

Fay J. Hubbard

Fay J. Hubbard, former resident of Groton, passed away in Fargo, N.D., on July 21, 1973. A memorial service was held in the Moorhead Presbyterian Church July 25. Interment with military honors was at the Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Hubbard was born March 21, 1896, at Trippville, Wis., a town named for his maternal grandfather, Dier Newton Tripp. He was the sixth child of Andrew and Alice Tripp Hubbard who moved from Wisconsin to Groton in 1917.

He received his education in schools in Wisconsin, Kansas and South Dakota, graduating from Groton High School after two years at the Wesleyan College Academy in Miltonvale, Kan. He attended South Dakota State College at Brookings and was the first student to enlist in WWI from that institution.

He served in the 147th Field Artillery in France until the Armistice was signed, after which he traveled with the U.S. Military Band in Europe and the United States. He was a delegate to the first American Legion convention in Minneapolis, and was a member of the American Legion until his death.

After WWI, Mr. Hubbard was employed by the Ford Motor Co. of Groton, later working as field representative for Chevrolet and Ford Motor Companies. He moved to Fargo in 1924 and Moorhead, Minn., in 1931. He established the F.J. Hubbard Ins. Co. in Fargo and had sold this business expecting to retire just the week before his death.

He married Olive H. Carkuff at West Union, Iowa, in 1920. They had one son, Stirling, who teaches in Kenosha, Wis.

During WWII, Mr. Hubbard broadcasted for the Gideon Service Testament Fund over WDAY, and presented all young men entering the armed services from that area with Bibles, gifts of the Gideons. He was for twenty-five years on the board of the Fargo Union Mission and superintendent of their Sunday School. For seventeen and one-half years, he was lay minister of the Dearborn Presbyterian Church at Wolverton, Minn.

He is survived by his widow, Olive, residing at 1121 South Third Street, Moorhead, Minn.; his son Stirling and four grandsons of Kenosha, Wis.; two sisters, Velma Eastman of Hillsboro, Wis., and Lyndall H. Richards of Forest Grove, Ore.; and one brother, Ronald of Groton.