

121	88	129	557	1	367	353	121
538	404	552	107	27	104	103	538
792	623	809	164	5	180	211	792
324	243	333	1	1	37	211	324
247	207	250	3	3	37	221	247
221	173	226	1	1	47	90	221
4,102	3,219	4,212	76	1	803	4,102	4,102
353	272	371	1	1	80	353	353
103	81	104	1	1	66	103	103
211	144	222	1	1	22	211	211
90	43	222	1	1	22	90	90



DRURY L. PORTER

D.L. Porter Dies at 80

Wheel Firm Pioneer Succumbs at Home

Drury L. Porter, 80, of 1485 Cambridge Road, a founder of Motor Wheel Corp. and former owner of the Porter Hotel, died early Wednesday at the residence, after a long illness.

Mr. Porter, retired vice president of Motor Wheel, was one of the three original incorporators when the firm was formed Jan. 17, 1920.

The formation resulted from a merger of Mr. Porter's Auto Wheel Co., the Prudden Wheel Co., and the Gier Pressed Steel Co.

Mr. Porter, and two other local automotive pioneers who, like himself, were nationally known, combined forces to effect the merger. They were the late Harry F. Harper of Prudden Wheel, and the late B. S. Gier of Gier Pressed Steel.

BEGAN AT AUTO WHEEL

The business career of Mr. Porter began with Auto Wheel in 1910 when he became sales manager of the company. In 1917 he was named general manager, a post he held until the merger of the three firms.

Mr. Porter retired as vice president of Motor Wheel, July 1, 1952 and retired as a director, April 28, 1954.

He formerly was owner of the Porter Hotel (now the Capitol Park Motor Hotel).

Mr. Porter was the son of Edgar Seth Porter and Marietta (Storey)

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Porter. The senior Porter was a partner in a local grocery and later in the Lansing Spoke Co., which became the Auto Wheel Co., of which Drury Porter became sales manager, secretary-treasurer and then general manager. He was serving in the latter position at the time of the Motor Wheel merger in 1920.

Mr. Porter resided at the old family home, 215 N. Capitol Ave., many years, prior to moving to the Porter Hotel and, about 23 years ago, to his Cambridge Road location.

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He was graduated from Lansing High School and attended Michigan Agricultural College, from which he received a distinguished alumnus award in connection with the 1955 MSU centennial. He played in the MAC band as an undergraduate.

Mr. Porter's affiliations included Plymouth Congregational Church, City Club, Lansing Auto Club, Country Club of Lansing, and Masonic orders.

He is survived by his widow, Jane; and two cousins, James B. Porter of Lansing and Mrs. J. Armand Person of Bath.

Services will be held Friday at 2:30 p.m. at the Estes-Leadley Colonial Chapel, with Dr. Alfred Gray of Plymouth Congregational Church officiating.

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