



PERRY HAYDEN

**Man Who Started
Wheat Tithing at
Tecumseh Dies**

ANN ARBOR, March 18 (AP) — Perry Hayden, 53, president of the Hayden Milling company, at Tecumseh, died today at St. Joseph hospital.

He had been ill two years with a heart disease.

Hayden gained national recognition in 1940 when he began a wheat tithing project that attracted nationwide attention. With the endorsement of Henry Ford, Hayden planted one cubic inch of wheat (360 kernels) and vowed to give 10 percent of each year's harvest to a Tecumseh church.

The project had to be divided among farmers in the community six years later when the wheat covered 2,666 acres and produced 72,150 bushels.

Hayden was a prohibition candidate for governor of Michigan in 1950, lieutenant governor in 1948 and member to the state board in 1947.

**Tithe Idea's
Originator at
Hayden Rites**

ANN ARBOR, March 19 (AP) —

One of the mourners and officials at Perry Hayden's funeral services today was none other than the man from India who gave him his tithe idea.

Rev. Clifton Robinson, Indian missionary, was in Hayden's home town of Tecumseh at the latter's death yesterday. Rev. Robinson accepted an invitation to assist at the services at Tecumseh Friends church.

Hayden, 53, gained a modest fame, with the help of Henry Ford, by wheat plantings from which he contributed specific part to the church.

Hayden got the idea 14 years ago when hearing Rev. Robinson recite the Biblical story of wheat tithing as a guest speaker at the Tecumseh Friends church.

**Motor Wheel Man
Succumbs Saturday**

**Rites to Be Held Tuesday
For Benjamin P. Sharkey**

Benjamin P. Sharkey, 55, superintendent of stores at Motor Wheel corporation, died of a heart attack Saturday night at

at a local hospital. Ill for several months, Mr. Sharkey was stricken at the home, 721 N. Foster ave., and was removed to the hospital, where he died a short time later. A native of Schenectady, N. Y., Mr. Sharkey had been



employed for 28 years at Motor Wheel corporation. He came to Lansing in 1921. A veteran of World War I, Mr. Sharkey was a member of Morley S. Oates Post 701, V. F. W. He also was a member of Resurrection church and the church's Holy Name society.

He is survived by the widow, Mary Ida; two sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Branchard of Lansing and Mrs. Catherine Taylor of South Bend, Ind., and a brother, Henry M. Sharkey of Jackson.

The body was removed to the Gorsline-Runciman funeral home, where prayers are to be said at 7:30 p. m. Monday. Funeral services will be held at 9 a. m. Tuesday at Resurrection church, Msgr. John Gabriel to officiate. Burial will be in St. Joseph cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Nate Frey, M. E. Lynde, L. R. Ramsdill, Charles Bellows, Fred Lindow and Harry E. Beckley. Honorary pallbearers will be J. E. Garlent, J. A. Watson, Stanley Johnson, John Withrow, Carol Pfeifer, Joseph Henry, M. F. Cotes and A. J. O'Brien.