J. A. WATSON

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E. Lansing Man Dies

J. A. Watson, 74, Was Ex-Wheel Firm Aide

J. A. Watson, 74, retired Motor Wheel Corp. executive, died Tuesday at a Lansing hospital.

Mr. Watson retired in September, 1955, after 33 years of service with Motor Wheel. He was executive vice president of the automobile division at the time of his retirement.

He was a tool and die maker until he joined the Motor Wheel firm in 1922. Mr. Watson was born in Canada and came to the United States when he was 17.

He was an East Lansing resident for 42 years and lived at 524 Woodland Drive at the time of his death.

Surviving are a son, J. A. Watson, Jr. of Rochester, Mich.; a daughter, Mrs. Doris J. Matthews of Arlington, Va.; four grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Ethel Lennox of Lake Field, Ont.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Gorsline - Runciman Funeral Home. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery.

WATSON, J. A.

524 Woodland Dr., East Lansing

Age 74, died Tuesday at a local hospital. Mr. Watson was born Aug. 19, 1888, in Lake Field, Ontario, Canada, and was a resident of East Lansing for 42 years. He was employed at Motor Wheel for 34 years, retiring in 1955, and was former executive vice president of manufacturing, Motor Wheel, a member of the Retirees Club of Motor Wheel, the Executive Club and the Lansing Country Club. Surviving are 1 son, J. A. Watson Jr. of Rochester, Mich.; 1 daughter, Mrs. Doris J. Matthews of Arlington, Va.; 4 grandchildren; 1 sister, Mrs. Ethel Lennox of Lake Field, Ontario. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. from the Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Home. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery.

Heart ailment claims life of former policeman

William A. Treat, 55, of 7887 N. Ionia Road, Bellevue, a former Bellevue police chief, died early Tues. at his home. He had suffered from a heart condition which forced his retirement from the police force in January.

He was born in Bellevue, the son of Ernest and Mary (Terwilliger) Treat. He had served as chief of the Bellevue police for 11 years previous to his retirement. Mr. Mr. Treat was a member of the Bellevue Baptist Church and the National Police Officers Association.

He served as a bombardier instructor with the U.S. Air Force during World War II.

On July 15, 1952, he married Mrs. Florence Williams, who survives. Also surviving are two sons, William Treat Jr. of Marshall, and James Treat, at home; two stepsons, Kenneth Williams of Chicago and Floyd Williams at home; three grandsons; his mother, Mrs. Mary Treat of Bellevue; two sisters, Mrs. Nick (Enola) Gregory and Mrs. Josephine Blanck, both of Battle Creek; and four brothers, Demress of Bellevue, Bill of Olivet, Keith of Battle Creek and Clifford of Hastings.

Funeral services were held from the Bellevue Baptist Church with Rev. William Burns officiating on March 28. Burial was in Riverside cemetery.

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