

Leader Dies Of Hastings

M. L. Cook Formerly Published Paper

Hastings—Marshall L. Cook, 96, of Hastings, died Thursday at a hotel in Florida.

An active resident and benefactor of Hastings since 1863, Mr. Cook was affectionately known among his townsmen as "the grand old man."

He published the Hastings Banner for many years and also was an industrialist. He was secretary-treasurer of International Seal & Lock Co., director of Viking corporation and at the time of his death was chairman of the board of Hastings City bank.

He also was close to civic affairs, having been instrumental in bringing industry to Hastings.

Bought Paper in 1880.

He became associated in newspaper work July 15, 1880, when he and the late George E. Bowers purchase the Banner from George M. Dewey, grandfather of Thomas E. Dewey, former New York governor.

In 1882 Mr. Cook became sole

owner and later, in 1887, sold a half interest in the paper to his brother-in-law, A. D. Knisker. In 1891 his brother, W. R. Cook bought Kniskern's share and the Cook brothers continued publication of the paper until 1920, when W. R. Cook's son, Richard M., acquired part interest and later became sole owner.

Was Charter Member.

Mr. Cook was a charter member of the Hastings Rotary club. In 1947 he was presented the local Rotary club's Red Rose citation for his outstanding contributions to Hastings. He was a charter member of the Hastings Commercial club, now the Chamber of Commerce, and a life member of the Hastings Masonic lodge and the Order of Eastern Star.

He was a member of the Barry lodge, Knights of Pythias; Hastings chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and the Hastings council, Royal and Select Masons.

College Trustee.

Mr. Cook attended Albion college and later became a trustee of the school for six years. He also was a member of the first graduating class (1877) of Hastings High school and attended most of the Alumni association banquets.

A member of the Hastings Methodist church, in which he took an active interest, serving as a trustee for 50 years and a Sunday school teacher.

He was born Aug. 12, 1858, the son of David R. and Martha Cook.

The body is being sent to the Leonard funeral home here.

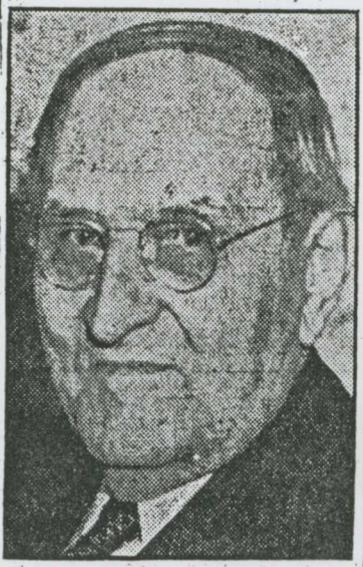
Last Rites Held For Two

Funeral services were held recently for two Motor Wheel employes. They were Charles E. (Bill) Wilkinson and Roland C. Newcomb.



Mr. Wilkinson

Mr. Wilkinson, 64, had worked at Motor Wheel since December 16, 1920. For many years he worked in the Automotive Division production office and then for some time was a time study man.



MARSHALL L. COOK.

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