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A.G. Taubert was born November 7, 1896, at Cape Girardeau and graduated from public schools there. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War I. He was editor of the Warrensburg *Standard Herald*. He was director of the Missouri Press Association and was director and president of the Republican Editorial Association. He was a member of the board of directors of the Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce and was president in 1943. He was chairman of the Johnson County Republican Central Committee for ten years. He also served as chairman of the 6th congressional district Republican committee and as a member of the Republican state committee.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following two series:

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Scope and Content Note:

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