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C. C. Boak Named Postmaster At Tonopah

"Cada. C. Boak, member of the assembly from Nye County, was appointed postmaster of Tonopah today by President Hoover to succeed A. H. Keenan, whose term expired some time ago and whose reappointment failed to be confirmed by the senate when Senator Pittman said that Keenan was personally objectionable to him.

Boak's appointment to the position was forecast several weeks ago when Congressman Atentz let it be known that he would recommend his appointment to the president.

When Boak takes the position he will probably resign immediately as Assemblyman for Nye County. His term in this position will not expire until election day next year."

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C. C. Boak Dies Suddenly At 84 In Tonopah

50 Year Resident Served Ten Terms In State Assembly

"Tonopah - C.C. Boak, 84, prominent Nevada legislator and a resident of Tonopah for 50 years died suddenly at his home here late Monday night.

Mr. Boak was stricken with a heart attack and a doctor summoned, but he succumbed before he could be taken to the hospital. Although he had not been in the best of health recently he had been a daily visitor to downtown Tonopah, and his death was unexpected.

During his half century of residence in Nye County, Mr. Boak had been constantly active in Nevada, and became known throughout the state by the nickname Good Roads

He served as assemblyman from Nye County for 10 terms, first being elected to Nevada's lower house in 1926, serving in the 1929, 1935, 1937, 1941, 1943, 1945, 1947, 1949 and 1951 sessions. He was defeated for the state senate two years ago by W.J. Franks.

Besides his service with the Nevada Legislature and activities on behalf of better roads in Nevada he also served at one time as secretary of the Tonopah Midway Mining Co., and as a mining broker in Tonopah.

A life-long member of the Republican party he was for a number of years secretary of the Nye County Republican Central Committee. He also organized the Tonopah Chamber of Commerce about 30 years ago, and was also instrumental in its reorganization about eight years ago.

He served as postmaster in Tonopah for four and a half years (appointed 30 Sep 1929) during the Hoover administration.

Cada C. Boak was born Mar 15, 1870 in Hamilton County, Iowa, the son of William Wesley and Samantha K. Boak. He was graduated from Webster City, Iowa High School, from Elliott Business College and studied law for a year at Burlington, IA.

In 1912 he was married to Grace Elva Fuller in Florida. Mrs. Boak preceded him in death, about 15 years ago. Mr. Boak first came to Nevada and Tonopah in 1904, where he engaged in the mining brokerage business.

During his long service in the legislature he was the author of legislation which became known as the One Sound State act. An advocate of sound taxation structure. Mr. Boak, through his state legislation, was instrumental in bringing much new capital into the state.

A national director of the Highway 50 Association he was credited to a large degree in bringing about the completion of Highway 50 between Delta, Utah and Ely a few years ago.

He was a former member of the Tonopah Knights of Pythias.