

BEN. A. HOFFMAN DIES

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SECRETARY OF A. C. HAD BEEN ILL SOME TIME

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HERALD AND FREEMAN

B. A. Hoffman, former city treasurer, newspaper man and at the time of his death, secretary of the association of Commerce, died at his home, 419 McCall street, early this morning, as a result of kidney dis-

K. OF C. MEMBERS TO CALL AT HOME

Members of the Knights of Columbus have been requested to meet at the club house on Tuesday evening following which they will call at the Hoffman home.

The Rotary Valentine party which was scheduled to be held this evening has been postponed as a result of the death of Mr. Hoffman who was a prominent and active member of the club.

Memorial services were held for Mr. Hoffman at the noon meeting of the Rotarians today.

order from which he had been suffering for several years. Until the past two months Mr. Hoffman had been able to attend to his association duties and was largely responsible for starting the new hotel movement in this city. Several weeks ago, his health became greatly impaired and he underwent treatment at his home and the Spa. Mr. Hoffman was 39 years of age and in Sept. 1914 married Miss Eva De Mers, a resident of Milwaukee.

Born in Stevens Point

Mr. Hoffman was born and reared in Stevens Point and following a high school education became interested in newspaper work serving on the Stevens Point Journal, Oshkosh Northwestern and other northern city dailies. He removed to Milwaukee where he was employed on the Milwaukee Free Press and Journal. He also served as the legislative correspondent for the United Press and shortly before coming to Waukesha was manager of the United Press Bureau in Milwaukee.

EARLY TODAY

He came to this city in 1919 and took charge of the Waukesha Herald which had been purchased by Stevens Point interests. In the fall of 1920 the Herald and Freeman consolidated and Mr. Hoffman took active charge of the newspaper remaining here until April 1922. At that time Mr. Hoffman was suffering with the disease which caused his death and physicians advised that he enter some work which was not so strenuous. Accepting their advice he became editor of the Delavan Republican, a weekly newspaper, which did not demand so much of his time.

Became Secretary

In the winter of 1924 the Waukesha Association of Commerce was seeking a secretary and Mr. Hoffman accepted the position taking over his new duties here in March, 1924. He has held that position until the time of his death. Last spring he was elected city treasurer but was forced to resign when his condition became such that he was obliged to remain at home.

It was through Mr. Hoffman's efforts that the local Association of Commerce was given a new start in the city, the organization became a real aid to business men and the city as a whole.

The deceased was a member of the Knights of Columbus and Rotary club. He is survived by his widow, seven children and his father and mother, of Stevens Point.

Announcement has come from Randle's funeral apartment that funeral services will be held Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock in St. Joseph's Catholic church. Rt. Rev. Monsignor W. G. Miller will officiate. After services in this city the body will be taken to Stevens Point, for burial.

