

Who's Who In Wisconsin Rapids

The Who's Who column will be run each Saturday in the Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune. It will include a brief sketch of the life of citizens who have helped make history for Wisconsin Rapids.

Henry Charles Demitz



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Henry Charles Demitz, son of Charles and Augusta (Klevin) Demitz, who was born in this city September 8, 1878, shows the success of a young man who has risen from a laundry delivery boy to the important position of assistant bank cashier.

He received his education in the public schools here and was graduated from the Howe High School with the class of 1897.

Delivery Boy

His first employment after finishing school was as a delivery boy for the A. Karseboom Laundry, where he resigned after a short time to take a position as delivery clerk for Timm and Briere in their general merchandise store in Centralia. He remained with them until the summer of 1899 when he went to State Line to work in the woods for the Otto Lumber company.

He returned in the fall and on November 19, 1899 accepted a position in the First National Bank which was then located in the old bank building opposite the Hotel Witter. He built fires, swept and cleaned floors, ran errands and was the "all around handy man." The office force at that time was composed of E. T. Harmon, (now of Milwaukee) as cashier, and A. G. Miller, bookkeeper.

Promoted to Ass't Cashier

After six months, Mr. Miller was promoted to assistant cashier and Henry Demitz, having shown marked ability, was promoted to his place. He filled that position until the spring of 1905 when the bank moved into the building now occupied by them, which was the finest bank building in the city. Mr. Demitz was again promoted, this time to assistant cashier, which position he still occupies and will continue such when the First National Bank and the Bank of Grand Rapids, which have merged as the First National Bank, will move into their new building on Grand Avenue, the latter part of this month.

In his twenty-two years in the bank service Mr. Demitz has made scores of friends whom he always greets with a cordial smile, ever ready to give them efficient and courteous service.

Is Great Sportsman

He is a great lover of home and also out door life, his spare time in the fishing season, when not employed in his garden at his pretty little home on Third street south, he can usually be seen with his hook and line down the Wisconsin river in search of the finny tribe.

His week end vacations are always spent with some congenial companion or companions, either fishing in some of the Wisconsin streams, or out in the woods bagging game in the hunting season.

Married in 1911

On November 30, 1911 Mr. Demitz was united in marriage to Miss Mary Brahaney of Madison, a former member of the faculty of the Lincoln High School of this city.

Mr. Demitz is an independent politician, not confining his vote to any straight ticket, but casting it for the candidate he believes best fitted for the office.

He is not member of any church denomination but fully believes in the bible and tries to follow its precepts with right living and charity towards all.

The only fraternal society to which he belongs is the B. P. O. E.