

Employees Given Share in Estate of Louis G. Doup

Forty-Five Beneficiaries Are Named in Will—Inheritance Comes as Surprise to Majority.

Wide use of the money left them by their late employer, Louis G. Doup, is planned by the dozen old-timers who came into unlooked-for wealth by the manufacturer's will, filed yesterday. Or "Pay for our home!" each of the 12 responded to the query: "What will you do with your money?"

Their inheritance came as a big surprise to all but the four employees closest to the late Mr. Doup: Harry F. Reed, Thomas McGrath, Henry A. Fritz of Columbus and Floyd Watherson.

Newspaper reporters broke the news to them, shortly after the lunch hour. The men's voices shook as they expressed their appreciation. The five women wiped away tears of joy.

Reward for Service.
"I hope to continue the business according to Mr. Doup's policies," said young Reed, the richest inheritor.

As a reward for his 21 years' service Doup left him 25 shares of company stock and \$5,000 in cash. McGrath, the oldest employee, for 30 years foreman of the shop, received 150 shares and \$5,000 in cash; Fritz, head salesman for 21 years, 50 shares and \$3,000 in cash, and Watherson the same.

Violet Thorpecker, office employee for 14 years, and Martha Coufal, eight years, received \$2,000 each, and Lena Schaefer, Louise Stecher and Falmie Clair, \$500 each. Lawrence Baughman, with 16 years in the service, and Harry Sewall received \$2,000 each, and Harry Goldstrom, 12 years, \$1,000.

Goldstrom recently built a home, principally by his own labor, at Forty-third and Grant streets. Mr. Doup expressed much interest in Goldstrom's undertaking. "He was always ready to help any of the boys who wanted to buy or build a home," said Reed. "He always told them to go ahead and if they got into financial straits he'd see them through."

Doup cancelled an \$1,800 note for stock taken out by one of the employees, Reed said.

Charities Share.
Relatives, personal friends, servants and charitable institutions share in the rest of the \$500,000 estate.

Harry T. Blackburn of Des Moines, a cousin, received \$40,000. His second wife, Ella Cummings Doup, the income from \$20,000 during her life.

Women prominent in social life who received gifts are Mrs. Bertha Sloan Allen of New York, formerly of Omaha, and the four children; Louise Bennett Millard of Chicago, sister of his first wife; Emily Wakeley Crain of Springfield, O., and Morton and Thompson Wakeley, sons of Lucius Wakeley.

Mrs. Millard, who is the wife of W. B. Millard, son of the late Senator J. H. Millard, is now on a trip around the world. When last heard from, they were in Chile, South America.

Amounts of these bequests are as follows:
Anna P. Bertrand, former house maid in Doup home, \$3,000; Elizabeth Kirsch, nurse to Mr. Doup during last illness, \$2,000; J. M. Blackburn of Des Moines, son of Harry T. Blackburn, \$5,000; Mrs. H. T. Blackburn of Des Moines, \$5,000; H. L. Kless, St. Paul, Minn., \$5,000; Mary Bennett Wade of Omaha, \$5,000; Jennie B. Brown of Omaha, \$5,000; Louise B. Millard, Chicago, \$5,000; Bertha S. Allen, New York, \$10,000; Ruth A. Sloane, Omaha, and Minnie D. Keyser of Springfield, O., friends, \$5,000 each; Mrs. W. H. H. Doup, Fiqua, O., \$5,000; Elizabeth Robinson, Brooklyn, \$5,000; Belle C. Scott, Oak Park, Ill., \$5,000; Etta R. Billow and Helen A. Biser of San Francisco \$2,000 each; Emily Wakeley Crain, Springfield, O., \$2,000; Morton Wakeley of Omaha and Thompson Wakeley of Chicago, \$1,000 each; Sloane Allen, New York, \$5,000; Harlan Allen, New York, \$5,000; Dorothy Allen McDonald, New York, \$5,000.

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High Taxes Caused by Negligence, Greer Finds

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benberger, Morehead and Neville, high taxes would not be up to the roof and pecking out between the shingles.

Then Mr. Carroll turned loose with both barrels. "If Mr. Phelps were really endeavoring to find a common ground for complaint and save himself, as well as his readers, a great amount of mental agony, he would suggest the spots where the greater amount of the tax money is being spent and possibly, from these findings, suggest a remedy," the Schuyler editor replied. "The plain fact is, we are railing about taxation in general, but this is of little avail until we get down to brass tacks and determine where the greatest outlay arises and then work from specific cases and not generalities."

Not Political Parties.
"According to Mr. Phelps, every county in the state, every municipality in Colfax county, and every school district in the county is under extravagant republican administration. Because a comparison of the counties of the state and of all the municipalities and school districts in the county reveal the fact that taxes for county, municipal and school maintenance have all been elevated in about the same degree. We believe that if this is the contention of Mr. Phelps that he is sadly mistaken. Ever since the writer has been a resident of Colfax county, the majority of the board of commissioners has been elected from democratic ranks. Every city and village council in Colfax has not, we are sure, been of the republican persuasion. In fact, we do not believe that many in the county elect councils and members of council from state and national parties. We are firmly of the opinion that members of the school boards of the county, and also of the rural schools, have been elected more for fitness than to fill any political scheme. In every instance taxes to support the various causes, city, village and schools, have all demanded increased taxation in about the same ratio. Of further this opinion that politics have nothing to do with the increase, we find that Howells, which has always been the pride of Mr. Phelps is so strongly democratic, is no more economical than any other city or school district in Colfax county."

Taxes Will Be Lower.
Colfax county will enjoy a reduction of about one-third in state, city, school and county taxes for 1922, according to the estimate of Mr. Carroll, which is borne out by other authorities. He made this statement before a mass meeting of 50 farmers and one business man who formed a Taxpayers' Protective league. Most

of the saving in county taxes will arise from the fact that the annual one mill levy for the new courts-house has been replaced by issuance of \$70,000 in bonds. The budget estimate of the county commissioners shows a reduction of only \$2,000 from last year. Of this \$900 is represented by the farm bureau's voluntary cut in its budget. Both the city and the school district have a surplus of more than \$12,000, partly through having levied more than was necessary, partly through a decrease in the cost of supplies.

If any further savings are made it will come as a result of the organization of the taxpayers under the leadership of John Kopac, a conservative farmer. Not, perhaps, that they will be able to elect their men to office, but the mere threat of doing so may force more retrenchment. Some of the members of this organization desire to affiliate with the third party, but the majority at present are bent on picking out the best candidates from all parties and swinging the balance of power to them.

Saving Big Question.
Mr. Kopac admits that he finds it hard to explain just where the extra savings are to be made. "Roads! Well, that's pretty hard to tell. We've got to have roads. But we figure there is waste. School expenses must be cut. I don't believe a teacher ought to be paid less than \$50 a month or more than \$75."

School teachers now are paid from \$80 to \$125 month in the country schools. There is much talk of a 10 per cent reduction, even in the cities. One farmer on the edge of the Schuyler city school district is paying \$131 school tax on 70 acres. The average cost per pupil in the county is \$60, and for the towns \$67.

Will Abolish Officials.
But to return to the embattled taxpayers. Although they are farmers, they wish to abolish the office of county agricultural agent. The county highway commissioner also is on their list, as a superfluous public official. Either the county assessor or the precinct assessors must go, according to the plan, which looks to providing more duties for the county board. All told these proposals of the taxpayers' league might save \$1 out of every \$100 taken in for county taxes. That saving is not too small to be noticed, and the only question to be settled first

is whether it would work out economically in the long run. Most authorities on tax collection favor abolishing precinct assessors, and they are indeed a handicap to an equalized system of taxation.

Business is getting better in Schuyler. Farmers are getting more for their products. An implement dealer says that his trade is double what it was a year ago and that the farmers are paying cash. It may be that this scrutiny of public revenue and expenditures will grow less close as time gets better, but not before some of the teachings of experience have sunk in.

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