

George T. Hedelund, Former Blair Banker, Died Tuesday

5-9-69
 Held an active interest in 4-H work and farm training groups

George T. Hedelund, well known Blair man and former Chairman of the Board of the Washington County Bank, died late Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota. He had been in failing health for a number of months.

Mr. Hedelund, long associated with banking circles in Washington County, was in the banking business before, during and after the great depression and he had experienced the business at its worst and at its best.

He was born in Blair January 1, 1895, one of eleven children --- five boys and six girls. His parents had come to this country from Denmark. He attended the Blair City Schools, beginning at the first grade and graduating from High School in 1912. The following year he attended Dana College and in the Fall of 1913 he began teaching in Blair High School where he established the school's first Commercial Department. He was a member of the school faculty for two years and in 1916 turned his attention to banking.

His introduction to banking came in the former Citizens State Bank in Blair. A short time later he began the operation of a bank in the village of Washington, in the south part of this county. He remained in Washington for eleven years, then moved to Kennard to operate a bank there. During that time the great depression took its toll of many of the banks of the smaller communities and in 1933 the Washington County Bank was established in Blair to fill a need which stemmed from the loss of this community's banking facilities during the depression. The bank opened on July 1st with Mr. Hedelund as cashier.

He became a member of the Blair Rotary Club in 1938, served as the club's President in 1941-42 and later on the Board of Directors. For many years he was the club's treasurer.

As a banker he took an active interest in 4-H club work and he established the annual 4-H Leaders' dinner which is held early each Spring by the bank to recognize the men and women who give their time to the directing of 4-H clubs.



GEORGE T. HEDELUND at the time of receiving a citation for his work as County Bond Sale chairman.

MRS. FRED WEAVER BURIED IN HERMAN

5-11-69
 Mrs. Fred Weaver (Bessie) of Herman died Friday, January 10th at the Blair Memorial Community Hospital where she had been confined for over seven weeks.

Bessie Ellis was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Ellis in Tekamah on December 23, 1895 and was 73 years of age. She and Mr. Fred Weaver had been married 52 years and had lived in Herman the past 25 years.

She is survived by her husband Fred, and a daughter Mrs. Wm. E. Walker (Marjorie) and five grandchildren of Des Moines, Iowa.

Funeral services were at the Hamel and Peck Mortuary at Tekamah on Sunday, January 12th at 2 p.m. The Rev. Zack Kleinsasser of Herman officiated. Burial was in the Herman cemetery.

Pallbearers were Boyd Lewis, Gordon Baker, Francis Tobin, Tom

He was at one time recognized by the Future Farmers of America for his interest in that group. He also had much to do with the establishment of the annual Farm and Home Day which is held each February under the auspices of the Blair Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to many civic interests, he was a past President of the Blair Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Blair Board of Education for two terms.

He served as Washington County Bond Sales chairman for many years and received a recognition plaque from Congressman Glenn Cunningham for his efforts.

He retired from active participation in the direction of the bank in 1962 and since has spent much of his time at Park Rapids, Minnesota where he and Mrs. Hedelund had had a home for many years.

Mr. Hedelund is survived by his wife, Vera, who has been his constant companion for many years since he has been confined to a wheel chair following brain surgery nearly twenty years ago. Also surviving is a daughter, Jeanette, now Mrs. Robert C. Hunt, of Blair, and two granddaughters. There are also two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Blair, but the time of the services was still pending late Wednesday afternoon as The Enterprise went to press. Burial, under the direction of the Campbell Mortuary, will be made in the Blair cemetery.

Sandoz Rites At Rushville

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 World-Herald News Service.

Rushville, Neb.—Funeral services were held January 10 for Mrs. Jules A. Sandoz, 66, prominent ranch woman and sister-in-law of the late Mari Sandoz, author and historian.

Mrs. Sandoz died here January 7.

Born in Lenoir, N. C., she moved with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Kicken, to Hemmingford at the age of 7. She attended rural elementary school there and at Lakeside.



Mrs. Sandoz She attended high school at the Holy Family Parish Academy in Denver, Colo., and later married Jules A. Sandoz, one of Mari's three brothers, at Martin, S. D. The couple ranched in Sheridan County.

Survivors include her husband; daughters, Mrs. Orville L. Ostrander of Rushville and Mrs. Marguerite Widtfeldt of