

FRANK P. BRIGGS

Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife

Frank P. Briggs of Macon, Missouri, newspaper publisher, former United States Senator from Missouri, and longtime member of the Missouri Conservation Commission, was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife by President Kennedy on February 6, 1961.

Mr. Briggs brings a background of extended public service and administrative experience to this conservation area of the Department, with its principal bureaus of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, and Commercial Fisheries, Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall said.

Mr. Briggs has been a member of the Missouri Conservation Commission continuously since 1947, is now serving his third six-year appointment, and has been four times chairman of the commission. He served two years in the United States Senate after being appointed by Governor Phil Donnelly in January 1945, to fill the vacancy created when Senator Harry S. Truman resigned to become Vice President.

Mr. Briggs was born in Armstrong, Missouri, on February 25, 1894, the son of Thomas Hale and Susan Almyra Ryle Briggs. He was educated at Central College and the University of Missouri, graduating from the School of Journalism at the University, in 1915.

Mr. Briggs served on newspapers at Fayette, Moverly and Trenton, Missouri, and at Shawnee, Oklahoma, and has been editor and owner of the Macon Chronicle-Herald since 1924. He has twice received the University of Missouri School of Journalism distinguished service in journalism award, once from Dean Walter Williams, founder of the school, and again in 1958.

Mr. Briggs' public service has included four years as Mayor of Macon, 1930-1933, and 12 years in the Missouri State Senate, including four terms as President pro tem of that body. He is likewise a past president of the Missouri Associated Dailies.

Mr. Briggs and Catherine Allen Shull were married May 28, 1916. They have five children: Thomas Frank, Eugene Allen, Darlene Ruth, Betty Barbara, and Dorothy Catherine. Three of the five children are in newspaper and journalism pursuits, like their father.

Mr. Briggs was Grand Master of the Missouri Masonic lodge in 1957-1958, and was Grand High Priest of Missouri's Royal Arch Chapter Masons in 1936-1937. He is a member of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism society, and is a Rotarian.

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