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hue county, June 20, 1866, daughter of Frank J. and Louisa (Edsal) Wilson, who came to Goodhue county in 1866. The father was born in Canada of American parents and died Aug. 14, 1908. The mother was born in Auburn, New York, and died some four and one-half years before her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Elcock have one son, William George Elcock, born Jan. 24, 1896. Mr. Elcock is a Democrat in politics but never sought or held public office. He is a member of Kenyon Lodge No. 201, A. F. and A. M., of Kenyon village. The family are members of the Episcopal church.

Andrew Finstuen, lawyer, and editor and proprietor of the Kenyon Leader, is a native of Roscoe township, this county, born June 27, 1875. His parents, P. P. and Mathea (Coplen) Finstuen, came to this country in 1867 and purchased 160 acres of land. Both parents are still living, being well-to-do and prosperous residents of Roscoe township. Andrew was given the advantages of such schooling as his neighborhood afforded, and then attended the high school at Zumbrota. Subsequently entering the law department of the state university at Minneapolis, he graduated in 1902 and at once started the practice of his profession in Kenyon. He also purchased the Kenyon Leader, which he has since conducted. His law practice is large, and he enjoys the confidence of all those with whom he has legal dealings. His paper is bright and newsy, with able editorials, and is a welcome guest in some thousand homes in the southwest part of the county. A republican in politics, he has taken an active interest in the betterment of the village. His services as a member of the village council, president of that board, as member of the school board, and secretary of the Commercial Club have been highly esteemed. He is also an active member of the Modern Woodmen. Mr. Finstuen was married January 16, 1909 to Matilda Strandness, daughter of Jacob Strandness, an old settler of this county, now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Finstuen make their home in a pleasant residence in Kenyon village, Mr. Finstuen being a property owner here. It is worthy of note that in the family of P. P. Finstuen are eight children, Andrew, the subject of this sketch, being the oldest.

Joseph A. Gates, M. D., of Kenyon Village, was born in Olmstead County, Minnesota, September 11, 1870, a son of Elnathan J. and Jane (Waldron) Gates, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of Pennsylvania. Elnathan J. Gates came to Minnesota in 1856 and in 1860 to Olmstead County, where he died May 20, 1904. The mother is living in Rochester, Minn. Joseph A. received his education in Rochester, Minn., graduating from the high school. He then entered the University of Minnesota, where he graduated from the medical department in 1895. Im-