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GEO. B. CUNNINGHAM

Architect

George B Cunningham architect, was born in South Wheeling on November 4, 1902. He attended Ritchie public school and graduated from Wheeling high school. He studied for his profession at the School of Architecture at Ohio State university and was graduated in 1926.

His initial position was with the Trucson Steel company at Youngstown, Ohio, for a period of one year. The following year after successfully passing the examination conducted by the State Board of Architects, he established his own offices in the Pythian building in Wheeling until 1934. On that date he went to Washington, D. C., where he was engaged as an associate architect in the procurement division of the United States government, as a designer of post-offices and Federal buildings.

It is interesting to note that Mr Cunningham submitted the initial design for the addition to the Wheeling Postoffice now under construction. Two months ago he resigned from the government service to resume his private practice here. On his return he opened offices in the McLain building. He is a registered architect both in West Virginia and Ohio and a member of the American Institute of Architects.

In the graphic arts Mr. Cunningham is considered a draftsman of intuition, intelligence and power. Oil painting, etching and charcoal drawings have been minor preoccupations with him all his life. Although he admires the modernistic or contemporary style of architecture, he favors the Colonial type for this territory with its rolling hills and deep valleys.

He is married to the former Miss Elsa Becker of this city and they have two children, Patricia Anne and George B. Jr. Their home is at 40 Hamilton avenue.

A talented painter, he belongs to the Wheeling Art club. He likes to read architectural magazines, play bridge and ride horseback. He is a dog-fancier and is the owner of a pure-bred white collie the winner of a blue-ribbon.

Mr. Cunningham is a member of the ~~Post Henry chapter Reserve Officers association.~~ He belongs to the Civitan club, Wheeling lodge No. 28, B P O Elks, and the Masonic Blue lodge. His religious affiliations are with the Vance Memorial church.



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