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Burridge Smith Tucker, 60, lifelong newspaperman and former owner of the Olivet Optic, died Thursday at his home at 129 S. Main St., Olivet, following a heart attack suffered last Jan. 27.

A Battle Creek native and for 20 years a member of the advertising department of the Enquirer and News, Mr. Tucker was advertising manager of the Chelsea Times at the time of his death. He had suffered a heart attack last August, but had returned to work in October.

He was born in Battle Creek, son of Frederick and Florence (Smith) Tucker. A graduate of Battle Creek High School, he attended Olivet College two years before he joined the Enquirer and News advertising staff in 1924.

In 1944 he joined the advertising department of the Flint Journal, leaving in 1947, and for the next four years he was with newspapers in Montpelier and Fayette, Ohio. In 1951 he became advertising manager of the Bryan, Ohio, Times. Three years later he became the fourth owner of the Olivet Optic, which he bought from John and Blanche Lignian. He sold the weekly paper in 1962 to its present owner, Glen Waterbury, and went to the Chelsea paper.

Mr. Tucker was married Aug. 20, 1938, to Miss Helen Marie Spring of Fayette, Ohio. During the couple's residence in Battle Creek, Mrs. Tucker was elementary music supervisor of the city's schools. She is now a teacher in the Olivet public schools.

Surviving Mr. Tucker besides his widow are a daughter, Judith Ann Tucker, a junior in Olivet College, and two sisters, Miss Florence Tucker of San Francisco and Mrs. Charles Rodes of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Mr. Tucker was a member of the Michigan Press Association, a charter member of the Olivet Rotary Club, a member of the Masonic lodge in Fayette, Ohio, and of the Olivet Congregational Church.

Funeral services were conducted in Burkhead Chapel, Olivet, at 2 p.m. Monday by the Rev. Daniel W. Boxwell, pastor of the Olivet Congregational church. Burial was in Oak Hill cemetery, Battle Creek.

Services Held Tuesday for William R. Cheal

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Funeral services were held for William R. Cheal, 79, of Sunfield Tuesday, Nov. 26, from the Mapes-Fisher Funeral home in Sunfield. Mr. Cheal passed away November 23 at the Holiday Nursing Home in Charlotte.

He was born October 7, 1884 in Sunfield township, the son of James and Virginia (Meadow) Cheal. His entire life was spent in the Sunfield area. He has been a member of the Sunfield Church of the Brethren since 1922. Mr. Cheal retired from farming at the age of 72 when he moved to Sunfield. On October 15, 1905 he was united in marriage to Verna Shaffer who survives.

Surviving besides the widow are two daughters, Mrs. Thelma Edwards of Roswell, N. M., and Mrs. Lulu Sayer of rural Sunfield; two sons, Edward at home, and Clifford of rural Vermontville; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; three brothers, Earl of Lansing, Archie of rural Sunfield and Ashbel of Battle Creek; and a sister, Mrs. Lucy Shaffer of rural Mulliken.

The Rev. Harley Townsend of Nashville officiated at the two o'clock rites. Interment was in Sunfield cemetery.

Bearers were Delmond Frantz, Donald Collier, Jesse Wise, Kenneth Haskins, Maynard Gierman and Cecil Steward.

Donald H. Sprague

CHARLOTTE — Donald H. Sprague, 55, of 5943 Clinton Trail, died Thursday evening as a result of a heart attack. He was a carpenter and heavy construction worker. Surviving are the widow, Berniece; three daughters, Miss Sue Sprague of Flint, Miss Jane Sprague, Albion, and Miss Jackie Sprague of Alma; and a sister, Mrs. Vella Feldpaugh, Greenville. Funeral arrangements are being made by the Pray Funeral Home here.