

Frank Cable Dies After Short Illness

Prominent Hannibal Citizen And Ilasco Business Man

James Franklin Cable, 512 Hawkins avenue, prominent and influential Hannibal citizen and business man, died at 9 o'clock Tuesday evening following a short illness. Mr. Cable suffered a heart attack suddenly on May 1 and was removed to St. Elizabeth hospital where his condition grew steadily worse within the last few days.

Funeral services will be held at Park Methodist church at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, with the Rev. D. K. Pegues, pastor, in charge. Burial will be in Hydesburg cemetery.

The remains, which were removed to the Schwartz funeral home for preparation for burial, will be taken to the church at 12 o'clock noon, and lie in state until 2:30 when the casket will be closed and remain closed.

Mr. Cable was born September 29, 1885, in Ralls county, a son of John W. and Alberta Gore Cable, of prominent pioneer stock. He came to Hannibal in 1907.

On April 24, 1909, he was married to Miss Laura Case, who survives him, and they enjoyed a long married life, each being devoted deeply to the other. He is also survived by two sons, John William, James Franklin, Jr., and one grandson, John Franklin Cable; one brother, William A. Cable, managing editor of the Hannibal Courier-Post, one sister, Mrs. Carrie C. Smiley, one brother, John G. Cable, prominent Hannibal lawyer and former city attorney of Hannibal, died in 1935, and one sister, Miss Lena Cable, passed away in 1936.

Mr. Cable was a member of Park Methodist church for many years and attended church services regularly.

He received his education in the public school at Ocean Wave, Ralls county, and the Hannibal High school, later taking a business course in the Hannibal Commercial college.

For more than 33 years he was engaged in the retail grocery and mercantile business at Ilasco and was owner and manager of the store at the time of his death. By his friendly disposition and strict integrity he enjoyed a good business and a host of friends in the community which his store served.

He entered the employ of the Ilasco Supply company as bookkeeper soon after finishing his business schooling, and in later years he became owner and manager of the business.

Mr. Cable was a well read man. He kept up with the times and through his friendliness and love of his fellow man he was well and favorably known by many people, both here and in Ralls county.

He was always interested in public and civic affairs and gave unstintingly of his time to promote any project or movement for the betterment of Hannibal and the community.

His unselfish character reflected in his service to others through many years. He was never too busy to take time to assist anyone seeking his help or advice and always put interest of others first which endeared him to the hearts of the many with whom he came in contact daily.

Mr. Cable always remained young because he took a great interest in the young people who knew him well and loved him as a man of sterling character. In April, 1942, he was named one of 18 business men to form an advisory committee of the Hannibal Softball Association to carry on its program during the summer months. Last year he acted as manager of the Schwartz softball team composed of young Ilasco boys. Mr. Cable prior to being stricken ill had discussed the softball program with sports leaders of Hannibal and had expressed the desire to help carry on this work again this year which had given the young people as well as many older citizens many enjoyable evenings during the summer months.

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