

[Phillips, John L.]

FORT PLAIN
John Phillips Dies at 80

John L. Phillips, 80, of 17 Clyde St., Fort Plain, died Monday afternoon in a Utica hospital after a long illness. He had been employed at Beech-Nut Inc. in Canajoharie for 31 years prior to retiring in 1955.

Born in Fort Plain on Oct. 24, 1889, he was the son of Arthur and Mary Smith Phillips, and had been a lifelong village resident.

Mr. Phillips was married to the former Mabel Pickel on June 24, 1914. Mrs. Phillips died Nov. 6, 1969. He was a member of the Universalist Church of the Messiah in Fort Plain, the Otsquago Fish and Games Club and the Fort Plain Knights of Pythias.

He is survived by one son, Earl O. Phillips of Fort Plain; a daughter, Mrs. Fayette Heiser of Canajoharie; a brother, Edwin C. Phillips, Fort Plain; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Swartz Funeral Home, Fort Plain, with the Rev. Earl Engle, pastor of the Universalist Church of the Messiah to officiate. Burial will be made in the Fort Plain cemetery.

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