

Accidentally Strangled Friday at Home.

YOUTH FOUND DEAD FRIDAY

Rites Held Sunday at Christian Church

Clarence was saddened Friday evening by the death of Jimmy Holland, 17-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. F. O. Holland. Jimmy's body was discovered by his mother at 5:15 p. m. Friday strangled to death in exercising ropes in the basement of the Holland home in Clarence. Clarence doctors and Dr. H. E. Erni of Macon were called but efforts to revive him were unsuccessful. Coroner C. W. Musgrove of Bethel attributed death to "accidental strangulation while practicing in his private gymnasium in the basement of his home."

It was Jimmy's habit to work out on his various exercising machines in the basement every evening after school. Friday evening Mrs. Holland stated that he went down as usual at about 4:30 but when it seemed that he stayed longer than usual she went to investigate.

James Osborn Holland was born in Clarence September 21, 1929 where he spent his entire life. After reaching the fifth grade in Clarence elementary school he began playing in the school band and continued to do so throughout the remainder of his school years. Since he was seven years old he had studied music, for the past five years under the instruction of Miss Gertrude Dobyns of Shelbina. Jimmy became a member of the Clarence Christian church at the age of ten under the ministry of Rev. E. M. Martin where he attended services regularly. A member of the Boy Scout troupe 29 of Clarence he was active in basketball and chorus and glee club in the high school.

He had been accepted as a pre-dental student at Central college, Fayette, for the next fall term and had been making plans toward his work and activities in the school. Also his plans were to continue his music.

Funeral rites were conducted from the Christian church in Clarence Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock with Rev. Max Horner, pastor of the church in charge being assisted by Rev. F. W. Rigg, Methodist minister and Rev. Ford Miller, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene. Two of his favorite selections were sung "Have Thine Own Way" by a trio, composed of Misses Nadean Farmer, Charlotte Thompson and Loua Rigg accompanied by Miss Bettie Craig, music instructor in the high school, while Rev. Horner sang "Good Night and Good Morning" accompanied by Mrs. Horner.

Girls of the senior class were flower girls and pall bearers were: Edward Harvey, Bob Clark, Bob Spencer, Dale Brown, Kent Smay and Billy Don Schwada, while the remainder of the boys of the senior class were honorary pall bearers.

In addition to his parents, Jimmy is survived by one uncle, B. A. Holland, of Puttsburgh, Pa., two aunts, Mrs. Albert D. Long and Mrs. W. L. Peterman, of Clarence and one cousin, Robert H. Sowers, Mrs. Fred Spence and Mrs. Paul Zwerner of Terre Haute, Ind., Mrs. Robert Johnston of Fort Wayne, Ind., James C. Holland of Buffalo, N. Y., Mrs. M. A. Hansen of Quantico, Va., Mrs. Robert Vickers, Jr., Miss Beulah Dee Long and Albert Walker Long, of Clarence.

Among those from a distance attending the services were: Mrs. Fred Spence, Mrs. Paul Zwerner and Robert H. Sowers of Terre Haute, Ind., Dr. R. E. Bevans of Shelbina, and Mrs. Davis H. Acuff a son, Freddie, of Troy, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Fogglin

DEATH OF A PROMISING YOUNG FARMER

Lee Francis Boling, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Boling, six miles southeast of Clarence, passed away at the Blessing hospital in Quincy Thursday night at 11:30 o'clock after a few days illness of blood poison. He was taken sick Saturday afternoon in Clarence, gradually grew worse until he was taken to Quincy where skilled physicians worked with him to the end.

He was born July 8, 1898, being 37 years, 11 months and 13 days old. He spent his entire life farming with his father on the farm where he was born.

He was married to Miss Lillian Stewart of Hannibal June 14, 1925. To this union four children were born, namely: Margaret Ann, Betty Lee, Francis Stewart, and Hugo Allen.

Lee Boling, one of Shelby county's noblest men, an honest, industrious young farmer, a kind and loving husband, a devoted father and obedient son. He was loved and admired by all who knew him and will be greatly missed.

He leaves besides his wife and four children, his mother and father, two brothers, Hugo, Jr., and Fred, both of near Lentner, and sister, Mrs. Notley Smith, of near Enterprise, six nieces and one nephew, besides many relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

The funeral was held at the Christian church Sunday afternoon at two o'clock conducted by Rev. Shoemaker and assisted by Rev. Rolla G. Sears. One of the largest crowds ever attending a funeral in Clarence was present. The church could not begin to hold all those who came. Interment was in Maplewood cemetery. Music was furnished from the choirs in Lentner and Clarence.

The following were pallbearers: Fred Boling, Hugo Boling, Jr., Jack Boling, Phil Stewart, William Stewart and Notley Smith.

Obituary.

John Marvin Barr was born in Shelby county, Mo., Dec. 4, 1877, being a resident of this county his entire life.

He was converted and united with the Methodist church at Wesley Chapel at the age of 17, where he remained a faithful Christian until his passing to the life beyond, which occurred at his home east of Clarence.

He was married to Anna O. Moore at the home of her parents on October 14, 1903 by Rev. O. Beistle. To this union four children were born, namely: Opal Esther, Ruby Pearl, John Henry and Wayne Carl.

His health began to fail about a year ago, but he was able to be about his duties until about six weeks ago when he was confined to his bed. The suffering which filled his last days was borne without a murmur.

He departed this life Oct. 30, 1930 at the age of 52 years, nine months and 26 days, leaving to mourn his passing a devoted wife and four children, Mrs. Henry Nothnagel, Mrs. Charles Marselus of this vicinity, and John Henry and Wayne Carl at home.

Besides these he leaves two sisters and two brothers, Miss Belle Barr, Mrs. Bessie Carroll, Spencer and Oscar Barr, and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday morning at 10:30 at Bacon Chapel by Rev. L. C. Maggart, assisted by Rev. R. A. Mitchell. Burial in the cemetery at Bacon Chapel.

E. W. Ragland Dies at 2:30 a. m. Saturday

Owner and Publisher of The Independent-Courier Succumbs After 10 Weeks' Illness.

FINAL RITES HELD SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Enoch Walker Ragland, your editor and publisher, and a newspaper man thruout his life, passed away at his home here at 2:30 o'clock, Saturday morning, March 16, 1940, at the age of 70 years, 11 months and 19 days.

Mr. Ragland became ill on Friday, January 5, and exactly a week later was taken to St. Mary's hospital in Quincy, Ill., where he was operated upon and remained a patient for six weeks. He was brought back to his home here on February 24, where his death occurred twenty-one days later.

A son of Frank T. and Sarah E. Griffith Ragland, he was born March 26, 1869 in Monroe City, Mo., where he was reared and received his early education in the public school and the Monroe Institute.

When but a lad of sixteen he went to work in the printing office of his uncles, James W. and Joe P. Johnston in Plattsburg, Mo. He later worked several years in Monroe City, two years in Jefferson City, two years in Plattsburg and ten years in Shelbina.

In 1910 he came to Clarence and became a partner of the late H. J. Simmons. In 1916 he purchased the plant and for a period of twelve years was owner, editor and publisher of The Clarence Courier.

In 1928, due to ill health, he sold the paper to E. N. Maupin, publisher of The Independent, who consolidated the two papers into The Independent-Courier, the name under which it has henceforth continued.

In March, 1935 the Clarence paper was again purchased by Mr. Ragland, in whose hands it has since remained.

On February 25, 1891 Mr. Ragland was married to Nellie Elizabeth Muldrow, and to this union four children were born, three of whom are now living. A son, Ius, died at the age of 11 years. His three surviving daughters are Mrs. Albert D. Long, Mrs. W. L. Peterman and Mrs. F. O. Holland, all of this city. Also surviving are five grandchildren: Nellie Ruth, Beulah Dee and Albert Walker Long, Helen Peterman and Jimmy Holland, all of Clarence.

Mrs. Ragland passed away on May 1, 1927. On February 10, 1935 a second marriage was contracted with Mrs. Virginia Gardner of Kansas City, who survives.

He also leaves one brother, Tolly

Ragland of Los Angeles, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Walter Ragland, of near Monroe City, and a number of nieces and nephews. One brother, John S., and one sister, Eva S., preceded him in death.

Thruout his long years of service as a newspaper man, Mr. Ragland availed himself of every possible opportunity to boost his community and lent his wholehearted assistance to any civic project or enterprise that would aid in the progress and advancement of his town or county.

In addition to his newspaper career, he was active in other forms of endeavor. A devoutly religious man, he was a member of the Clarence Christian church, and at the time of his death was an elder and trustee of the church and president of the Men's Bible class. He served ten years as superintendent of the Sunday school, was a member of the Official Board for about 20 years, and served as chairman of the Board for five years.

He became a member of the A. F. & A. M. lodge in 1907, and was also a member of the O. E. S., which he served as patron for nine years. He was also a member of the State Chamber of Commerce and the Missouri Press Association.

For a period of fourteen years Mr. Ragland served as clerk for the city of Clarence, and was at one time city assessor. At the time of his death he was a member of the Clarence Civic Club. He also had served as clerk of the Missouri legislature.

The name of E. W. Ragland is synonymous with the Democratic party of the county to which he gave unswerving devotion and loyalty. He was a member of the Shelby County Democratic Central committee for a number of years, and thru his newspaper, worked unceasingly and tirelessly for the party to which he early pledged his allegiance.

Mr. Ragland was a man of positive convictions and sound principles, faithful to his friends, and honorable in his dealings with the public.

Funeral services were held at the home at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon conducted by the local Christian pastor, the Rev. Elba Martin. At the conclusion of the services brief Masonic rites were held. Interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery in Shelbina.

Lewis J. Cox Dies Near Excello

Mrs. Rosie Vader, 401 South Morley street, received word this morning of the death of her father, Lewis J. Cox. Mr. Cox died this morning at his home near Excello.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

He is survived by his wife; four sons, Vesper Cox of Washington, John Cox of Knoxville, Iowa; Paul Cox of Sedalia, and Herschel Cox in the Navy; five daughters, Miss Myrtle Cox of Kansas City, Miss Cleo Cox of

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St. Louis, Mrs. Pearl Kimborough of Joplin, Mrs. Vader of Moberly, and Mrs. Ruby Leath of the home in Excello; eleven grandchildren and six great-children.

There Are a Few Left

LOS ANGELES, March 12 (AP)—Fred G. Noe, a machinist, found a 54-pound chunk of butter — 1296 points worth. He notified police, who located the owner, a creamery. The creamery sent Noe a \$2 reward and he endorsed it to the