

Always interested in athletics, Mr. Wilcox organized and managed a number of baseball teams in Lansing some years ago and was well known in Central Michigan baseball circles.

In addition, he had compiled over a long period of years what is probably one of the most complete scrapbooks in existence on the Western Conference. The scrapbooks are made up of pictures and news stories on Big Nine and Big Ten teams from 1926 up to the time of his death.

A member of the Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Mr. Wilcox is survived by the wife, Irene; three sons, Harry of the Plant No. 1 Engineering Department, and Raymond of the Plant No. 2 Engineering Department, and Lyle; a brother, Clark Wilcox of Wisconsin; a sister, Mrs. Mina Canfield of Lansing; and two grandchildren.

Pallbearers, all fellow employees at Motor Wheel, were Floyd Crosby, Charles Perfitt, Kenneth James, Arnold DeFeyer, Benjamin Hayes and Ora Brouillet.



WILLIAM A. COMSTOCK.

highest office in the state when the Democratic landslide swept him into office in 1932.

Previously he had been the party's unsuccessful standard-bearer in 1926, 1928 and 1930—years when the Democratic vote in Michigan was extremely small.

Supported Wilkie.

He deserted the Democratic party to support Republican Wendell Wilkie in his bid for the presidency in 1940.

The Comstock administration was marked by an eight-day holiday declared by the governor well in advance of the national holiday.

After he retired from state politics, he was elected four times to Detroit's common (city) council on a nonpartisan ticket. He held that office at the time of his death.

Funeral services will be held in the Trinity Episcopal church here. Burial will be in the family plot in Evergreen cemetery.

Besides his wife and son, Comstock leaves a sister.

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(Special to The State Journal)
Earl Hoffman

NASHVILLE, Aug. 15—Earl Hoffman, 53, died Sunday at Percy Jones hospital, Battle Creek, where he was taken three weeks ago. He was a lifelong resident of Nashville and had been in the plumbing business here since 1942. Besides the widow, Ethel, he leaves one son, Kenneth; his mother, Mrs. Grave Hoffman; one brother, Eber, of Nashville; one sister, Mrs. Erma Aspinall of Hickory Corners, and two stepdaughters, Mrs. Montell Dull of Morgan and Mrs. Lelia of Battle Creek. Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p. m. from the Hess funeral home. Rev. Harold Krieg of Vicksburg will officiate and burial will be in Lakeview cemetery, Nashville.

Death Takes Ex-Governor

William A. Comstock, 71, Dies of Stroke

Alpena—(P)—William A. Comstock, 71, Michigan's depression governor, died Thursday night.

Mr. Comstock had been critically ill since May 25, when he suffered a stroke while vacationing near his home here. He was brought to Alpena General hospital.

When death came at 10 p. m., the former governor's wife, Josephine, and his son, William Comstock III, were at his hospital bedside.

Mr. Comstock, son of David Comstock, one of northern Michigan's early lumber barons, rose to the

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