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## **CHARLES McGREEVY**

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"I enjoy every minute of the work," McGreevy confessed. "As it is always different and interesting."

He was born in Missouri in 1893 and came to Washington with his parents in 1900. They lived at Coupeville where Charles attended school for several years and later moved to Payette, Idaho. McGreevy took out a homestead near Payette and proved up on the land in 1918, the year he was married.

After farming there until 1921, he and his wife moved to Wyoming for a while where McGreevy dressed tools on an oil well for several months. In 1922 they came to Mount Vernon and in 1923 went to Clear Lake.

"How did I earn my first dollar? Greasing skids and peeling poles for Jim Neil down at Coupeville," McGreevy smiled. "I was only 12 years old at the time and got 50c a day."

McGreevy likes outside work and as evidence to his robust health pointed to the fact that he has not been off the payroll a day since he started working for P. S. P. & L. In his present position he has to "be on call" most of the time in order to keep in touch with his territory that extends from Greenbank north. During rough weather when lines are blown down, he is perhaps the busiest man on Whidby Island until the damage is repaired and service resumed.

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