

# Boonville Daily News

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## JOHN WESSELMANN RITES ARE CONDUCTED TODAY

Pilot Grove Elevator Secretary Dies  
At Home Of Daughter After  
Three Months' Illness

PILOT GROVE—Funeral services for John M. Wesselmann, 66, were held this morning at St. Martin's Catholic church, near here, conducted by the Rev. P. J. Weber.

Burial was in the church cemetery under the direction of the Meister Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Bennie Wesselmann, LeRoy Wesselmann, Leo Vollmer, Ervin Weimholt, Leo Bonnen, and Herman Bonnen.

Wesselmann, a resident of the Martinsville Community for the last 50 years, died Saturday morning at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Edward J. Orscheln in Columbia after an illness of three months. He was secretary of the Farmers Elevator here and was a member of the board of the Clark's Fork Farmers Mutual Insurance company.

Mrs. Wesselmann preceded him in death Feb. 3, 1927. Surviving are five sons, Frank, John and Walter, all of Boonville; Elmer, of Fayette, and Albert of Columbia; four daughters, Mrs. Orscheln, Mrs. William McKinzie of Fayette, Mrs. Charles Embry of Kirkwood, and Mrs. Earl Hartman of Pilot Grove; and three brothers, Joseph of New Franklin, Henry of LaCross, Washington, and George of Pleasureville, Calif.

## ELMER EMMETT WEAR DIES OF LONG ILLNESS

Former Resident Of Prairie Home  
Community Did Not Recover  
After Second Major Operation

Elmer Emmett Wear, former resident of the Prairie Home community died Sunday at Touro Infirmary, New Orleans, La., following a period of ill health which lasted about two years. He underwent a major operation in April, 1938, and a second after which he did not recover, ten days before his death. He was 65 years old.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at the Goodman & Bolter chapel, conducted by the Rev. P. P. Taylor, pastor of the Nelson Memorial Methodist church. Burial was in Walnut Gove cemetery.

Mr. Wear was born east of Prairie Home Dec. 15, 1874, the son of Nim and Ophelia (George) Wear, pioneer Cooper County residents. When he was a few years old his parents moved to a farm one mile south of Prairie Home where he lived until about 19 years ago when he moved to Oxford, Miss., where he bought a farm. He and his family lived in the South since that time.

He married Miss Pansy Hemphill of Lawrence, Kas., on Jan. 25, 1915. Besides his widow he leaves their one child, Mrs. Ophelia Dourgose of New Orleans, a brother, George H. Wear of Prairie Home; two nieces and three nephews. A twin brother, Clem, died at the age of 23.

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