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DEATH E. V. JENKS COMMUNITY LOSS

Suddenly Stricken at His Farm Home Where He Had Gone to Spend the Summer
PUBLIC SPIRITED LEADER
Had Been Postmaster For Past Eleven Years. Service Was Greatly Improved

When Postmaster Earl V. Jenks was fatally stricken with cerebral hemorrhage last Wednesday afternoon at his farm home, Castile road, Perry lost one of its most faithful and efficient public servants. Appointed some ten years ago by President Harding, he had been reappointed [by] President Calvin Coolidge and less than two years ago had been reappointed by President Hoover.

Early in his administration with the co-operation of the Town board, the office was enlarged and modernized and service greatly improved. Only recently star routes had been added and as a consequence Perry has the best mail facilities it has had for more than twenty-five years. He was always courteous and accommodating in his dealings with the public, and rendered a service not always expected in such an office.

Every public enterprise found him sympathetic. Whether in church, civic groups or kindred activities, he was always perfectly willing to do his share and to do it cheerfully. Because he was more than a postmaster, his loss falls heavily upon the community, especially at this time, when every ounce of leadership is needed.

Last Wednesday Mr. Jenks decided to take part of the day off, cleaning up the yard and working around the farm. It was a hot day and during the morning he came to the Perry club, took a bath and returned home. After lunch he went to the couch to rest and hearing a noise Mrs. Jenks went to see what had happened when she found that he had fallen to the floor, fatally stricken. She at once called physicians but he had already passed away. Coroner P.S. Goodwin, one of the physicians summoned, issued a death certificate due to cerebral hemorrhage.

The eldest of five children, he was called upon when his father was accidentally killed, to assume the family responsibilities. At the time his father was an employee of the American Express Co., and he met a sudden death when he fell from the express wagon while driving to the Andrus mill yard. He succeeded his father and for several years was agent.

He attended the Perry high school and for some time was associated with Fred Bliss in the clothing business, under the firm name of Jenks & Bliss. Following the sale of the business he held a responsible position with the Robeson Cutlery Co. He served several years as village trustee and in 1906-07 was mayor.

Mr. Jenks was a member of the Universalist Church; a director of the Chamber of Commerce; trustee of Hope Cemetery association, and a

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member of Constellation Lodge, No. 404, F. & A. M. In all these he took a zealous interest.

On November 13, 1894 he was united in marriage to Miss Mayme Donnelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Donnelly. During the winter they lived in the village at their home in Lake street and only recently he had gone to his farm for the summer. Besides his wife he is survived by one brother, Howard P. Jenks and two sisters, Mrs. R. M. Olin and Mrs. Walso [Mabel] Coburn of East Lansing, Mich. He was nearly 62 years old, having been born in Warsaw, July 6, 1869. A sister, Maude, died only a few months ago.

The funeral was held at his farm home Saturday afternoon at three o'clock, Rev. Clara Morgan of North Cohocton, a former pastor, officiating. It was while she was pastor here that Mr. and Mrs. Jenks joined the Universalist Church, and in her sermon she referred to the incident. Miss Morgan spoke with deep feeling, eulogizing the high character of the departed, his ideal home life and his thoughtfulness for others.

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