William Henry Hagemeister

William Hagemeister was born on November 30th, 1894, to Henry and Anna Hagemeister in Rosemount, Minnesota. Henry opened the City Meat Market in 1898, which would become a multi-generation business in Rosemount. William was the fourth of nine children and worked in his father's butcher shop prior to his service in WWI.

William registered for the draft on June 5th, 1917. He enlisted into the Army on May 28th, 1918. William joined the 341st Butcher Company in the American Expeditionary Forces as a Private Cook. He left for Europe on the USS Floridian and returned home on June 14th, 1919, on the USS Santa Barbara. William was discharged from service on July 3rd, 1919.

After his service in WWI, William returned to working for the family's butcher shop in Rosemount, Minnesota. When his father Henry died in 1930, William took over the business and added Fairway Foods to the butcher shop, which he later sold to his brother Edwin. On November 27th, 1939, William married Mildred O'Leary in Northwood, Iowa. For an unknown reason, they got married again in Great Falls, Montana, on August 12th, 1949. Also, in 1949, William and his brother-in-law, Ralph Toombs, bought stock in the First State Bank of Rosemount from Ferdinand Ruhr. William served as the Vice President of the First State Bank of Rosemount until 1960, when Ralph bought him out, allowing William to retire. Mildred and William had no children. On October 12th, 1980, he died at the age of 85 and is buried in Pleasant View Memorial Gardens in Burnsville, Minnesota.

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