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Fast growing cities naturally require much new building, and Saint Cloud, Minnesota, is no exception to the general rule.

The transition from the carpenters trade, to that of a building contractor, is also a logical one, and accounts for the formation of the A. B. Drygas Company, Contractors, Inc., which has erected many of the handsome business structures and homes in Saint Cloud, Mr. Drygas also operated in many of the other communities of this state.

Albert B. Drygas president of the company, was a native son of Stearns County, Minnesota, born on April 10, 1888. He is the son of John and Frances (Stack) Drygas both born in Germany, and who came to America in 1881, where they settled on a farm in Munson township, Stearns County, as a farmer the father proved successful and retired, moving to Blackduck, Minnesota.

Five children were born to John and Frances (Stack) Drygas, Agness, wife of W. E. Vaverek a farmer at Holdingford, Minnesota; Mary, the wife of Thomas Morusky, a farmer at Royalton, Minnesota; Sophia, the wife of Duncan Hay, a farmer at Crosby, North Dakota; Joseph, living in Saint Cloud; who was general foreman for the A. B. Drygas Company; and Albert B., of Saint Cloud General Contractor.

Albert B. Drygas was educated at the Saint Cloud High School and at the Southern Minnesota University at Austin, Minnesota. His boyhood days were spent on his father's farm. He has done carpenter work since he was sixteen years old.

After his education was finished he settled in Saint Cloud and worked as a carpenter until 1915, when he engaged in the business of contracting adopting as his business slogan, "Not how cheap, but how good." As a contractor he prospered from the beginning, among the build-

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ings the Drygas Company has erected in Saint Cloud, are the Beverly Apartments, the Country Club House, and the Durupt Motor Company building, besides a large number of private residences. They also built the public school at Waite Park, Minnesota; Saint Mary's Catholic Church, at Rice, Minnesota; the City Hall at Buffalo, Minnesota; the Masonic Temple at Bemidji, Minnesota; Cooperative Creamery at Albany, Minnesota; and the state of Minnesota infirmary at Ah-Gaw-Ching, Minnesota.

In 1915 Albert B. Drygas was married to Mrytle Knight, two sons were born to them. They are at present making their home in Florida.

Both John and Frances (Stark) Drygas are living at this writing.

Interviewed: Frances (Stack) Drygas
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FOR THE ALBERT B. DRYGAS BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Albert Drygas	Apr. 10, 1889	Avon	John Drygas	36
2. Albert Jr. "	Jan. 11, 1919	St. Cloud	Albert Drygas	29
3. Knight Drygas	Nov. 18, 1923	St. Cloud	Albert Drygas	33

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remark</u>
1. Francis Stack	28	B	140	9	
2. Myrtle Knight	25	M	1	11	
3. Myrtle Knight	30	Q	13	471	