

Dies Tuesday



DR. JOHN HENRY AHRENS

Dr. Ahrens, 75, of 2376 N. Cedar st., Holt, died at a local hospital Tuesday morning. He was born March 25, 1875, in Delhi township, Ingham county. He was a member of the Methodist church and of F. & A. M. McMillan lodge at Newberry. He has been a practicing dentist for 57 years, retiring four years ago. He started practice at Newberry, later going to Grand Rapids and then to Lansing where he had an office for many years.

Surviving are the widow, Grace; a son, Grant Ahrens, and two grandchildren, all of Holt; two brothers, Wallace of Holt and Walter of Free-land, and one sister, Mrs. Mahalah Keller of Holt. Funeral services will be held from the Gorsline-Runciman funeral home. Arrangements will be announced later.

Mrs. Edith E. Sprague

Mrs. Edith E. Sprague, 78, of Chester township, died Monday at the Hayes-Green-Beach hospital where she had been a patient for the past 10 weeks. She was born Dec. 10, 1871, in Chester township, the daughter of Henry and Hannah Wells Prindle. She was a lifelong resident of Chester township and the widow of Del Sprague, who died March 22, 1940. She was a member of the West Chester Extension club and the Progressive Birthday club. For many years she served as correspondent in her neighborhood

for the Tribune and later in the early days of the R-T. Mrs. Sprague was a leader and took an interest in all matters having to do with civic and cultural advancement. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Ruby Phillips of Chester township and a son, Gale Sprague, of Birmingham. Funeral services were held Wednesday from the Pray funeral home. Rev. Marjorie Hawkins officiating. Burial in Gresham cemetery.

Earl A. French

Earl A. French, 74, a retired New York Central railroad shipping clerk, died Sunday afternoon at his home in Eaton township. He was born Aug. 3, 1876, in Vermontville township, a son of J. W. and Calista (Williams) French, and had been a lifelong resident of Eaton county. On Feb. 22, 1918, he married Helen Beaton, who survives. Other survivors are six daughters, Mrs. Fern Hill of Charlotte, Mrs. Wilda Arnold of Perry, Mrs. Elaine Cheney and Mrs. Shirley Walter of Lansing and Miss Donna French and Miss Marjory French, at home; three sisters, Mrs. C. L. G. Ackerson of Lansing, Mrs. Grace Dilley of Moline and Mrs. Nellie Stevens of San Diego, Calif., and five brothers, Roy of DaPiere, Wis., Carl of Bitely, Vern of Lansing, Paul of Vermontville and Benjamin of Oklahoma. Services were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday at the Pray funeral home, with the Rev. Marjorie Hawkins officiating. Burial in Maple Hill cemetery.

Ernest W. Wright

Ernest W. Wright, 58, died at the Pennock hospital, Hastings, Monday morning, August 21st, following a long illness. He was born in Sunfield township, November 8, 1891, the son of Nellie and Burdette Wright, and had spent his entire life in that community.

Survivors are his wife, Nellie G., and two sons, William D. and Richard B. Wright, three grandsons and one grand-daughter, one sister, Mrs. Arthur Dow, and a brother, Ralph Wright, all of the same vicinity.

Funeral services were held Thursday at the Mapes funeral home in Sunfield. Rev. George E. Whiteman officiating, with burial in the Sunfield cemetery. Casket bearers were Carroll Benedict, Donald Gaedart, Vernon McDonald, Lloyd Steward, Donald Collier and Floyd Gearhart.