

# Ray Welch, Local Businessman Taken by Death New Year's Day

Taken with a heart attack on New Year's day, Ray Welch of 103 Jackson street, passed away at his home Saturday evening, January 1st., at the age of 65. He was a life time resident of the Sunfield area and operated the Welch Hardware and Implement store for 34 years.

Ray Welch, the son of Perry and Lucy Welch, was born October 26, 1889 in Sunfield township. On May 18, 1911 he married Myrtie Lovell.

Mr. Welch was a captain in the Sunfield fire department at the time of his death and at one time had served as chief of the department. He also served a number of years as a member of the village council and was a member of the Sunfield Lion's club. At one time he operated an automobile agency here.

Surviving besides the widow, Myrtie; one son, Perry, of Sunfield; two daughters, Mrs. Lois Willson, Sunfield, and Mrs. Eu-

lalie Bosworth, Mulliken; seven grandchildren, and five sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Stedman, of Sunfield, Mrs. Lucy Stockford, Lake Odessa, Mrs. Hazel Crawford, Grand Rapids, Mrs. Helen Henerlite, Lansing, and Mrs. Ethel Martin of Dallas, Texas, also several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Mapes Funeral home. Rev. Ted Gandy and Rev. Robert Carson officiated with Carol Huizenga at the chapel organ. Interment was made in Welch cemetery.

Pallbearers were Carroll McWhorter, Harold Hanna, George Coppess, Leland Frantz, John Sayer and Fred Van Antwerp.

## Sunfield Merchant Dies Unexpectedly

### Services for Ray Welch To Be Held Tuesday

(Special to The State Journal)

SUNFIELD, Jan. 3—Ray Welch, 65, prominent Sunfield businessman, died unexpectedly Saturday at his home in Sunfield. He was born and had lived all his life in the Sunfield area, where he operated a hardware and implement store for 34 years. Prior to that he was an automobile dealer in Sunfield.

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Crawford, Grand Rapids, Mrs. Ethel Martin, Dallas, Tex., Mrs. Helen Henerlite, Lansing, and Mrs. Lucy Stockford, Lake Odessa.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. from the Mapes funeral home, Sunfield, with Rev. Ted Gandy of the Sunfield Church of the Brethren officiating. Burial will be in Welch cemetery, Sunfield.

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