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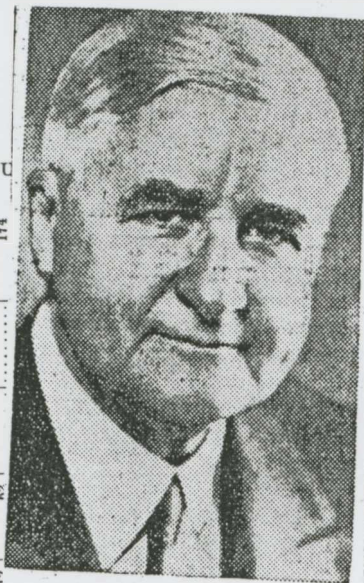
Besides the widow, he is survived by a niece, Mrs. Wick Kellner, 759 Touraine ave., and a cousin, Mrs. Vera Burrell, Freeland, East Lansing.

Mr. Pitt's body was removed to the Boynton funeral home, where funeral services will be held at 3 p. m. Tuesday. Rev. George Rentschler, pastor of Ionia First Presbyterian church, will officiate. The body will be placed in the Highland Park mausoleum at Ionia.

Pallbearers will include A. D. (Bud) Urquhart, John Affeldt, George Alderton and Frank S. Pritchard. Among the honorary bearers will be Frank H. Sallows.

CENSUS

205	102	174
5	3	
30	36	62
153	110	



JESSE H. JONES.

248	7,333
197	
278	

buildings ranging up to 37 stories in height. Publisher of the Houston Chronicle, he also owned three of the city's largest hotels.

Jones resigned as secretary of commerce and as RFC head in 1945 after a dispute with Henry A. Wallace, the vice president in Roosevelt's third term. After his resignation, Jones returned to Houston and to his favorite role as a builder.

In 1917, President Wilson drafted Jones to head the department of military relief of the American Red Cross. President Hoover named him to the RFC board in 1932 and Roosevelt made him chairman of the board in 1933 and appointed him secretary of commerce in 1940.

#### Business Statesman.

In Washington, Secretary of Commerce Weeks said Jones was an outstanding example of a business statesman.

"As secretary of commerce, I find in the commerce department frequent reminders of his fine public service when he held this identical position," Weeks said.

Sen. Johnson (D-Tex) said Jones caught the early vision of Texas. And that "he was part of it and of us." Former Texas Gov. W. P. Hobby, chairman of the board of the Houston Post, said Jones was "the No. 1 citizen of Houston and one of the greatest of Americans."

Jones had extensive property holdings in New York City, Fort Worth, Dallas and Memphis, Tenn. His Houston Endowment corporation has given millions to educational, medical and charitable institutions.

## Death Takes Jesse Jones

### Former Head of RFC, Commerce Was 82

Houston—(P)—Jesse H. Jones, a Tennessee farm boy who built one of the nation's largest fortunes despite only a fifth-grade education, is dead.

The wartime secretary of commerce and head of the reconstruction finance corporation died Friday night at the age of 82.

His financial abilities had impressed three presidents, under whom he had served, Woodrow Wilson, Herbert Hoover and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

#### Loaned 50 Billions.

As RFC head 13 years Jones loaned more than 50 billion dollars. As the No. 1 citizen of Houston, he built the skyline of the south's largest city, owning 35