

Crusading U.S. Author Dies at 90

BOUND BROOK, N.J. (AP) — Upton Sinclair, a prolific author who earned the title "King of the Muckrakers" during a 63-year career, is dead at the age of 90.

Sinclair died Monday at the Somerset Valley Nursing Home near here. A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal church in Bound Brook at 11 a.m. Saturday.

During what he described as a 63-year battle for social justice, Sinclair wrote 89 full-length books. One of his best known works, "The Jungle," catapulted him to fame at the age of 28 in 1906.

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The book exposed filthy conditions in the Chicago meat-packing industry and led to the nation's pure food laws. The book's message went around the world through translation as did most of his subsequent works.

It was one of the major reasons for the title "King of the Muckrakers." Sinclair's dedication to social reform incurred the enmity of powerful personalities and the support of many famous men.

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In 1942 he won a Pulitzer Prize for his novel "Dragon's Teeth," a story set in Hitler's Germany where his books had been put on the bonfire a few years earlier.

Books followed "The Jungle" as if from an assembly line. They attacked conditions in the news, coal, oil, auto and other fields.

In 1934 Sinclair ran for governor of California on the Democratic ticket. He was defeated by Republican Frank Merriam.

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Age 92, died Wednesday at a Charlotte Convalescent Home. Mr. Ford had been a lifelong resident of Eaton County. A former Eaton Co. Clerk from 1918 to 1924. Surviving are his wife, Mabel; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. from the Shelly Funeral Home, Eaton Rapids. Rev. Leslie Nevins officiating. Interment in the Brick Yard Cemetery, Eaton Rapids.

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Goldie H. Thompson

CHARLOTTE—Mrs. Goldie H. Thompson, 74, of 1651 Lansing Road, died Wednesday at Hayes-Green-Beach Hospital following a lingering illness.

She had been a resident here nearly 50 years and operated Goldie's Cabins Motel. Earlier she had been in the restaurant business here.

Surviving is her husband, Lyle.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Pray Funeral Home with burial in Maple Hill Cemetery.

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