

Rev. Burch of Elkton ¹⁹⁶⁰ Succumbs

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ELKTON—The Rev. Leo H. Burch, 63, pastor of the Elkton Methodist church the past three years, died Tuesday night in Hubbard Memorial hospital, Bad Axe.

He had undergone an operation a month ago for a double hernia and was apparently recovering when he suffered an internal infection. He returned to the hospital Sunday.

He was a minister for 37 years, first in the Methodist Protestant denomination from 1923 to 1939, when the Methodist Protestant and Methodist Episcopal churches joined.

He served Methodist Protestant churches at Goodells, Jeddo and Gagetown in the Thumb and Methodist churches at Imlay City and Elkton in this area.

He was pastor at Imlay City six years before coming to Elkton.

Mr. Burch was active in civic affairs and was president-elect of the Elkton Rotary club and was to have taken office July 1.

He was born Oct. 3, 1896, at Columbiaville.

Surviving are his wife, Leoline; his mother, Mrs. Nettie Burch, Columbiaville; and two sisters, Mrs. Pearl Ducker, Flint, and Miss Hazel Burch, Columbiaville.

The body is at the Colgan funeral chapel. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.