

W.E. Day, Veteran Legislator; Cooperative Organizer Dies



Walter E. Day

Walter Day, 89, one of the few men to whom the term "Pioneer" still applied, died Sunday evening, December 14 at the Bethesda Hospital in Crookston after a short illness. He was a member of the Minnesota House of representatives for forty years, was instrumental in the founding and guiding of several cooperatives in Bagley and was an active member of the Congregational Church. He was a member of the Minnesota Society of Mayflower Decendants, an association of persons who are the direct decendants of those who landed at Plymouth in 1620.

Walter Edwin Day was born May 31, 1880 in Dakota County, Minnesota to parents Levi M. Day and Ellen Mills. He attended the Pillsbury Academy in Owatonna, graduating in 1900. He first came to Bagley in 1900 as a school teacher and taught one year in the Bagley School. In 1901 he established a homestead and farmed until 1906. From 1906 until 1909 he was a grain buyer for the Kalispell Flour Mill Co., in Kalispell, Montana. While in Montana he was married to the former Nora Moen on June 25, 1906. He returned to Bagley in 1909 where he has lived ever since.

He served as a member of the House of Representatives from the 65th District for 40 years. In that time he never lost an election. In 1935, in a close contest, a recount was held. The recount proved Day to be the winner but the Conservative Legislature refused to seat him, awarding the seat to the loser.

Walter Day spent much of his life working with cooperatives in various capacities. He served on the Board of Directors of the Bagley Cooperative Elevator from 1912 to 1930. He was on the first Board of Directors of the Farmers Independent which was founded in 1918, and has been its president since 1925. During the early formative years of the Garden Valley Telephone Company at Erskine he served on committees of the company and was appointed to the Board in 1935. He was elected Vice President in 1939 and became President of the Board in 1944, a position he held at the time of his death.

He was an active member of the Congregational Church in Bagley, having served as trustee, Deacon and Sunday School Superintendent.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, Hiram and his wife. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Dillon Tierney of Chisago City, Minnesota; a brother Benjamin of Portland, Oregon; two sons, Maurice, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and Evan, St. Paul; five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Congregational Church in Bagley with the Rev. Donald Stegink officiating. Burial was made in the Bagley City Cemetery under the direction of the Cease Funeral Home.

New Tax Form Is Easy To Fill Out

Short card Form 1040A Federal tax filers! don't let the 32-page income tax package you will receive for 1969 alarm you.

The IRS has developed a new one-page tax form for all taxpayers, according to George Lethert, IRS District Director. Except for a few added lines the new 1040 is similar to the tax card Form 1040A which it replaces, he said. The added lines make it possible for all taxpayers to use this form by adding separate schedules to cover special tax situations.

A principal reason for the change is to enable all taxpayers to claim tax benefits they may be entitled to, Mr. Lethert stated. Card Form 1040A users were denied the right to claim deductions, tax exclusions and special credits, now available with the new form.

The tax forms package includes forms, instructions and schedules for itemized deductions, retirement income credit, reporting dividend and interest income, capital gains and income from rents, and tax computation.

"If these new schedules do not apply to you, they need not be used," Mr. Lethert stated. "Every taxpayer will have them if they elect to change their filing for 1969."

Filling out the new one-sheet form will be as easy as when the taxpayer used the tax card, IRS declares.

Farmers Advised To Inspect Stored Grain

Earl Wagner, Clearwater County ASCS Office Manager, advises farmers that have grain stored on their