

# W. Scott Munn, Historian Of Eaton Rapids, Dies

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EATON RAPIDS, Dec. 15—W. Scott Munn, 81, well known Michigan band leader and prominent



Munn is dead. Mr. Munn died unexpectedly at his home, 110 E. Knight st., Saturday of a heart ailment. Born in Wisconsin, he came to Eaton Rapids with his parents at the age of two years. He had played in the local band since he was eight years of age, and had led it since he was 18. It was known all over the state as Munn's band.

The weekly concerts held on Island park each summer for more than 60 years attracted people from a wide area.

It had been a lifelong dream of Mr. Munn's to see a band shell built on the island.

Mr. Munn served in the Eaton Rapids post office for 52 years, and at the time of his retirement in 1941, was assistant postmaster. He then served three three-year terms as city commissioner, completing his last term in 1951.

One of his latest accomplishments was the recent publication of his book, "The Only Eaton Rap-

ids on Earth." Mr. Munn spent several years in compiling the necessary information for his book.

He was a life member of all degrees of Masonry, including the Knights Templar and the 32nd degree. He was an official of Saladan Temple in Charlotte and hospitaler of the Charlotte Knights Templar. Mr. Munn also had held offices in the Royal Arch Masons, Eaton Rapids F. and A. M., and Eaton Rapids O. E. S. He also was a charter member of the Eaton Rapids Kiwanis club with 29 years of perfect attendance, and was past lieutenant governor of Michigan district Kiwanis.

Surviving are the widow, Bertha, and a sister, Miss Lena Munn of Alma.

Funeral services will be held at the Eaton Rapids Methodist church at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday. Officiating will be Rev. Eaden Davis of the Michigan Avenue Methodist church in Eaton Rapids, Rev. Ernest Kelford, retired Baptist minister of Eaton Rapids, and Rev. Ralph Witmer, present minister of the Methodist church. Mrs. Ortha Cosgray will sing and Mrs. Lillian Gillett will be at the organ.

The Knights Templar will conduct the service at the grave in Rose Hill cemetery. Munn's band will attend the funeral services and will accompany the body to the cemetery, where they will play in final tribute to the great leader.

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**Funeral was Held Tuesday with Charlotte Commandery Knights Templar in Charge**

W. Scott Munn, 81, one of the best-known and highly-esteemed citizens of Eaton County died Saturday evening at his home in Eaton Rapids. He had suffered a heart attack about dusk, his second in as many days, and died before his doctor could reach his home. He is survived by his wife, Bertha Wagner Munn. The funeral was held at the Eaton Rapids Methodist church Tuesday afternoon with Charlotte Commandery Knights Templar in

charge of the service. In addition to his long service as head of the Eaton Rapids band carrying his name Mr. Munn served 42 years in the Eaton Rapids post office, much of the time as assistant postmaster under a half dozen postmasters and was a three-term member of the City Commission. Perhaps his greatest satisfaction was the acclaim given his recent history of Eaton Rapids, which volume, "The Only Eaton Rapids On Earth," was a sellout.