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When our eldest daughter graduated from high school, the superintendent said that he thought her to be the most democratic girl, that had ever gone thru the school. Our children all made favorable records in public school and the university and were active in school life. We have always taken delight in the fact that they love Lawrence.

My son evinced an interest in newspaper work before he reached his teens. He carried papers, solicited, collected, worked in the mailing department, and learned the business from the ground up. Later he majored in Journalism at K. U. but felt that his most valuable training came in our own office. At eighteen, while a student, he took charge of national advertising; the summer after he was nineteen he was with the Associated Press at Chicago, and upon graduation, at twenty-one became business manager of the paper. He was almost immediately elected to the board of the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce, and soon became a member of Rotary, of which he was president a few years later. He is now serving as president of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Journal-World took over one paper after another until now it represents more than forty newspapers, beginning with the Tribune and Herald of Freedom of 1854, and taking its volume number from The Republican established in 1857. It has long since become an institution to which everyone feels free to come. No matter what they may want to buy, if it is not for sale in Lawrence we will get it for them. They come to us for all sorts of information. During the National Republican Convention of 1912, a lady called by phone to ask, "Has Taft been Nominated?" When told, "no", she immediately asked, "When will he be?" A question we could not answer.

When Lawrence was suffering from water of poor quality and an insufficient supply, the writer asked some forty or more representative men to join him in serving on a committee and the problem was soon solved. Earlier the writer had an active part in bringing natural gas to the city.

April 6, 1917, the day that war was declared against Germany, the writer was inducted into office as the first president of Lawrence Rotary. He was serving as president of the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce when the drafted boys were going into military service. Each contingent of drafted men were entertained at dinner by the Chamber of Commerce, before they went, and were shown proper honor and respect. When the colored groups were called, I was asked, "What shall we do?" The answer was we shall entertain them as we have the others, and we did without objection being manifested.