Former City Park Chief Hale Dies at 82

Preston O. Hale, a former city park commissioner, died this morning at a Topeka convalescent center. He was 82.

Mr. Hale had been active in many aspects of community affairs since he and Mrs. Hale moved to Topeka in 1934.

Prior to that, he had been a county agricultural agent in Minnesota and Chase County and Leavenworth County. He also was a rancher for three years in Chase County.

Mr. Hale came to Topeka as a county agent in 1934 and held that position until 1950.

In all, he had 30 years experience in agriculture extension work, six years in public relations work with the Snyder Chemical Co., and seven years as Topeka park commissioner.

He was born March 5, 1889, at Saaman, Ill. His family moved to the Missouri Ozarks while he was still a boy and moved to Garden City in 1902.

Mr. Hale received a bachelor of science degree in agriculture from Kansas State College in 1916. He married C. K. Austin, Overland Park; three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Central Congregational Church. Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Meade Garden Center.

Preston O. Hale

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Saturday at Central Congregational Church for Preston O. Hale, 82, a former Topeka park commissioner. He died Thursday morning at a Topeka convalescent center.

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Mr. Hale received a bachelor of science degree in agriculture from Kansas State College in 1916. He took up painting about 1957 and celebrated his 80th birthday in 1969 with an exhibit of his works.

Survivors, besides his widow, of 1431 Boswell, include a daughter, Mrs. C. K. Austin, Overland Park; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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Early day Chase County agent passes

Preston L. Hale, 82, of Topeka, who was an early day Chase County Agricultural agent, died Thursday, Aug. 28th.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning, Aug. 28, in the Central Congregational Church, Topeka, and burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery.

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Surviving him are his widow, of the home; a daughter, Mrs. C. K. Austin, Overland Park; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.