

Rites this Saturday for Edgar C. Nelson: editor, civic servant

Edgar C. Nelson, 87, former resident of Boonville and former publisher and owner of the Boonville Daily News and advertiser and the Bunceton Eagle, died Wednesday morning at a hospital in Wausau, Wis.

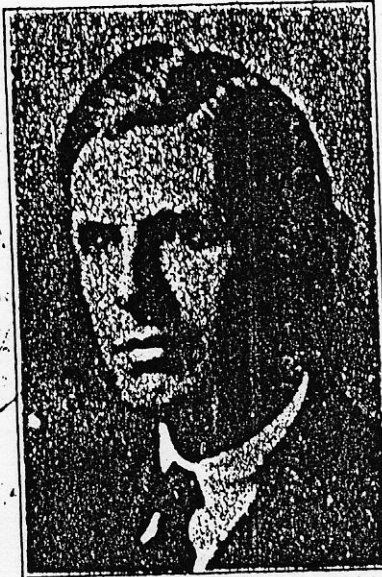
Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday morning at the B.W. Thacher Funeral Home with the Rev. W. Bryant Hall officiating. Interment will be in the Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Edgar Chilton Nelson was born Aug. 17, 1883 at Eminence Farm, Bunceton, the son of Thomas and Sarah Tucker Nelson. Six brothers preceded him in death.

He was married to Celeste Allison Chamberlain on Jan. 16, 1912 at Bunceton. She preceded him in death in 1955.

Mr. Nelson is survived by one daughter, Mrs. T.A. Duckworth of Wausau, Wis. a stepson, Robert A. Chamberlain of Bunceton and three granddaughters.

He learned the printer's trade



THIS OLD PHOTO of Edgar C. Nelson was found in a 1931 edition of the Boonville Daily News. Seldom photographed, Mr. Nelson's success in business and civic endeavors themselves serve as tributes to his memory.

at the Bunceton Eagle owned by his brother, L.O. Nelson. He

later bought and published the Eagle for several years. After selling the Eagle in 1922, he moved to Boonville and purchased the Boonville Advertiser, the oldest paper in the county. In 1928 he also bought the Boonville Daily News. He sold the paper in 1930 and for the next 20 years owned papers in Marshall, Brookfield, Meadville, Lebanon and Laclede.

He held state offices under five governors. Some of the appointments included Secretary of State, Chairman of Workmen's Compensation and State Purchasing Agent.

He was a charter member and past president of the Rotary Club and past president of the Boonville Chamber of Commerce. He had been a member of the Boonville Board of Education, Boonslick Library Board, Cooper County Red Cross Disaster Committee, Masonic Lodge, Boonville Industrial Corporation and a deacon and elder of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Nelson was active toward securing the bridge over the Missouri River at Boonville. The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. Friday evening at the B.W. Thacher Funeral Home.

The family would appreciate contributions to the American Cancer Society or the First Presbyterian Church.

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