

Monroe City, Mo., July 12.—Last rites for A. L. Manning, resident of this city, who died in Levering hospital at Hannibal, at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon were held from the Christian church in this city at 1:30 p. m. today. July 16, 1937. Rev. Beryl Kinser, pastor of the local church conducted the services. Following the services the funeral cortège left for Bethel, north of Clarence, where short services and burial were held.

A son of W. S. and Nancy P. Manning, Albert LaCount Manning was born on April 10, 1867 in Georgetown, Ky. His early life was spent in Kentucky and in 1883 he came to Missouri and located in the Warren community north of this city. He later moved to Shelbyville, where he spent several years and later made his home in Macon. In 1927 he returned to this community and has made his home in this city since that time.

Mr. Manning was twice married. His first marriage was to Miss Martha C. Hollyman on February 13, 1889. She died in 1918 and on October 18, 1927 he married Mrs. Mary Smith who survives.

In 1885 he united with the Warren Christian church and since that time had remained faithful to its doctrine and teachings.

Besides his wife he is survived by his three children, Frank Manning of Clarence, Mo.; Wilbur Manning and Mrs. W. P. Baker, of Atlanta, Mo.; seven grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Ina Mapes, of Santa Rosa, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews. One son, Albert R. Manning, and a daughter, Ruby Manning, preceded their father in death.

Mr. Manning had been in ill health for several years and underwent a major operation in Levering hospital last Thursday morning. Bethel - Macon Co., Mo.

George E. Palmer Dies

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George E. Palmer, formerly a resident of Clarence, passed away Friday, August 5 at Eldorado Springs, Mo. Death was caused by tuberculosis, with which he had been affected for the past several years.

Mr. Palmer was born near Clarence about fifty years ago, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Palmer. On August 19, 1920 he was united in marriage to Miss Amy Edna Clark at Kansas City, Mo. They made their home in Clarence until November, 1929 when they moved to Eldorado Springs. His wife preceded him in death about three years ago.

During the World War Mr. Palmer was the first man in Clarence who voluntarily offered his services and was accepted. He served overseas for eighteen months. He was a member of the Christian church.

One brother, Will A. Palmer, of Great Falls, Mont., survives.

Funeral services were held at Eldorado Springs at 2:30 Tuesday. Burial was in the cemetery there.

ANNA BELSHER DIMITT SUCCUMBS

Mrs. Anna Belsher Dimmitt, for many years owner of a large dry goods business in Clarence, passed away at 5:00 p. m. Sunday, August 14, in San Antonio, Texas. She was about seventy-two years of age and had been ill for the past month. Death was caused by diabetes.

Mrs. Dimmitt was born and reared in Callao, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Salter. After her first marriage to Charles Belsher, of Macon, the couple came to Clarence where they resided for a number of years. After Mr. Belsher's death she married Marvin Dimmitt, of Clarence, and moved to Texas a few years later. Two brothers, living in Callao, survive. Burial was in San Antonio Tuesday.

Death of Judge

Rufus Farrell

Judge Rufus Farrell, for many years a prominent resident of Clarence, passed away Monday, Jan. 9, at his home in Liberal, Kansas, where he was buried.

Judge Farrell was born on March 26, 1850, in Madison, Monroe county, Mo., the son of John and Mary Ann Grove Farrell. He was educated in a private school at Clarence, under the management and instruction of Prof. Johnson. After leaving school he was associated with his uncle, James M. Farrell, six years in extensive farming operations, and at the end of that period he went to St. Louis and took up the live stock commission business in partnership with Metcalf, Moore & Co., and this occupied him until 1879. In that year he changed his plans and took charge of the Commercial Hotel at Moberly, Mo., and carried it on until 1882. Tiring of the life of a publican by that time he sold out in that year and returned to farming on 120 acres of his father's old place in Shelby county. He continued his activity in this line of endeavor and the allied ones of raising-feeding live stock and shipping hogs and cattle to the markets for 15 years until 1879, when he took up his residence in Clarence and gave his attention to the grain elevator and stock business in association with the late J. B. Shale. This business connection lasted until 1902, when Mr. Farrell was elected district judge. He served a term of four years and at the end of that, in 1906, he was chosen presiding judge of Shelby county.

Judge Farrell was first married in 1871 to Miss Florence Martin of this county. One child was born to them in 1872 and died in 1874. Mrs. Farrell passed away in 1875. On November 4, 1883, the Judge contracted a second marriage, being united on this occasion to Miss Bettie Wright, a resident of Maud, Mo. Ten children were born to them, all of whom are living with the exception of one, Madge. They are: Ruby, the wife of Dr. S. J. Miller, of Liberal, Kans.; Gentry, a resident of Tulsa, Okla.; Una May, wife of Earl Ray, Louisiana, Mo.; Blanche, of San Francisco, Calif.; John W., of Detroit, Mich.; Maurine, of Portland, Ore.; Manuel, of Liberal, Kans.; Juanita, of Liberal, Kans.; and Elizabeth, of Liberal, Kans. Miss Betty Graves, of Detroit, Mich., and John R. Graves, of Clarence, are among his grandchildren who survive.

Judge Farrell was a Democrat in his faith and allegiance but after his accession to the bench he was not an active partisan. Outside of political considerations, however, he took a great and helpful interest in public affairs and was always very energetic and progressive with reference to local improvements and everything involving the comfort, convenience, and enduring welfare of the locality in which he lived. His religious affiliations were with the Christian church.

1937 A Tragic Death

Paul Slater of South of Clarence, Drowns in Salt River Late Saturday

Paul Slater, 19 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Slater, of south of Clarence, was drowned in Salt River, near the Lawrence Jarboe farm, Saturday afternoon when he attempted to recover a duck which he had shot and which had fallen in deep water out of reach of the bank. His body was not recovered until 9:30 o'clock that night.

He with three other boys, Adolphus Lefridge, Maupin Lucas and Marion Maupin, had been camping on the river for several days and were taking a final hunt for ducks before returning home. When one of the ducks fell in deep water some twenty feet from the bank, Paul swam out to recover it. Ordinarily he was an excellent swimmer but the water was so cold that it is likely that muscle cramps paralyzed his efforts. When his companions saw that he was in trouble, they made frantic efforts to reach him but when Lucas got out to the spot where he had disappeared he was unable to find him. The former re-gained the bank with some difficulty.

Slater's companions hurried to the home of Lawrence Jarboe, about a mile from the scene, and Mr. Jarboe and Carl Carothers joined them in an effort to find the body. Meanwhile when the news was telephoned to town, several cars and trucks were hurried to the river with boats, lights and other equipment needed for the work.

The search for the body continued from about 5 o'clock until about 9:30 when Carothers, who had been working from a boat since early in the evening, located it about 30 or 40 feet below the place where the drowning occurred. By the time the body was recovered, probably a hundred neighbors and friends had gathered at the Jarboe farm to assist in the search.

Young Slater was well-known throughout the entire community and at Clarence, where he attended school for four years, graduating in the class of 1927. His tragic death came as a terrible shock to his hundreds of friends. Besides his parents, he leaves two brothers, Bryan, at home, and Thomas, who is attending the Gem City Business College at Quincy. Funeral services were held at the home at 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon and were conducted by Rev. R. L. Sutton, pastor of the Oak Ridge church. Burial was in the Shelbina cemetery.

Bert Holder Dies Suddenly

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Bert Holder, 63 years of age, passed away suddenly Friday afternoon at Madison while working in a coal mine. Becoming ill, he asked a companion to summon help, but death came before a physician could arrive.

Funeral services were held at Madison Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. In accordance with Mr. Holder's special request, the casket was not opened during the funeral and burial was made after sundown.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife and a brother, Trot Holder, Wabash station agent and mayor of Madison.

The deceased was formerly a resident of Duncan Bridge and he has many friends in Clarence and vicinity who will be grieved to learn of his untimely passing.

WALLACE SMITH DIES SUDDENLY

Wallace H. Smith, a prominent Macon citizen passed away suddenly Sunday morning, February 14, in Tucson, Ariz. Following two emergency operations, performed Saturday night and Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were spending the winter in Tucson, having gone there for Mr. Smith's health. His death was quite unexpected as he had been feeling quite well up until Saturday when it was found that the operations were necessary.

Mr. Smith was born in Macon on November 28, 1877 making his age at the time of his passing 59 years, 2 months and 17 days. His entire life was lived in Macon. He was one of the town's leading business men, especially outstanding because of his interest in all civic affairs.

He associated in the drug business with his father, J. D. Smith, shortly after graduating from the St. Louis College of Pharmacy. In about 1912 he saw the approach of the automobile and started selling cars while still engaged in the drug business and in 1914 erected the Big-4 Garage building and became an outstanding Chevrolet and Buick distributor.

In 1921 Mr. Smith organized the Red Eagle Oil Co., which business was developed in connection with the automobile business until in 1931, when that business was disposed of in order to devote his entire time to the Red Eagle Oil Co., of which he was president.

The Elk's Lodge is greatly indebted to Mr. Smith for the building which they now occupy. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, as well as Custer Lodge 172 A. F. & A. M., Macon Chapter 2, RAM, Emmanuel Commandery No. 7, Knights Templar, the Kansas City Shrine, Aracet Temple and Macon Lodge 990, B. P. O. E.

Surviving are his devoted wife, Mrs. Nellie Moore Smith, his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Hartwick, of Milwaukee, Wis., his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Smith, two brothers, W. R. Smith of Shanghai, China, and L. L. Smith of Macon, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. J. P. Moore, of Macon, together with other relatives and a host of friends. Macon Chronicle-Herald.

Mrs. Malissa Cox Dies

At Home This Morning

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Mrs. Malissa J. Cox died at 1:30 o'clock this morning at her home southeast of Macon in the vicinity of Friendship Church. She was 82 years, 8 months, and 16 days old at the time of her death.

Mrs. Cox is survived by four children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. The children are Omer of the home, Herman of Brookfield, Mrs. Otis Halley of Excello, and Hubert of south Missouri. One daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Halley, preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Friendship Church, of which she had been a member many years. The services will be preached by the Rev. Orville Rinehart of Bevier and the funeral will be conducted under the direction of Stephens and Goodding.

Mrs. Cox's body was brought to Macon this morning where it was prepared for burial. The body was returned to the home this afternoon where it will remain until time for the funeral.