

Walter D. Brown, Sr., a member of the Brown Bros. Lumber Co. of Rhinelander was born in Stockton, Portage County, Wis., Sept. 26, 1869, the youngest son of Edward Dexter and Helen M. (Anderson) Brown. His education was begun in the common schools of Stevens Point; he was graduated from the high school there with the class of 1888, and in the fall of that year became a student in the Wisconsin State University at Madison, taking the modern classical course and being subsequently graduated with the class of 1892. His first business experience, commenced in the fall of the year last mentioned, was with the Rib River Lumber Co., and he remained with that concern until 1910, in which year he became a member of the Brown Bros. Lumber Co., with which he has since held the position of sales manager. In 1910 he purchased the business and plant of the J. H. Queal Lumber Co., changing the name to the Rhinelander Building Supply Co. He is president of the Oneida Grain Co., the Consumers Hay Co. and the Glassine Bag & Novelty Co., and is recognized today as one of this city's most active and prominent business men. He is a member of the Rotary Club and while this country was engaged in the World War he showed true patriotic zeal and usefulness in connection with home war work. Mr. Brown enjoys an ideal home life. He was married Dec. 10, 1900, in Chicago, to Alice Newbre, daughter of Carlton and Katherine (Holcomb) Newbre. Her father was one of Chicago's early lumbermen, later going into the real estate business. He is now dead, but Mrs. Brown's mother is still living and a resident of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are the parents of four children, who were born as follows: Walter D., Jr., Oct. 30, 1901; C. Newbre, Jan. 10, 1903; Margaret, Dec. 4, 1906, and Elting, June 4, 1909. Walter D., Jr., is now attending Pratt Institute in New York, C. Newbre is a student at Wisconsin University, Margaret is attending school in Paris, France, and Elting is a high school pupil in Rhinelander. The Brown family are affiliated religiously with the Congregational Church, Mrs. Brown taking a very active part in its good work. She is a member of the W. C. T. U. and Woman's Club and was president of the Priscilla Society.