

Warren.—Rev. Arthur E., was born in Ingham County, Michigan, in 1866, and married Clara Vander Fort in 1889. His grandfather, mother and step-father were all Free Methodist preachers. As a young man, he was successful in business and school-teaching. Converted in a camp meeting, he soon entered the ministry in Michigan. After serving several pastorates and as district elder in East Michigan, he



## Former Nashville Official Is Dead

NASHVILLE— J. Clare McDerby, 67, of 404 E. Washington st., a former justice of the peace, village clerk and treasurer, died at 8:10 a.m. Sunday in Pennock Hospital in Hastings where he had been a patient since Thursday.

Mr. McDerby, a lifetime resident of this area, was a general insurance agent for 30 years in addition to holding several offices in Castleton Township as well as Nashville village. He was a life member of Nashville Lodge No. 255 F&AM; Zion Chapter 171, Royal Arch Masons; Zabud Council No. 9, Royal Selected Masons of Battle Creek; the Hastings Commandery No. 56 Knights Templar; and was a member of the Nashville Independent Baptist Church.

He was born Feb. 2, 1891, the son of Frank and Elizabeth (Bullen) McDerby. On July 19, 1923 he married Bertha Huwe, who died in 1947. He served overseas in World War 1.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Wallace (Margaret) Bowden of Lansing; one grandson; one brother, Dent W. McDerby of British Columbia, and one sister, Mrs. David (Clara) Myers of Hammond, Ind.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday from the Otto Funeral Home in Nashville, with the Rev. Howard Sugden of South Baptist Church of Lansing officiating. Burial will be in Lakeview cemetery in Nashville where graveside services will be conducted by Nashville Lodge No. 255.

Abraham Lincoln was once offered the governorship of Oregon.

HOWELL A. VAN AUKEN

came to Washington in 1911. Besides serving ten years as superintendent, he was a number of years Conference Evangelist. He was active in promoting Seattle Pacific College, and chairman of the board, or treasurer, of Seattle Olive Branch Mission. He was always active in evangelism for Christ. Because of his vision, leadership and love for the ministry, he was known as the Dean of the Washington Conference. His last years, though filled with much suffering, were characterized by great spiritual blessing. He was called Home January 19, 1958, leaving his wife, two sons, Eldon A. and DeVoist, one brother, three sisters, six grandchildren, and sixteen great-grandchildren. Funeral conducted by C. Dorr Demaray, assisted by C. H. Watson, F. B. Lewis and the writer.

BURTON T. ROOT.

## Clare Murphy Dies

Clare Murphy, age 80, of McAllen, Texas passed away Feb. 17 after a lingering illness. The funeral was held Feb. 19 in Teras.

Mr. Murphy spent his early life south of Sunfield, moving to Texas a number of years ago. His wife passed away a year ago.

Surviving are two brothers, Guy and James Elba of Sunfield township; one sister, Mrs. Frank Bair of Lake Odessa and several nieces and nephews.

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