

RICHARD CLAIR CESSNA, of Glen Campbell, Indiana county, owner of the Cash Department Store, is one of the live young business men whose progressive methods and up-to-date standards are making that borough an important trade center in that section of the county. He was born Feb. 7, 1874, in Banks township, Indiana county, son of George W. and Sarah M. (Davis) Cessna, the former a native of Clearfield county, Pa., the latter of Montgomery township, Indiana county, and was a farmer and lumberman by occupation.

Richard C. Cessna received his education in the public schools of Indiana county, and during his earlier manhood taught for a while. He then clerked in a general store, and was later employed in the lumber regions, working in the woods and scaling lumber. Returning to clerking, he was engaged in a general store at Urey, Indiana county, until January, 1906, when he entered business on his own account, as proprietor of the general store at Glen Campbell, which he has since conducted. The Cash Department Store is one of the most popular and reliable establishments of the kind in the borough, and Mr. Cessna's earnest desire to please his patrons and supply them with the most desirable merchandise at reasonable prices has gained him a steady and increasing patronage which promises well for the prosperity of his establishment. His interest in the welfare of the community has led him into public affairs, and he has served two years as councilman of the borough, to which office he was elected in 1909. He is a Republican in his political associations. Fraternally he belongs to the I.O.O.F.

In June, 1906, Mr. Cessna married Margaret Divens, of Glen Campbell, daughter of William and Margaret (McCaully) Divens; her father was engaged in mining. Mr. and Mrs. Cessna have two living children, Margaret Melissa and Elizabeth Irene; two children died in infancy.