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## Leslie Carey...

graduating from Bunceton High School in 1924.

On June 10, 1937, Les Carey married Ilena Engle. Mrs Carey is a registered nurse who practiced nursing at St. Joseph Hospital and Cooper County Hospital for forty-five years. The Careys lived in Speed until 1954 when they moved to rural Boonville. They have one son, Kenneth, and two grandchildren, Kenneth II and Christopher. A proud grandfather, Mr. Carey keeps photographs of his grandsons behind his office desk.

Les Carey has not always been a banker.

For seven years after his graduation, he taught school on a teachers' certificate earned when he was a high school freshman. Recalling his years as a teacher at Stoney Point, Lone Elm, Speed, and Keener, Mr. Carey said, "We have problems in the banking business, but I think they have more problems in the schools."

Perhaps because of his experiences as a teacher, Mr. Carey makes a significant number of federally-insured student loans. He believes in education and notes that many young people would find higher education an

impossibility without the help of these loans.

Les Carey is a deeply religious man. He and his wife attend church at the Union Church in Speed. In the past Mr. Carey has been Sunday School superintendent, as well as a twenty-five-year teacher of the young people's class. His philosophy of life places his God, his family, and his work in this order of importance. He believes in service and in loyalty to the institution for which he works. "If the community in which you live and work is not better off because you live and work there, then you might as well not be there."