

**George C. Sprague**  
 Services for George Clare Sprague, 81, admiralty lawyer and educator, were held in Bradenton, Fla., today.

Mr. Sprague was born in Vermontville, Mich. He received a B.A. degree from Olivet College in 1905, and subsequently an LLB and Ph.D. degrees from New York University. Olivet College awarded him an honorary degree in 1934. For many years he served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Olivet College.

For over 30 years Mr. Sprague was engaged in private practice in New York City, and was special lecturer in admiralty and aviation law at New York University and Columbia University law schools. During World War II he acted as special assistant to the attorney general for the Department of Justice.

He is survived by two brothers, two sisters, and three daughters; Mary Elizabeth Sprague ANC, Fort Polk, La.; Mrs. William Clark, New Castle, Del.; and Mrs. Leo Tyson, Olivet, Mich.

Funeral services were held in Bradenton Tuesday and graveside services and burial in Poultney, Vt., Wednesday.

**George Harvey**  
 NASHVILLE — George W. Harvey, 97, rural Nashville, died today in the Barry County Medical Facility.

He was a former employe of the Michigan Central Railroad which later became the New York Central, and was a former sexton of Lakeview Cemetery.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. George Wise of Lansing and Mrs. Fay Fisher of Nashville; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren, and two sisters, Mrs. Anna Linsea and Mrs. Mina Barnes of Vermontville.

Services will be at 2 p.m. at the Vogt Funeral Home here. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery.

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## Own Car Kills Man On Way to Visit Wife's Grave

PORTLAND—John D. Norris, 82, 706 Lyons Road, made his way about his yard on crutches Sunday until he had picked a bouquet of peonies to place on his wife's grave. Life had been tough lately for Mr. Norris. His only son, Roger, died a month ago in Lansing. He had no remaining relatives.

Mr. Norris placed the flowers in a dish by his driveway and began to move his car out the driveway. As he backed it up the vehicle struck a porch railing at the rear of his home.

The car door flew open and he fell crumpled to the ground. Ionia County Coroner Dale Kauffman said Norris was killed instantly when the left front wheel passed over his body.

The flowers lay near him when a neighbor boy, Dennis Pohl, 14, heard the crash and ran to the scene to summon help.

Mr. Norris operated a gasoline station for many years at Eagle and a general store at Sunfield.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Neller Funeral Home, Portland. Masonic graveside services will be held at 1

## Rat Bite Figures in Man's Death

NASHVILLE — Ray I. Thompson, 70, Nashville, died Wednesday in the Battle Creek Veterans Administration Hospital where he had been a patient for 16 years as the result of complications caused by a rat bite.

Mr. Thompson had operated a grocery store in Nashville from 1934 to 1950. On his last day at the store which he had sold, he was cleaning up stock in the basement when he was bitten by a rat. He became ill shortly

afterward and had been confined to the Veterans Hospital since then.

He had served two years as a village councilman and had been president of the Lions Club. He also was chairman of the Youth Council and was a member of the Masonic Lodge and Nashville Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Beulah; two daughters, Mrs. Victor Higdon of Nashville, and Mrs. Victor Walton of Bellaire, Md.; two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Brody of LeRoy; and Mrs. Sadie Bomham of McBaine; three brothers, Lee of Riverside, Calif.; Glenn of Yuma, Colo.; and Joy of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and three grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Vogt Funeral Home, with burial in Lakeview Cemetery.

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