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Prominent Builder, Clarence Farver, Dies In Detroit

Clarence Farver died at the Harper Hospital in Detroit early Wednesday morning at the age of 57. He had been in poor health for several months but kept quite active until a few weeks ago.

Clarence entered Harper Hospital Wednesday, December 7, and was operated upon the following morning. The operation lasted six and one-half hours. In the two weeks following the operation a desperate effort by doctors, nurses and friends was made to save his life. He was given ten pints of blood.

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May 5, 1915, Clarence was married to Lucille Cox. The young couple continued to live on the farm, and Clarence carried on with the threshing business until 1921, at which time he moved his family to Elkton.

In the years following, Clarence helped build many roads in the county and state. He was known among road building contractors as a man who could be depended upon and one whose trucks were kept in condition. Clarence kept expanding his business by buying gravel pits and more trucks. In 1941 he built the building now owned by the Michigan Lumber Fabricators. Clarence was rather secretive about his intentions with the huge building. Here in Elkton where everybody is supposed to know everybody's business, it was a puzzle, and Clarence delighted in keeping it that way. The huge building was often mentioned as Farver's Folly, which bothered Clarence not one bit. About a year after its completion it was leased to Michigan Lumber Fabricators and the place became a beehive of activity. An office and other additions were made. Farver's Folly had paid off in a big way, not only to Clarence but to the whole community. At the end of the three year lease Michigan Lumber Fabricators purchased the property.

Clarence Farver had an inborn shrewdness and ability that more than offset any lack of schooling, a fact which he often proved in his foresight and judgment.

As the doctors had recently given Clarence from only six months to two years of life expectancy, but which might be extended by an operation, he made the decision for the operation.

He made plans, as a man will, for a trip to Florida this winter, and before going to the hospital, did his Christmas shopping. The gifts he wrapped lay in the Farver home, unopened.

He leaves his widow, Lucille, three sons, Melvin and Leonard, of Elkton, and Elmer, of Port Huron, also his 80-year-old father, Francis, a brother, Earl, of Fillon, a sister, Mrs. Fred Siegwart, of Pontiac, four grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

The body will be at Colgan's Funeral Chapel until Friday noon, at which time it will be taken to the Elkton Methodist Church where it will lie in state until the services at 2 o'clock. Rev. B. Surbrook will officiate. Interment will be in the Casevill cemetery.

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