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and cooperated most heartily in all movements to benefit the city. He has membership with the Sons of Confederate Veterans and has served as adjutant general and chief of staff. He is a member of the Fourth Avenue Methodist Church and is serving on its official board. He is also a member of the board of managers of the Louisville and Jefferson County Children's Home, serving as its president in 1935, and at all times is actuated by a broad humanitarian spirit that has prompted him to render much valuable service to his fellowmen both as an official and in private life as well.

ROBERT LEE VINCENT

Robert Lee Vincent, manager of the New Rudd Hotel in Owensboro, is acknowledged a leading and representative business man of this city as well as one of the stalwart democrats of the state. He has always been an active party worker since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. Kentucky numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Edmonson county, this state, in 1887. His father, M. Y. Vincent, was a minister of the Baptist Church and a native of Kentucky, the grandfather having come to this state from North Carolina. The family is of French lineage coming to America about 1650 and settling in Virginia, later moving to North Carolina and then to Kentucky. The family has always been active in the democratic party, and the Rev. M. Y. Vincent continued always a staunch advocate of the party principles. He married Martha Van Meter, a scion of one of the old American families, her ancestors having come from Holland to America, settling in Virginia about the year 1636, years later some of them moved to Kentucky. Mrs. Vincent was a native of Kentucky, the family home being in the west central part of the state.

Robert Lee Vincent was reared at Bee Spring, Kentucky, where he attended the public schools, while later he continued his education at the normal school in Clarkson, Kentucky. He afterward engaged in teaching for a time and then matriculated in the Western Kentucky State Teachers College at Bowling Green, where he finished his studies. In 1910 he turned his attention to general merchandising in Bee Spring, where he remained until 1915 and then sold out. At that time he went upon the road for the Louisville Tin & Stove Company as a salesman and collector, remaining with that corporation for ten years. In 1925