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town National Bank, and a director. A Methodist in his religious faith, he is a member of the official board, of which he also is recording secretary.

On June 28, 1905, John D. Cook married Mary Geiger, of Switzerland, daughter of Louis and Mary Geiger, also of that country.

JUDGE LELAND FAIRCHILD FERRY—With both his office and residence in Teaneck, Judge Leland Fairchild Ferry has become thoroughly identified with the life of the community here since he transferred his seat of legal practice from Englewood in 1934. For more than a decade, since his appointment in 1931, he has been a judge of the First Criminal Judicial District Court of Bergen County. In addition to this responsibility, he is active in advisory and administrative positions in civic and fraternal groups, and is an enthusiastic supporter of worth-while, progressive policies in both types of organizations.

Judge Ferry was born at Bethel, Connecticut, on February 12, 1900, son of Fairchild N. and Clara B. (Tinne) Ferry. His father, the late Fairchild N. Ferry, was also born in Connecticut, but lived for many years in Hackensack; he was a chemist by profession. During his boyhood the judge was a student in the Teaneck schools, and graduated from Englewood High School in the class of 1921. He then sought his professional training at the law school of New York University, and, completing his courses there, received the degree of Bachelor of Laws at the 1924 commencement. He later studied in advanced, postgraduate law courses at Columbia University.

In 1925, Judge Ferry was admitted to practice at the bar of the State of New Jersey, and, in 1930, he later became qualified as a counselor-at-law also. He is a former borough attorney for Dumont, Westwood, and Harrington Park. He has also been an assistant prosecutor of Bergen County, and in his private law practice was formerly associated with Judge William M. Seufert, of Englewood. He is a director and counselor of the Tenackill Building & Loan Association.

Judge Ferry continues his general practice of law, which he has conducted at Teaneck since 1934, while serving as judge in the Criminal Court. Active in support of popular movements, he has been a strong advocate of efficient municipal government. He is now a government appeal agent for the United States Selective Service System. His professional affiliations include membership in the Bergen County Bar Association, and the New Jersey Bar Association.

During the World War, Judge Ferry was a sergeant in the Signal Corps, United States Army; he is a member of Teaneck Post, No. 128, American Legion, and has served as advocate general. His social connections include memberships in the Teaneck Rotary Club, and in the Teaneck Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons; he holds the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in the New Jersey Consistory, Knights Templar. His chief recreation is horticulture; he enjoys developing a variety of flowers, with emphasis upon the orchid.

On February 12, 1929, at Teaneck, Judge Leland Fairchild Ferry was married to Lois A. Curtis, daughter of Charles and Sarah (Haring) Curtis. They are communicants of the Episcopal Church at Teaneck, and are active together in social groups and affairs here. They are the parents of three children: 1. Curtis Fairchild,

born at Teaneck, on April 1, 1933. 2. Leland Fairchild, Jr., born at Teaneck, on December 14, 1935. 3. Lorinda Ann, born at Teaneck on December 1, 1942.

EDGAR MARTIN FRITZ—As a civil service attaché of the State of New Jersey, and as an active figure in organizational life, Edgar Martin Fritz is exceptionally well-known and liked. He was born at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, the day after Christmas, 1875, son of John and Hannah Marinda (Groff) Fritz, both also natives of Lancaster, who traced their ancestral lines beyond and before the American Revolution to notables of Holland, Germany and England.

On the paternal side, the families of Edgar Martin Fritz were chiefly German and Dutch; on the maternal side these were of English and Holland origin. In Europe the first of the ancestors of record was Johan Von Fritz of the old city of Strassburg (Germany), now Strassbourg, France, a town of Alsace. He is mentioned in the "History of Crusaders and Crusades," published at Frankfurt, Germany, in 1583. His son, Jean Jacques, was the second of the line of descent, of whom was John Fritz, the father of Jacob Fritz, who sailed from Rotterdam to the New World and arrived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 30, 1727. He was one of the pioneer settlers of Strasburg Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Jacob Fritz died in 1765 leaving three children, of whom the oldest was Jacob Fritz, born in 1753, who in 1777 entered the Continental forces as a private under Captain James Brown. In 1782 he leased a farm of two hundred acres and was the possessor of "four horses and six cattle." In the first census of the United States, taken in 1790, Jacob Fritz is listed in the Pennsylvania State Census of that date, in Strasburg as owning that same two hundred acre farm. His son, also named Jacob, born in Strasburg Township, Pennsylvania, in 1782, married Elizabeth Howery, who was born in 1785 in the same township. They were married, December 21, 1802, and became the parents of nine children, of whom was Benjamin Fritz, grandfather of Edgar Martin Fritz.

Benjamin Fritz was born February 10, 1810, in Strasburg Township, and married, August 14, 1834, Mary Ann Groff. She also came from this same township, born April 7, 1815. They were the parents of eleven children, including John Fritz, born November 15, 1844, in Strasburg Township, who married Hannah Marinda Groff, at the Cross Keys Hotel, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on November 15, 1865. Hannah M. Groff was born in Martic Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, August 14, 1847, daughter of Amos and Susanna (Harmon) Groff. Her father was born February 11, 1822, in Martic Township, and her mother was born here on July 16, 1822. They were married August 18, 1842, and were the parents of seven children, of whom Hannah Marinda was the third born. Amos Groff was a son of Joseph Groff, who was one of many Groffs from Lancaster County to fight in the American Revolution. The Groff family were originally of Dutch origin. Joseph Groff married Mary Whitestick, who was born in Holland and came to the United States at the age of eighteen years. The Harmon family were of English descent. Amos Groff was originally an extensive farmer in Lancaster Township, but later went into the hotel business, building the first brick hotel in Rawlinsville, Pennsylvania, in 1853, which is still standing. He later moved to Lancaster, where he owned and operated the Cross

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