

Final Rites for B. L. Mead Held In Collins Friday

1945

Collins, April 5—Funeral services for the late B. L. Mead were held at the Methodist church in Collins Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with the Rev. Paul McDade of Ogden, Iowa, a former pastor and personal friend of the family, in charge, assisted by the Rev. Duane Manning of the local church, who read the 14th chapter of Job and the 23rd Psalm.

A mixed quartette composed of Mrs. L. M. Hall, Mrs. L. D. Holland, Milton Hale and E. S. Stuntz with Miss Calla Wood at the piano sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

The flowers were in charge of Mrs. Rose Franklin and Mrs. Oscar Serbein.

Pallbearers were C. R. Stone, G. F. Holland, Wm. Carver, Dewey Kern, L. W. Van Dran and H. C. Denniston. Honorary pallbearers were J. R. Witmer, W. A. Kitchell and Carl Day, all long-time friends of the family.

Interment was in Collins Evergreen Cemetery.

The following obituary was read at the services.

Burton Leroy Mead was born in Collins, on January 14, 1882, and passed away at his home in Vero Beach, Florida, Sunday morning, March 25, after a brief illness. Three weeks ago he was taken to Riverside hospital in Jacksonville, Florida, where doctors pronounced his condition as serious. On their advice he was removed to his home in Vero Beach where he passed away peacefully and without pain. Death was attributed to heart exhaustion.

Roy was the son of the late Charles and Phoebe Mead and grew to manhood in this community. He graduated from Collins High School in 1900 and attended the Capital City Commercial

College in Des Moines. Before assuming the management of his farm here, he was employed for four years as assistant cashier of the Exchange State Bank. He also acted as manager of the Armour Grain Company in Collins for three years.

When a young man, he united with the Methodist Protestant church and was a faithful member until the church closed. He then united with the Methodist church where he still held his membership.

Active in community life he served for a number of years as a member of the local school board, the city council, the Masonic Lodge and the Farm Bureau. For several years he served as secretary and treasurer of the Iowa State Sunday School Association. His interest was always with young people, both here and in Vero Beach.

Three years ago he moved to Vero Beach, Florida, to make his home and during that time he was employed at the Del Mar hotel.

When first arriving in Vero Beach, he volunteered to participate in the Airplane Warning Service, contributing more than a thousand hours for which he received United States Army's Certificate of Merit.

In 1903 he was united in marriage to Miss Hattie E. Middleton of Modale, Iowa, who survives him. To this union were born two children, a son Leroy William of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and a daughter, Elena Kathryn of Vero Beach, Florida. Other survivors are one sister, Mrs. Minnie Hanson of Nevada, one brother, Charles Fletcher Mead of Collins, and two granddaughters, Sharon Elena and Sylvia Kay.

He was a truly kind and loving husband, an understanding father and loved and respected by a host of friends.

Due to ill health Mrs. Mead and Elena were unable to accompany the body to Collins for burial. The sympathy of the community goes out to them in their bereavement.

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BURTON L. MEAD.

Burton L. Mead, whose farm of one hundred and sixty acres lies within the corporate limits of Collins, may be designated as one of the fortunate citizens of Story county. His home is one of the most attractive in the township, and as a farmer, although a young man, he enjoys a reputation for success seldom accorded a man of his years. Born on the farm where he now resides, January 14, 1882, he is the son of Charles and Phoebe V. (Fish) Mead. The father became one of the wealthy men of this section and died in 1894. The mother is now living in Collins.

Burton L. Mead was reared upon the home farm under highly favorable conditions for acquiring a good physical constitution and also a thorough knowledge of all the details of agriculture and stock-raising. He received his preliminary education in the public schools and subsequently attended the Capital City Business College at Des Moines, where he acquitted himself most creditably and gained the basis of a thorough business education. At the age of eighteen years he was made assistant cashier of the Exchange State Bank of Collins, serving most acceptably for three and one-half years, when he resigned and located upon the

home farm, which reverted to him on the settlement of the family estate in 1903. This place comprises one hundred and sixty acres and is one of the highly improved farms of Story county. It is provided with substantial buildings and all conveniences of a first class, up-to-date establishment. Mr. Mead makes a specialty of stock-feeding, using not only all the grain and hay that he raises but he also buys extensively from others. He is a good judge of stock and being well acquainted with the markets is generally able to secure the very best prices available.

On the 11th of November, 1903, Mr. Mead was united in marriage to Miss Hattie E. Middleton, of Modale, Iowa, a daughter of William and Catherine (Mintun) Middleton, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Iowa. Mr. Middleton came to Iowa about 1846 and engaged in farming in Harrison county. He also served as foreman on the construction of the Union Pacific Railway when it was built through Nebraska, but is now living retired at Modale at the age of eighty-three years. There were eighteen children in his family.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mead two children have been born: Leroy William, and Elena Kathryn. Politically Mr. Mead gives his support to the republican party and fraternally is identified with Fervent Lodge, No. 513, A. F. & A. M., of Collins. He is a kind and considerate husband and father, an enterprising citizen and a faithful friend, who is willing to make any reasonable sacrifice to advance the comfort and happiness of those with whom he associates. By an industrious and straightforward life he has gained an enviable reputation for efficiency and integrity, and his personal worth is fully demonstrated in the high esteem in which he is held by people of Collins and vicinity.

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