

Word was received here last Friday of the death of Clifford C. Ward, 65 years old, former publisher and editor of the Charlotte Tribune, who passed away at Sierra Madre, California, where he had published the Sierra Madre News since 1944. Last week the R-T announced his retirement as active publisher of the News because of illness. Sierra Madre is a city at the edge of the mountains in Angeles national forest, 16 miles northeast of Los Angeles, a few miles south of Mt. Wilson observatory, and about four miles from San Marino, where little Kathy Fiscus met death in a deep well tube into which she had fallen.

Mr. Ward was the son of Fred T. and Kate E. Ward. His father was connected with the Hillsdale Standard and previously a partner in the Allegan Journal, in both of which his mother conducted women's departments similar to the Good Cheer department in the Tribune, of which she had charge in later years. Before coming to Charlotte, Mr. Ward ran on a state republican ticket as candidate for presidential elector and received over one-third of a million votes, a plurality of 160,000 over his democratic opponent and a majority over all of 129,330. He was younger than any other candidate for the position ever elected in this state.

He was president of the 1902 graduating class of Hillsdale college, held the record in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic association for one and two-mile runs and pole vault, was captain and center of the college's basketball team, president of the Amphictyon Literary society, grand reporter of the Knights of Honor of Michigan past commander of Knights of Pythias, finance keeper of K.O.T.M.M., and was taking degrees in the Masonic Commandery, Knight Templar.

The Tribune was established August 15, 1887, with William E. Richardson as publisher and F. M. Potter as editor. Shortly afterward it was a member of the Schubert and his wife, Mrs. Belle M. Perry. Their son-in-law, E. E. Nies, was taken in as a partner under the firm name of Perry & Nies. Nearly 40 years later, March 14, 1910, Mr. Ward, who owned the Hillsdale Standard, having disposed of it to be merged with the Hillsdale Democrat, came to Charlotte and purchased the Perry interest in the Tribune and the firm became Ward & Nies, the Perrys retiring from management and control after a period of more than 22 years. Later on, the Nies interest was acquired, and Mr. Ward and his mother were the proprietors of the paper for nearly 19 years when on December 10, 1928, the Republican purchased

the Leader and the Tribune and Tribune building and consolidated the three weeklies into the Republican-Tribune.

While here, the Wards were prominent in society and became widely known in musical circles. Mrs. Ward, a violin soloist, gave instruction on that instrument. Mr. Ward had talent as a vocalist and was a member of the Charlotte Male Quartet, which was a leading attraction everywhere in this locality for a score of years and included Frank Wilber, Charles H. Carrick and Clyde A. Fulton. He also was a member of the Schubert Club, organized by J. Jans Helder of Grand Rapids. Their children, Peter, now managing editor of their paper, and Elsie Anne, were born in Charlotte.

Leaving the city, Mr. Ward became connected with the travel department of the Detroit Times for awhile, published the paper at Compton, south of Los Angeles, then returned to Michigan and published the River Rouge Herald and also acquired the Legal Herald of Detroit. In 1944 he purchased the Sierra Madre News.

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### DIED IN HOSPITAL

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Pray chapel by the Rev. A. D. McLachlan, assisted by the Rev. A. Hoffman, for Mrs. Belle Hawkins, 83, of Charlotte, who died Saturday evening at the Hayes-Green-Beach hospital following several months' illness. She was born March 11, 1866, in Walton township, the daughter of David and Elizabeth Claus. She was a member of the Free Methodist church and the widow of Harvey Hawkins, who died in 1939. Surviving are two step-sons, Ray Hawkins of Vermontville and Hector Hawkins of Lansing and a foster-son, John Myers of Charlotte. Burial was in Bosworth cemetery.

### Funerals

**Raymond DeVlieger**  
Funeral services for Raymond DeVlieger, 62, of 1911 John st., who died Tuesday, will be held from St. Mary cathedral at 10 a. m. Friday. Rev. A. Thomas Fitzgerald will officiate. Interment will be in Evergreen cemetery. Pallbearers will be Camiel Bussche, Alfred Vermeersch, Adolph Hurteke, Morrice Bussche, Maurice Lessens and Paul Wullaert. Prayers will be said at the Carolina-Europian funeral home.

**George W. Boyles**  
CHARLOTTE, June 14 — George W. Boyles, 79, a retired farmer of Carmel township died Monday at the Maier convalescent home here. He was born Sept. 19, 1869, in Carmel township, where he was a lifelong resident and was the son of Richard and Mary Boyles. Surviving are two sons, Elbert of Carmel township and Irvin of Milwaukee, Wis.; a daughter, Mrs. Marie Cook of Chester township, and a brother, John Boyles of Tonkawa, Okla. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p. m. from the Pray funeral home. Rev. F. J. VanDyk will officiate. Burial will be in Millersburg cemetery, Carmel township.

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