

April 8, 1954

Herbert E. McCordic

Herbert E. McCordic was born on March 24, 1873, at St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada, and passed away March 30, 1954, at St. Luke's hospital at Aberdeen following a several days illness due to a heart ailment.

At the age of nine years he came to South Dakota with his parents, Robert and Sarah McCordic. They settled in Jewell township and took up a homestead four miles south of James. He received his education in the country school and at the Northern Illinois Normal School at Dixon, Ill. In 1898, as a young man of 24 years of age, he had an adventurous spirit, which led him to enter the gold rush in Nome, Alaska. Equipped with a special outfit, fashioned to his liking and bought by the Erdmann Bros. of Groesbeck, he set out alone to hunt for gold, returning from Alaska to the home town in 1900. In 1916 he sold his farm and purchased land near White House in the Peace River region in Canada. In 1924 he returned to South Dakota and worked for his brother, Bruce McCordic in Gem township. During the latter years of his life he perfected the idea of developing a machine for manufacturing gas from vegetable products or farm refuse, obtaining government patents on the machine and the process of manufacturing the gas. He also worked on farms helping

Mr. McCordic never married. He was survived by one sister, Ada McCordic of Narnia, Ontario, Canada, and three brothers, Bruce of Los Angeles, Calif.; Lathrop of Kransfantine, Orange Free State, South Africa) and Almer of Waunakee, Wis.

Services were conducted at the Johnson Funeral Home in Aberdeen by the Rev. Gordon Wilson, on Saturday, at 10:30 a. m. Mrs. Michael Sanders was officiating and Mrs. John Evans, organist. Pall bearers were William H. Galt, Robert Thompson, Fred and Alvin Galtner, Roy Schott and George H. Galt. Burial was in the family lot in the Galt cemetery.