5-6-66 Obituaries

SIMON S. LESSLER

Funeral services for Simon S. Lessler, 69, of 295 Blackstone Boulevard, president and founder of Sorority Shop, Inc., who died Tuesday, were held Thursday at Temple Emanu-El. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery. He was the husband of Ruth (Apfelbaum) Lessler.

He was a member of the Providence Chamber of Commerce, the board of directors of the Jewish Community Center and the board of directors of the Jewish Family Welfare.

A member of Temple Emanu-El and its men's club, Mr. Lessler was active with Camp Centerland and the Golden Agers of the Jewish Community Center. He was associated with Boy Scout activities for 20 years.

LESSLER, SIMON S,

Mr. Lessler was born April 2, 1897, in New York City, a son of the late Joseph and Anna (Kurland) Lessler.

He came to Providence in 1933 and founded the Sorority Shop on Westminster Street that same year. He soon became active in retail groups, serving on the Retail Trade Board. He also was a former president of the Providence Retail Specialty Stores Association, later known as the Downtown Merchants Association.

His many other associations included Redwood Lodge, F. & A. M., and the Jewish Home for the Aged. He also at one time headed the women's ready-to-wear division of the General Jewish Committee.

Surviving besides his wife are three daughters, Mrs. Lewis S. Harris of Albuquerque, N.M., Mrs. Phillip J. Levine of Des Moines, Iowa, and Mrs. Uriel S. Sokolov of Blandensburg, Md.; two brothers, Hyman Lessler of San Diego, Calif., and Jules Lessler of Bridgeport, Conn.; seven sisters, Mrs. Celia Greenbaum, Mrs. Peter Rosenfelt and Mrs. Morris Pozen, all of Bridgeport, Mrs. Esther Nishball of Fairfield, Conn.; Mrs. William Cohen of Great Neck, L.I., N.Y., Mrs. Sol Ruderman of Trumbull, Conn., and Mrs. Wilfred Mirsky of Boston, and five grandchildren.