

**DENNIS T. PETERS.** Considering his initial capital and the few years he has been in business, Dennis T. Peters has achieved extraordinary success as a real estate operator at Youngstown and in other sections of the Mahoning Valley. Undoubtedly he has the genius of a born real estate man, enabling him to foresee and carry out large plans that fit in with the rapid growth of population and the increase of industry in this section of Ohio.

Mr. Peters was born at Niles February 10, 1891, a son of John and Rosa (Chicketelle) Peters. His parents were both natives of Italy and the Chicketelle family have been residents of Niles for many years. John Peters came to the United States at the age of twenty-one, and was in the grocery business on Valley Street, near Valley Mills, until 1915, when he retired with a competence. He is a republican voter and a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church. After the death of his first wife he married Mary Fusco, of Niles. Dennis is the only son of his father and mother, and his father by his second marriage has two children: James, a schoolboy; and Rose, wife of Samuel Giurdullo, proprietor of a steamship agency on West Federal Street.

Dennis T. Peters, while he had good opportunities for an education, did not waste his leisure hours, spending them mostly in his father's store. He attended the Oak Street School and later the Excelsior Business College, taking a night course. When he was twenty years of age his father gave him a modest capital of \$2,000. That was the capital he used to enter the real estate business, and he handled his first proposition with the skill of a veteran. He soon secured a tract of ground on the east side, near the mills, paying \$4,000 for it. H. C. Kennedy advanced him the \$2,000 to complete his payment. This is known as the Woodcrest allotment and was subdivided and sold by Mr. Peters to mill men, the tract yielding a total of \$15,000 when the sales were completed. The first year he was in business Mr. Peters sold 200 houses. His first office was at 43 Central Square, and he is now established in well-appointed offices in the Dollar Bank Building. He is senior member of the firm Peters & McBride.

During the last five or six years Mr. Peters has been actively identified with a number of allotments and additions to Youngstown and also at Warren. He had most of the handling of the real estate and housing development at Steelton, associated with

the Realty Trust Company. He sold 500 lots in that industrial community. He also handled the Bolin Hill property at Warren and has built many houses. He was affiliated with Alfred Liebman in the development of the Hawkins farm in the west end of Youngstown.

November 5, 1914, Mr. Peters married Miss Madeline C. Fusco, daughter of John Fusco. Mrs. Peters is an accomplished musician and well known in local musical circles. Two sons were born to their marriage, John D. and Paul. The latter died at the age of thirteen months. Mr. Peters is an active member of the Real Estate Board of Youngstown, is affiliated with the Elks and is a republican voter. He has always been interested in the cause of the church and was especially influential in the promotion of the welfare and upbuilding of the parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. He served as assistant secretary and also as secretary of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Building Company.