

# Fred Grigg retires as Midland Postmaster

by Dave Wilson

After 37 years at the Midland Post Office, postmaster Fred Grigg has retired.

Grigg announced his retirement at a staff function, held Friday at the post office.

His retirement is effective immediately. In an interview Monday, 56 year old Grigg explained that he is looking forward to his retirement, and is welcoming the freedom from the hectic pace of the post office, it promises.

"Although I liked my work at the post office," he commented, "I'll be glad to get away and relax a while. As you know, things are not that great in the post office right now, and it will be good to be away from some of the tension."

"I think I've been fortunate in having the staff we've had in Midland. Although lots of post offices have had troubles, we haven't had any real problems in Midland," he added.

Chris Merritt, presently the assistant postmaster for Midland will assume the role of acting postmaster until the position is filled on a permanent basis. Grigg said he expects an appointment will be made within the next two months.

Mr. Grigg said that the decision to retire was a quick one.

"I only really came to a firm decision last week," he remarked. "The staff was a little bit surprised when I told them."

Mr. Grigg has spent his entire working life at the Midland Post Office. Upon graduating from high school in 1941, he began work as a post office clerk. He worked his way up through the post office ranks, being appointed to the position of assistant postmaster, and finally to the position of postmaster in 1963, replacing former postmaster Bill Bourree.

He said he enjoyed his work as postmaster, and was especially fond of the contact with people his job afforded him.

Mr. Grigg commented that his long tenure at the post office was undertaken because, having started his working career there, it was the only job he really knew how to do.

"After being there for 15 or 20 years, I was sort of committed to the post office," he remarked.

Mr. Grigg explained that he is unsure what his retirement holds for him. He hopes to relax a while, and then may take a trip somewhere.

His first few days of retirement have been spent adjusting to the atmosphere of no longer having to go to work each day.

"At first I thought there would be nothing to it. However, in the last few days I've had little trouble finding things to do," he said.

Even so, he said he doesn't miss the pressures of the postmaster's job.

Fred can be assured that all of Midland wishes him the very best in his retirement, and that his familiar face will be missed at the post office.

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It is with a deep feeling of sadness and regret that I must report to you that Mr. Stan Dane will no longer be delivering Meals-on-Wheels. The Meals-on-Wheels program started on May 14th, 1973 with Mrs. Dane as a runner and on July 4th of that year Mr. Dane joined the ranks of the volunteer runners and drivers. On January 2nd, 1974 Mr. Dane made a very serious commitment to the program by volunteering that every Tuesday he would deliver meals. From that day on until now Mr. Dane has missed only one Tuesday due to illness.

Mrs. Dane occasionally took a holiday away from Midland, but not Mr. Dane. He carried on, not only driving, but also delivering the meals himself. This indeed is a remarkable record of services and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dane are to be sincerely congratulated. I know that many recipients of Meals-on-Wheels will sorely miss the Danes. Their cheerful happy disposition brought many rays of light and happiness to many a shut-in. Mr. Dane will continue to help Contact by interviewing the new recipients. Again on behalf of all the recipients and the staff of Contact a very special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Dane.

The program "Enjoying your Preschooler" that concluded in December was certainly a great success. The apparent effectiveness of the project has been encouraging in that parents report that they thoroughly enjoyed the program, learning new information from it and using the information to promote more positive interaction with their children. Many mothers reported that they felt they understood their children better as a result of the program. Through the success of this pilot program the steering committee have committed themselves to another course starting Friday, January 20th at the "Y" on Hugel Avenue. For registration or further information please call Contact at 526-9333.

The cost of the entire program of eight two hour sessions is \$5.00. If you have more than one pre-school child and need babysitting service this is also provided at the "Y". To keep the cost of the program at a minimum, the steering committee have asked for your help. Toys are needed for the classes and they must be in good condition. Toys that have asked for by Mrs. Sandy Boucher, the activity leader, are as follows: a Fisher Price Farm, simple wooden puzzles, wooden blocks and a tea set. Mrs. Boucher would also like hats, dresses and costume jewellery to set up a "dress up box". If you can help out with any of these articles please call Contact at 526-9333, and we will have them picked up.

The first Service Club Luncheon of 1978 will be held on Tuesday, January 17th at 11:45 a.m. at the Windrifter Restaurant. The guest speakers will be Mrs. Helen De Carli and Mr. Gary Westgarth, speaking on the History of the Mental Health Centre. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to meeting you.

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