

Authority On Guns Succumbs

NASHVILLE — Services for Carl Sparks Sr., 69, R. 1, Nashville, were held Thursday afternoon at the Leonard-Osgood Funeral Home in Hastings.

Mr. Sparks suffered an apparent heart attack Monday afternoon at the residence, and died enroute to a Hastings hospital. He had been in ill health the past year.

An antique dealer and considered an authority on old guns, Mr. Sparks and his wife operated an antique shop at Thornapple Lake, five miles west of Nashville, where they had lived since 1938.

Born in Carlton Center, he came to Nashville as a child and attended schools at Carlton Center and Nashville. On March 27, 1916, he was married to Frances Trecah. The couple lived in Swartz Creek, Ionia and Clarksville before moving to Thornapple Lake.

Besides the wife, he is survived by two sons, Harry Grand Blanc and Carl Jr. Hastings, and a grandson.

Burial was in Lakeview cemetery, Nashville.

Claton County Deans

Clarence W. Neff

Clarence W. Neff, 87, auto pioneer and philanthropist died Wednesday at his rural Grand Ledge home. Neff, who used a fifth-grade education and determination to compile a Henry Ford success story, gave \$150,000 to build the Grand Ledge Clarence W. Neff elementary school and gave \$50,000 for construction of the Christian Science Church, Grand Ledge. He retired in 1943, after 39 years in the automotive industry where he moved from machinist to several executive positions with the General Motors Corporation. He resided on his 515-acre farm, R. 1, Grand Ledge, since his retirement. His wife, Clara, died in 1957. He is survived by a brother, Frank, of New York. Services were held at the Peters-Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, 2 p.m., Friday. Masonic graveside services were held at the Oakwood cemetery, Grand Ledge.

Taken by Death

The Rev. James R. Meadows, PUBLI 82, of Decatur, Ind., a former Michigan newspaper publisher

and founder of the Victory Prayer Band, passed away January 3 at the Adams County Memorial Hospital in Indiana. Meadows had been ill with cancer for the past two years. He had continued work with the Prayer Band from his home.

Meadows owned and operated a newspaper at Woodland. He moved to Decatur, Ind. in November of 1946 where he worked as a printer for the Daily Democrat until 1957 when he retired. As a young boy he learned the printer's trade at the Sunfield Sentinel.

Born in Sunfield, Mich., June 12, 1882, he was a son of Walker and Frances (Cheal) Meadows. He was a member of the United Brethren in Christ Church at Woodland.

Surviving are his wife, Edith, to whom he married in Huntington, Ind. March 17, 1928; three sons, William Meadows of Richmond, Va., J. P. Meadows of Falls Church, Va., and Louis Meadows of Fort Worth, Tex.; one daughter, Mrs Lucy Smith of Fort Worth, Tex.; 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Rev. Clyden Meadows of Huntington, Ind., and Mark Meadows of Kentucky; and two sisters, Mrs. Frances Gearhart and Mrs. Viola Bryant, both of Woodland.

Funeral rites were held at the Woodland United Brethren Church and conducted by the Rev. Vern Beardsley of Lake Ossa. Burial at Woodland Cemetery.

Marriage Announcement

Mrs Clara Wies of Farmington announce the marriage of her daughter, Miss Beverly Wies, to Mr Roy Krueger on December 27. They are at home in Shateau Chambord, Apt. 116, 22307 La Seine Street, Southfield, Michigan.

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