

J. O. HEMBRE INTERVIEW.  
INTERVIEWER: TAMI WIESE  
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WORLD WAR II: THE HOME FRONT

Biography-----

Mr. Hembre was born in Wisconsin in 1892. He attended grade school, graduated from High School in 1912, and attended the University of Wisconsin where he took up agriculture. He moved to Montana where he became a school teacher. From 1921-1931 he was a county agent and from 1931-1938 he worked for the farm credit. In 1938-39 he moved back to Minnesota and sold insurance around Northfield. He moved to Montevideo in 1940, where he sold life insurance for Lutheran Brotherhood.

In the interview he talks about his work as an insurance salesman during WW II. Some of the topics discussed are problems, rationing, and types of insurance sold. Mr. Hembre also talked about the War Dads, what they stood for and his part in the organization.

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ABSTRACT

001	Begin tape 1, Side 1
	SECTION I BACKGROUND
001-116	Mr. Hembre talks about his background; information such as when and where he was born and his educational background.
116-287	This section deals with his occupations. 116-240 are his experiences as a school teacher. 240-270 deals with his work as a county agent and his work with the farm credit. 270-287 deals with his work of selling life insurance.
	SECTION II WORLD WAR II
287-298	Mr. Hembre was interested in national and world events and he discusses this.
298-320	He then went on to reminisce about Pearl Harbor.
320-363	Hembre compares attitudes towards the Germans during World War I and World War II and he also discusses the attitude towards the Japanese during World War II.
363-378	In this section the interviewee tells of which newspapers he followed.
378	End tape 1, Side 1
	SECTION III OCCUPATION DURING WORLD WAR II
428	Begin tape 1, side 2.

- 428-681        During World War II Mr. Hembre sold life insurance for Lutheran Brotherhood. In this section he talks of what area of Minnesota he covered; and economic booms in the area. He also discussed what type of insurance he sold to what type of people and what if any bonuses he received for selling so much insurance.
- 681-768        Mr. Hembre reminisced about what it was like to sell insurance with the rationing of tires and gas.
- 768-852        He was also involved with the War Dads. There was a memorial built in the Montevideo Cemetery to the Veterans of World Wars I and II by the War Dads. Mr. Hembre discusses the organization and the building of the memorial.
- 852            End tape 1, Side II.
- 002            Begin Tape 2, Side 1
- 002-076        He again is reminiscing about the War Dads.
- 076-105        During World War II he was also involved with the United fund drive and he talks about this.
- 105            End of Interview.