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Ford's Widow Dies Of Heart Ailment

Faith in Husband's Genius Brought Her Renown



MRS. HENRY FORD

Duties as presiding officer

Rule 4. The speaker of the house shall have adjournment except in the absence of the speaker as prescribed by these rules.

Rule 5. He shall preside over the assembly, rising from his seat for the purpose of an appeal to the speaker shall name the

Appointments by the speaker

Rule 6. He shall appoint the following: 1. tax assessors and means commit- 5 assistant sergeants-at- 2 cloak room keepers. 2 subject to his orders to perform the duties assigned forthwith to the house, speaker's messenger, and messengers made by the speaker the Journal. The speaker shall assign such representatives of all representatives of the press desk that is not at shall assign such representatives provide each correspondent and signed by the speaker of the press at the session speaker who shall refer shall state in writing the associations by which the more than one desk.

Naming of acting speaker

Rule 7. He may, by a member to perform the duties of the speaker for one day without leave of absence.

Naming of chairman committee

Rule 8. When the house is in session, he shall name a chairman of each committee.

Voting

Rule 9. He shall vote on all questions, and on all questions of order.

Putting the question

Rule 10. He shall determine the question as are in favor of (as the voice is expressed, "as many ayes as noes") or he may order a division.

DETROIT, Sept. 29 (AP) Mrs. Henry Ford, widow of the world-famed automobile pioneer, died early today at the age of 84.

The farmer's daughter who came to great wealth and renown through her husband's genius and her faith in his work was the victim of a heart ailment.

She died at 2 a. m. (EST) in Henry Ford hospital. A family spokesman said the cause of death was acute coronary occlusion.

For some time Mrs. Ford had been troubled with a heart condition and in recent months she had twice visited the hospital.

On each occasion she had returned to the Ford estate, "Fairlane," in suburban Dearborn and continued active in her household and rose garden.

Yesterday she entered the hospital for the last time. Only a few persons close to the family knew that her condition had again worsened.

Wed 60 Years

Clara Bryant Ford and Henry Ford spent 60 years of wedded life together until the husband's death in 1947.

Over the six decades they were known as a devoted couple. It was said of Mrs. Ford that she was constantly at her husband's side as an advisor and helpmate from the time of his early days in a small machine shop until he became world-famous.

Their only son, Edsel, died in 1943. At that time he was president of the Ford Motor company as successor to his father. The elder Ford had then retired.

Ford, who always credited Clara with much responsibility for his accomplishments, called his wife "the

believer." He used to say that she never doubted his ultimate success in the original lean days when he worked day and night at his mechanics.

Each, as it turned out, had the same span of life—84 years. Ford was that age when he died in the spring of 1947.

Despite her heart condition, Mrs. Ford refused to give up all her activities.

Only this summer a group of flower-lovers visited her beautiful rose garden at "Fairlane" and Mrs. Ford was on hand to show the guests about and talk of this and that.

Mrs. Ford, one of 10 children of a pioneer Michigan farmer, was born in southern Michigan April 11, 1866. She met Henry when she was 18. Three years later they married. Ford was then 25.

Their marriage was often pointed to as an example of a couple's trust and faith.

Wanted 'Same Wife'

Ford, a believer in reincarnation, once was asked by an interviewer what form he would prefer if he were to return to earth.

"I don't know, but I'd want the same wife," he said.

Mrs. Ford never was given much to public appearances. She preferred to live in quiet.

However, friends referred to her with fondness.

One was the Association Press' veteran automotive editor, David J. Wilkie.

Wilkie, who was a confidante of the family, wrote of Mrs. Ford that she was a "kindly, quiet-spoken woman" and that she and her husband idolized each other.