

## Harry Thornton McGrath

Aug. 15, 1863 Oct. 31, 1951



Harry Thornton McGrath, 88, the dean of Charlotte printers and prominent in county and local civic affairs, died Halloween, October 31, at 11 o'clock at the residence, 303 West Lovett street, following a period of ill health.

Mr. McGrath was president of the McGrath-DeFoe company, publisher of the Charlotte Republican-Tribune, and president of the Eaton County Savings Bank at the time of his death. He had been Charlotte postmaster, city treasurer, president of the Charlotte Country Club, and food administrator for Eaton county during World War I.

Born August 15, 1863, in Ontario, Canada, the son of Morris and Margaret (Nix) McGrath, he came to Charlotte as a young man about 70 years ago and for a time was connected with the Charlotte Leader. He married Miss Ella Jackson, December 17, 1884, and they celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary last year. Mrs. McGrath died last July 24. A son, Frank, died in 1919. Surviving is a son, Earl, business manager of the newspaper and printing business and two granddaughters, Mrs. Wm. Otto, and Mrs. Albert Foster. Mr. McGrath was a life member of all the Masonic orders, Maple City chapter of the Order

## Bert A. Tanner

Bert A. Tanner, 66, prominent Carmel township farmer, died Sunday at the Hayes-Green-Beach hospital, where he had been a patient for three days, having suffered a heart attack last Thursday. He was born Sept. 30, 1884, in Carmel township, a son of John and Clara (Foote) Tanner. He had been a resident of the township his entire life. On Nov. 17, 1909, he was married to Amy Wyble. He was a member of the Northwest Carmel Community church. Surviving are a son, Keith, of East Lansing; a daughter, Mrs. Robert Lippoth of Rye, N. Y.; a grandchild; a brother, Stanley, of Detroit; three sisters, Miss Hortense Tanner and Mrs. Edna Miller, of Flint, and Mrs. Maude Gifford of Olivet. Services were conducted Tuesday at 2 p. m. from the Pray funeral home. Rev. Fred VanDyk officiated. Burial was in Maple Hill cemetery.

## B. Frank Simpson Dies in Charlotte

### Heart Attack Is Fatal to Businessman

(Special to The State Journal)

CHARLOTTE, Nov. 10—B. Frank Simpson, 81, died of a heart attack at his appliance shop, 118 W. Lovett st., Saturday morning.

Mr. Simpson was in business for the past 13 years. He made his home at 314 S. Main st.

He was born Aug. 15, 1870 in Hillsdale county the son of Nelson and Katherine Wink Simpson. He lived in Charlotte for the last 44 years.

On Dec. 24, 1896 he married Ida Wheaton. Besides the widow he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Edris Conrad, Lansing; a son, Donald Simpson, Grand Rapids; two brothers, John and Edward Simpson, Chester township; four sisters, Mrs. Emma West, Battle Creek; Mrs. Frank King, Roxand township; Mrs. Clyde Stall, Chester township and Mrs. Franklin Depew, Hubbardston.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p. m. in the Pray funeral home. Rev. A. G. Hetherington of the First Baptist church will officiate.

Burial will be in Maple Hill cemetery.