

[Olds, Edward C.]

Edward Olds Dies at 87; Ex-Publisher, D&C Printer

Edward C. Olds, 87, a former Democrat and Chronicle printer and a one-time publisher of small out-of-state newspapers, died yesterday (June 30, 1955) in his home, 170 Depew St.

Mr. Olds retired in 1943, when he and son, Georg E. Olds, sold the Heart O' Texas News, Brady, Tex. His son, former publisher of a Springfield, Mo., newspaper called "Bias," is living in Springfield.

When a youth, Mr. Olds, a native of Springfield, Mass., went to work for the manufacturers of the Thorne type-setting machine in New York city. It was the first commercial type-setting machine and the forerunner of the Linotype.

Shortly after going to work for the Thorne firm, he was sent to cities throughout the country to teach newspaper printers how to operate the machine. Mr. Olds spent 10 years in that field and then quit to become composing room foreman of the Meridian, Conn., Record. He married while living there.

Several years later he moved to Middletown, N.Y. to take the job as composing room foreman of the Middletown Press. From there he went to the Erie, Pa. Dispatch as financial editor and several years later came to Rochester to join the Democrat and Chronicle composing room staff.

In 1928 he bought his first country weekly, the Tribune-Democrat at Benton, Ky. Five years later he sold the newspaper and bought the Healdton Herald, in Healdton, Okla. By that time his son George was managing editor of the Springfield, Mo., Newspapers, Inc.

After the elder Olds sold the Healdton paper, he and his son bought the Heart O' Texas News. They sold the publication about three years later and the elder Olds came back to Rochester.

After his retirement from the newspaper field, Mr. Olds conducted a rare-stamp business.

He was a scholarly man, intensely interested in semantics, linguistics, history and biographies.

Mr. Olds was a member of the Rochester Philatelic Society, Seneca Lodge, F.& A.M., the Rochester Consistory, Flower City Lodge, IOOF, and First Universalist Church.

Besides his son, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Norman Barth of Rochester, and two grandchildren. The funeral service will be held at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow in Corbett's Funeral Home, 109 West Ave. A Masonic service will be conducted at 8 tonight. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

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