

JOHN LIGNIAN DIES SUDDENLY THURSDAY

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JOHN LIGNIAN

IN MEMORIAM

The passing of John Lignian, ends an era of Olivet. John was one of the strongest boosters that the town had and he had been in such a capacity since he came to live here in April of 1913.

We had known John for many years, his true colors, his honesty, his devotion to his Optic, his town, his church and to Olivet college. He never missed a chance either by printed or spoken word to extoll the good things of this community. He was, we think, the Chamber of Commerce before one was formed here.

We also know many things that he did without publicity or fanfare, that was to help this town. In a very quiet way he figured things out, and then went ahead and got these things done, with only one thought in mind "It will help Olivet."

John worked hard, and his family went right along with him, to

make his paper recognized and an organ in the community. He had principles that he adhered to and these principles were also before him, not only in mind but on his big desk and pinned on the walls of his private office. They were good principles and they are still there to let all know what is right and what is wrong in journalism.

We went to Press meetings with John and he knew many people in his field and they knew him for his good journalism and respected his opinions.

John retired about a year ago, but would stop in the office to give us a few pointers or good advice, never butting in but just sound knowledge, that he knew was right.

The world goes on and it is a busy and tumultuous world, but the deeds that men do live after them, and so it is with the passing of ours, yours and Olivet's fine friend, John Lignian. He will be missed but he had a job to do and it was well done.

John Lignian, 72, owner and publisher of the Olivet Optic for 41 years and Potterville News since 1929, died suddenly Thursday, September 22 at 7 p. m. while attending a church supper at the Olivet Congregational church. Death was due to a coronary attack. Mr. Lignian had suffered a similar attack on April 26, and was hospitalized for nearly a month at that time. He had however been around since then and was driving his car and making visits on his old friends.

He was born at Kingsley, Michigan on June 30, 1883, the son of Martin and Emma (Frost) Lignian. He moved to Ann Arbor with his parents and graduated from the high school there. He played quarterback on the state championship football team there.

After graduating from the University of Michigan he went to Chi-

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