



Charles M. Ziegler

Ziegler, Ex-Roads Boss, Dies

Former State Highway Commissioner Charles M. Ziegler, whose bitter battles with Gov. Williams marked the close of his 28-year public career, is dead of a heart attack.

Ziegler, 70, was stricken at 8 a.m. Sunday in his Lansing home. He died at 10 a.m., but news of his death did not become known until early Monday.

THE VETERAN Republican commissioner retired June 30, 1957, after 14 years as head of the highway department from 1943 to 1957.

Ziegler was succeeded by John C. Mackie, the Democratic incumbent.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Gorsline - Runciman Funeral Home, Lansing. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery there.

The last several years — when Ziegler was the only Republican in the Williams "cabinet"—were stormy.

Typical was the feud over the Grand Rapids expressway right of way purchases in the spring of 1957.

in the campaign of 1956 Williams virtually ignored his opponent, the late Detroit Mayor Albert Cobo, in favor of criticizing Ziegler.

At the time he left office, however, Ziegler pointed with pride to his work.

He said then that his successor would find 488 contracts worth 89 million dollars awarded for trunkline projects then planned or in progress.

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MACKIE'S opponents today credit Ziegler's planning with bringing about many of the new highways which have opened under Mackie in the last year and a half.

Ziegler, born in Noble County, Ind., attended grade and high school in Saginaw and graduated in engineering from the University of Michigan in 1913.

He joined the State Highway Department as an assistant division engineer in 1919 and became deputy highway commissioner in 1931.

He left the department in 1933 and worked in private engineering enterprises until he joined the Lansing City staff as an assessor in 1938.

He was elected highway commissioner in 1943.

He did not seek re-election in 1957.

Survivors include his wife, Bertha B.; four daughters — Mrs. Elizabeth L. Quirnbach, White Bear Lake, Minn.; Mrs. Rosemary Warren, Lansing; Mrs. Phyllis Harlan, Sterling, Ill., and Miss Barbara Ziegler, Moline, Ill. — a sister, Mary Ellen Ziegler, of Traverse City, and 10 grandchildren.

Mrs. Kate C. Triphagen Former Resident, Dies

Mrs. Kate C. Triphagen, 81, of Lansing, formerly of Sunfield, died Feb. 12 in a Kalamazoo hospital. Mrs. Triphagen moved from Sunfield to Lansing 36 years ago.

She leaves a son, John C. Triphagen, of Lansing.

Funeral rites were held Saturday from the Estes-Leady Drawing Room chapel in Lansing. Interment was made in Meadowbrook cemetery at Muliken.

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