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DEATH OF C. READ CLARKE

C. Read Clarke of Perry, for many years editor of the Perry Record and for the last two years co-editor and publisher of the Perry Herald, died in Warsaw Hospital Sunday, Nov. 18, 1956, at the age of 65. He had been in ill health for several months, both before and after hospital treatment of a year or so ago, when he underwent throat surgery. He had resumed his office work to a limited degree, however, and was at his desk last Thursday. Saturday afternoon he was taken suddenly sick but failed to rally after being taken to the hospital.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in the Eaton Funeral Home with burial in Glenwood Cemetery, Perry.

Surviving is his wife, the former Leona H. Catlin of Warsaw, whom he married Nov. 25, 1915. The couple lived in Watrous St., where they recently built a new residence. He leaves also two brothers, Donald of Medina and Edwin of Buffalo, and two sisters, Mrs. Mary C. Smith and Mrs. I. M. Hawley, both of Perry.

Mr. Clarke was born in Akron, N. Y., in 1891, and two or three years later his father, the late Carl G. Clarke, and family moved to Perry, where he founded the Perry Record in 1894. Read Clarke grew up in the country weekly newspaper and printing business, and upon graduation from high school went into the Record office. Later his brother, Donald, became associated with him in the business. In 1955 the Record and the other Perry newspaper, the Herald, founded by the late Guy Comfort but for the last several years owned and published by Joseph Pascoe, Jr., merged and have continued publication under the name of the Herald.

Mr. Clarke's active interest in his community was made evident through his newspaper and by his work with many civic undertakings. He was a past president of the New York Press Association and in earlier years was active in the Western New York Newspaper Publishers Association. His personal column, "Impressions," was widely known. He was vice president and director of the First National Bank of Perry, a past master of Constellation Lodge, F. & A.M., charter member and past president of the Perry Rotary Club, member of the chamber of commerce and long-time chairman of its New Industry Committee. He was a member of the Perry Club; of McKelton Post, American Legion; of Silver Lake Golf Club. From 1929 to 1943 he was postmaster in Perry, and he held membership in the Universalist church. His activities, professionally and otherwise, were manifold.

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