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MISS ROSE SLAVITT

## Miss Slavitt, Retired in '54

Miss Rose Slavitt of 33 S. Munn Ave., East Orange, believed to have been the first woman to manage a department for the Prudential Insurance Co., died Friday in Orange Memorial Hospital.

Miss Slavitt was born in Newark and moved to East Orange in 1922. She joined the Newark-based insurance company as a \$7-a-week messenger and then rose through eight promotions. In 1952, she was named manager of Debit Policy Division No. 2. She retired in 1954.

She leaves three sisters, Miss Pauline Slavitt of East Orange and Miss Bessie Lappman and Mrs. Anne Wallach, both of Miami Beach, Fla.

Services will be tomorrow at 11 a.m. at the Funeral Chapel of Philip Apter & Son, 1600 Springfield Ave., Maplewood.

## First Named to Manage Department

BY WILLIAM RAY

Miss Rose Slavitt, the first woman in the history of the Prudential Insurance Co. to manage a department, sat in her office the other day and talked about her new job and new responsibilities.

"This is a terrific challenge to me," she said, "but I must confess I have fewer butterflies in my stomach than I had years ago when I was told I was going to get a promotion to the correspondence section. The confidence my superiors have shown by giving me this promotion is half the battle. They think I can do the job, and I'm going to do my best to justify their faith in me."

The new department manager, who lives at 33 South Munn avenue, East Orange, started at the Prudential as a \$7-a-week messenger.

### Tried Her Best

"It's a simple story," she said. "I've tried to do my very best on every job I had, and here I am."

Where she is after eight promotions during her career with the company, is the position of manager of Debit Policy Division No. 2. She has two assistants, both men, and a staff of more than 200 girls to supervise.

The division issues weekly and monthly premium policies written by about 7,500 agents in an area covering New England, parts of Ohio and Pennsylvania, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Philadelphia, Brooklyn and Baltimore. Between 800,000 and 1,000,000 such policies are issued annually by the division.

The division also maintains the accounting records and keeps track of such items as a policyholder's change of address and other matters pertaining to the policy.

In her new job, Miss Slavitt will handle problems of administration, personnel and training.

Miss Slavitt, who has been busy

accepting congratulations on her new job from fellow workers, wants two friends to share in her pleasures over her promotion.

### Credits Tutors

"Miss Adeline Walsh and Miss Elfreda Devendorf helped me and taught me a great deal in the past," she said. "They are now retired from the Prudential and live in Caldwell. I'm grateful to them for all they did for me while they were in the company."

Born in Newark, Miss Slavitt has lived in East Orange since 1922. She likes theaters, books, music, art and travel.

"I've been to Europe several times," she said. "I've also had a chance to see Mexico, Bermuda and Central America. When I retire I'd like to go to Europe again and spend more time in Italy and Switzerland. Those two countries are my favorites."




Miss Rose Slavitt is pictured at her new Prudential desk.

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Miss Rose Slavitt is pictured at her new Presidential desk.

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