

President Dingman Served Business, Government, Well Had Served As President of Village Since 1948

Ernest R. Dingman, 72, Village President of Bellevue since 1948 and President of the State Mutual Insurance Co. of Flint for the same period, died about 10 a. m. Thursday morning, May 26 at his home on West Jackson Street.

He had been seriously ill for six months and confined to his bed for the past two weeks. His wife, Elsa, died Nov. 15, 1954.

Mr. Dingman had been a farmer in Bellevue Township until 1941 when he retired and moved to the Village. He was appointed to the Village Council in 1944 to fill a vacancy and served as councilman until elected to the Presidency seven years ago. He was active in the Bellevue Baptist Church.

He had been insured with State Mutual since 1929 and was an agent for the firm. He served on the Company's arbitration committee and as a director. Since becoming President he also adjusted claims and supervised agents in southwestern Michigan until his illness.

Mr. Dingman was born Sept. 10, 1882 in Assyria Township, the son of Fred L. and Clara L. (Tuckerman) Dingman. He married Elsa M. Reese on Sept. 4, 1907 in Bellevue.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Archie (Mildred) Martin of Route 1 Vermontville; a son, Harold, of Route 3, Bellevue; a sister, Mrs. Alpha Stanton of Charlotte; a brother, Ray Dingman of Nashville, and seven grandchildren. A daughter, Lucille, died in 1945.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 Sunday at the Baptist Church, with the Rev. Donald Glasgow, assisted by Miss Ada Cargo officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Bellevue.

IN DANVILLE

Woman Dies At Funeral

Mrs. Clara Hicks, 74, of Bell Oak, collapsed in the Fairview cemetery, Dansville, Thursday afternoon as she was leaving the funeral services held for her son's father-in-law, Charles J. Stafford.

Mrs. Hicks was pronounced dead on arrival at Mason General hospital.

Coroner Dorwin Hoffmeyer attributed death to an acute coronary condition. The coroner said she had been under the care of a physician for several months.

Mrs. Hicks was a resident of Ingham county for 38 years. Surviving are her son, Gordon Hicks, of Lansing; four sisters, Mrs. Bertha Fields, Vermontville, Mrs. Hattie Hibble and Mrs. Bessie Curtis of Chicago.

The body was removed to the Chicago.

The body was removed to the Gorsline Brothers funeral home, Williamston, pending arrangements.

Totals.

5,273
12,430
4,759
3,366
6,652
5,132
1,954
14,379
6,577
1,057
18,351
4,651
53,180
3,558
2,033
4,290
3,238

IN MEMORY

Harry F. Hammond

BORN

October 5, 1891

DATE OF DEATH

August 18, 1955

SERVICES FROM

The First Congregational Church
3:00 P.M. Monday August 22, 1955

CLERGYMAN OFFICIATING
Rev. F. Willard Kime

FINAL RESTING PLACE
Woodlawn Cemetery
Vermontville, Michigan

Casket Bearers

Wilbur Walsh
Ray Anderson
George Hall
Earl Stambaugh
Dale Briggs
Hugh Parker