

## NATIONALLY KNOWN MEN FROM GRIGGS COUNTY

GERALD P. NYE--Editor of the Griggs County Sentinel-Courier from September, 1919, to November 13, 1925, was born at Nortonville, Wisc., where his father was engaged in the newspaper business. Taking a great interest in the political welfare of the organized farmer, Mr. Nye devoted his paper largely to that cause. Following the death of U. S. Senator Edwin F. Ladd in 1925, Governor A. G. Sorlie appointed the Cooperstown editor to fill out his unexpired term. In the elections of 1926, he was regularly elected for the unexpired term and also for the regular term of six years. In 1932, he was again elected to another six year term. In the U. S. Senate he has been aggressively interested in farm legislation and won great fame for his elections investigations in 1927-28 and for his sensational disclosures in the investigation of the munitions industry in this country.



M. P. Nye

Considerable attention was focused on Cooperstown when in 1925 Gerald P. Nye, then editor of Griggs County Sentinel-Courier was appointed to the United States Senate to fill the unexpired term of the late Dr. Edward S. Ladd.

Nye, a son of Edwin Irwin R. Nye, a prominent newspaper man in Wisconsin came to Cooperstown in 1919 when the local newspaper was purchased by the farmers' organization.

Senator Nye was born in Hortonville Wisconsin and completed graduation from high school at Whittenberg Wisconsin. He launched into newspaper work on his own with papers at Hortonville, later at Creston Iowa, and also Des Moines Iowa.

He purchased the Triberg Billings Pioneer in North Dakota in 1915 and published it until he came to Cooperstown in 1919.

An appointee of Governor Sorlee, Nye distinguished himself in his work in Congress when he headed a committee inquiring into the manufacturing and traffic in arms of manufacturers during World War I. As chairman of the senate munitions investigating committee he exposed concerns who had made big profits <sup>out</sup> of World War I and sought to show, although without conclusive evidence that the U. S. entry into World War I was due to the



Covert pressures exerted by  
~~munitions~~  
~~minerals~~ manufacturers.

The activities of the Nye committee which continued until 1936 strengthened isolationists sentiment and set the domestic background for the neutrality legislation of 1935, 1936 and 1937.

Nye was defeated for the senatorship in 1942 by former Governor John Moses. He now heads a concern whose headquarters are in Washington, D. C.

As a resident of Coopers-town during the twenties Nye was particularly active in all community projects and a leader in civic development.