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Dr. Isaac Gerber, Famed Pioneer In X-Ray Field, Dies at Age of 66

STRICKEN 30 YEARS AGO BY RARE DISEASE

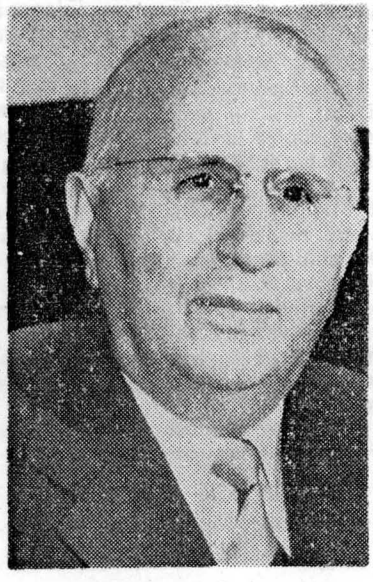
But Pawtucket Specialist Continued Work Despite Affliction

Dr. Isaac Gerber, 66, of 10 Leicester Way, Pawtucket, internationally famous X-ray specialist, and one of the pioneers in the field of roentgenology in this country, died yesterday morning at Rhode Island Hospital.

Stricken nearly 30 years ago by a rare and incurable disease which became progressively worse and gradually deprived him of the use of his legs, Dr. Gerber is believed to have died a martyr to medical science.

Although the cause of the disease, which affected his lower spine and the nerves in the muscles controlling the legs, was never definitely established, many of the physicians who were closely associated with Dr. Gerber expressed the belief he had contracted the ailment by exposing himself for years to the emanations of the powerful and destrictive rays of X ray and radium.

But the affliction, which at first forced Dr. Gerber to use a cane and then crutches and finally a wheel chair, did not deter him to any extent in his work in the field of X ray. At a time when he already was an invalid, he told friends that he would do it all over again, knowing full well the dangers of working day in and day out with X ray and radium.



Dr. Isaac Gerber

A modest, unassuming man of driving intellectual force, Dr. Ger-

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