

Death of Harris Fellman, Member of Rhode Island Board for 20 Years

WOONSOCKET, R. I., March 5—Harris Fellman, who had been a member of the Rhode Island State Board of Examiners in Optometry for more than 20 years and the last of the original appointees when the board was created in 1907, and president of H. Fellman & Sons, Inc., Optometrists and jewelers, 124 Main St., this city, died suddenly early Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 28, at his home, 224 Coe St. Dr. Fellman had just finished lunch when he was stricken. He had attended to affairs at his office all morning and left for his home about noon, apparently in good health and spirits. Dr. Cyrille Israel was summoned and pronounced Dr. Fellman dead when he reached the Fellman home. Medical Examiner Robert G. Reed pronounced death due to shock and said that Dr. Fellman probably had expired instantly.

Dr. Fellman was born in Russia and would have been 74 years of age next month. He came to Woonsocket about 45 years ago and established himself as a retail jeweler and optician, having previously worked as a jeweler in New York City. His first wife died a number of years ago and he married Miss Miriam Wise of Boston, who survives him. He also leaves two daughters and four sons, two of whom, Herbert and Louis, were associated with him in the business. There were also several grandchildren.

Besides being a member of the State Board of Optometry, Dr. Fellman was one of the original members of the Rhode Island Society of Optometry and served as president. He is the second past president of the State society to die within a year. He was also a member of the Woonsocket Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and several other fraternal and social organizations.

The funeral services were held last Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from his home, Rabbi Samuel M. Gupp of Temple Beth-El, Providence, officiating. There was a large gathering of friends, relatives and associates, including representatives of the State Optometry Society and State Optometry Board.

It was impossible to have known "Pop" Fellman, however slightly, and not to have respected him. To have known him well meant to have loved him deeply. A man of most kindly courtesy, one who loved his fellow men and adored his God, Harris Fellman typified the ideals of Optometry. He gave primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material values of life. He exemplified the daily living of the Golden Rule in all his relationships. He promoted the adoption and application of higher social, business and professional standards. He developed by precept and example a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship. He assisted in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which makes possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will. Ever a kindly and courteous gentlemen, he endeared himself to all. Optometry cherishes his memory.

Death of Robert H. Lewis, Prominent New England Optician

HARTFORD, CONN., March 3 — The funeral of Robert H. Lewis, president and treasurer of the Harvey & Lewis optical concern of this city, was held last Monday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock in his home, 97 Westerly Terrace, West Hartford. Burial was in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Among the honorary bearers were Ernest J. Hoskins, long-time manager of the Springfield branch, and Frederick Moule, manager of the New Haven branch.

Mr. Lewis was stricken ill Feb. 16 and bronchial pneumonia set in followed by complications which caused his death Friday, Feb. 24. He was born in Rockville, Conn., and came to Hartford as a young man, entering the clothing business. In 1890 he entered into partnership with Foster E. Harvey in the optical business, their first establishment being at 23 Asylum St., and later at 865 Main St., where they developed one of the largest optical and photographic supplies establishments in New England. After doing business together for 32 years, Mr. Harvey retired from the firm in 1922, at the same time taking over the stores in New Haven, Springfield and Bridgeport, Mr. Lewis retaining the Hartford establishment, of which he became president and treasurer, and also conducting a store in New Britain.

Mr. Lewis dealt largely in real estate, in addition to his flourishing optical business. His residence in West Hartford was beautifully located and one of the finest places in that suburb. Of late years he had traveled extensively.

Besides his wife, whom he married in 1917, he leaves three sons by his first wife, Richard B. Lewis, secretary of the Harvey & Lewis Co.; Robert F. Lewis of New York, Dr. David H. Lewis of Detroit; his stepmother, Mrs. Melessa Lewis of Hartford; three sisters, Mrs. Asher Bailey of Hartford, Mrs. Edward H. Butler of East Hartford and Mrs. Richard Pilling of Nashville, Tenn., and a stepsister, Mrs. Clarence Mills of Hartford.

Mr. Lewis belonged to a number of patriotic and fraternal organizations.

Exports of Foreign Merchandise

According to the monthly summary of foreign commerce of the United States, optical goods of foreign manufacture, to the value of \$12,755, were exported during December, 1927.

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Lamont B. Smith, a graduate of the Rochester School of Optometry, has opened offices at 241-5 Woolworth building, in this city, of which he is a native. He was prominent in student and fraternity activities and was editor-in-chief of the students' paper while at the Rochester school. Since his graduation in June, 1927, Dr. Smith has gained practical experience with prominent Optometrists in Detroit and Hancock, Mich.