went to Melvern, Pa., and took charge of the can shop of the Hires Condensed Milk Company, continuing there about ten months.

Bull Morrison Plant

In 1906 he went to work for Libby, McNeill & Libby, building their first plant at Morrison, Ill. Operation was started in 1907 and Mr. Page continued with this company until the fall of 1921, when he had charge of the entire milk operations, including construction, operating and sales.

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Borden Officer Here Tonight



WALTER PAGE

Vice President of the Borden Milk Products Co., son of William Page, the first general manager of the Dixon milk factory, whose intercession with his company resulted in the deeding of the land between the company's factory and the river to the city of Dixon for a park, which work is now going on. Mr. Page will be among the honored guests at the New Deal dinner at the Masonic Temple this evening.

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connected with the Carnation Company, in charge of all construction, maintenance, purchasing and operating, of all their plants east of the Rocky Mountains, and continued with Carnation until March 31, 1928, when he came to the Borden Company.

During the war, with four others from the industry, he served on the committee that handled all condensed and evaporated milk requirements of this government and its allies in the war, and all relief requirements.

Mr. Page also was chairman of the Condensed Milk Section of the National Canners Association for two years.

Joined Bordens in '28

He went to the Borden Company April 1, 1928 as General Manager of Manufacturing and on Feb. 1, last year, he was elected vice president of Borden's Milk Products Co. Inc., The Borden Southern Company, The Borden Company of Pennsylvania, The Borden Company of Maryland and the Maricopa Creamery Company, Inc.; and on Sept. 25, last year, he was made a vice president of the Borden Company.

Before going to Borden's his outstanding work during the war made him exceptionally well known throughout the dairy industry and in addition to being one of the best posted men in the business he is also one of its hardest and most aggressive workers. By virtue of these qualities and his highly developed bent for leadership, he has made his presence constructively felt in the Borden organization. He is known as a sincere, industrious and clear visioned official.

Married Dixon Girl

Mr. Page married one of Dixon's finest young women, Miss Genevieve Burnham, daughter of Mrs. A. B. Burnham, 233 Everett street, and they have three children and two grandchildren. One daughter, Mrs. Katherine Page Olsen, resides in Kansas City, Mo., another, Mrs. Eleanor Page Wines, lives in Detroit; and their son, H. Burnham Page, lives in Madison, Wis., where he is connected with the Borden Company.

Mr. Page is one of four sons of Wm. B. Page, former general manager of the plant here, his brothers being Carl, Henry and Rowland, and it is fitting that a likeness of the mother of this group of fine sons should be printed with this story. It will be found in this issue of The Telegraph. She will be remembered as a beautiful and

countess friendships. She makes her home with her Walter and his family in Sedale, N. Y.

Carl W. Page, whose life work has also been devoted to the industry, resides in Shelbyville, Ind., and his son George, now resident of Morrison, an ace in World War, with five planes and two balloons to his credit, is well known here. Carl Page expects to leave soon for Europe in connection with the building of a new condenser.

The Page family still has a ship in Dixon. Mrs. Mildred P. Beier, wife of the present president of the Chamber of Commerce, is a daughter of Henry Page, and Charles H. Russell, being a second cousin of the four Page brothers.

Rowland Page's wife was formerly Miss Gertrude Blackman, talented daughter of Dr. and A. O. P. Blackman of Dixon and sister of Mrs. Paul W. Dillon Sterling. Their three sons are associated with him in the milk business in Merrill, Wis. They also have one daughter.

Henry Page is now in Toledo, O., and has also continued in the dairy business, being the head of the Page Dairy Co. and one of the leading and influential citizens of the Ohio city.

Interesting History

The occasion recalls some interesting history of the Page family. John H. Page came to Illinois, the Spring of 1834, and located in Palmyra township. It was then that Geo. H. Page, who became president of the Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co. and former owner of Adelaide Park, was born in 1835. He was the first white child born in Lee county.

When the Civil War broke out George H. Page entered the government service in a clerical capacity. Chas. H. Page, another brother, became a correspondent for the New York Tribune with General Grant's Army. At the close of the war, President Lincoln appointed Charles a consul to Switzerland. Having become accustomed to the use of condensed milk during the war, Mr. Page saw the possibility of making this product in Switzerland. The grazing conditions existing during the greater part of the year in that country and the familiarity of the farmers with dairying made this an ideal location for the manufacture of the product.

The first plant was started in Cham, Switzerland and later a plant was opened in Chippenham, England. George, David and Alvin Page joined their brother in the milk industry in about 1886. In 1887 W. B. Page became affiliated with the company in England.

Established Plant Here

In 1888 the plant was established in Dixon and placed under the

supervision of W. B. Page who remained here until 1902 when the Borden Company took over the entire American holdings of the Anglo-Swiss Company. Owing to the fact that this was not a dairying country, when the plant was established here, the number of cows in this territory was very limited, but ten years later the company was successful in having it develop into one of the most outstanding sections for milk production for manufacturing purposes in the United States.

It is the hope of the Borden Company that the dairying interests may again be renewed to a point where the production of milk in this section may be greatly increased.

Boon For Community

The constantly operating plant in Dixon has meant much to the farmers of the community, who have gradually increased the size of their dairy herds and have depended more and more on the factory to provide a steady outlet for their products. The thousands upon thousands of dollars which have been paid to dairy farmers in this section through the local plant have done much to provide them with the necessities and luxuries of life, while the steady employment furnished its workers has been reflected in the prosperity of the city.

The local big factory built on land the options on which were secured by the late Benjamin F. Shaw, former editor and publisher of the Telegraph, and a life long friend, has been a bulwark in the prosperity and growth of Dixon and the people of the community are happy to welcome to the city the kin of the man whose dream realized so much for the people of the vicinity.

It is worthy of note, also, that in 1834, the year John H. Page came to this community, Father John Dixon, founder of the city, was carrying United States mail from Peoria to Galena, crossing the Rock River at the ferry here which the latter operated. Today the descendants of these two men, in the fourth generation, are still taking an active part in the development and prosperity of the city.

Products of the Borden Milk Products Company, which are obtainable throughout the United States and Canada include: condensed milk, evaporated milk, malted milk, powdered milk, cheeses of all kinds, caramels, condensed coffee, mince meat, waterproof glue, wall sealer, butter, eggs, poultry, fluid milk, cream, cottage cheese and ice cream.

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