

Blakely Dies; Hit By Car

Joseph W. Blakely, 77, of 11 Winter St., Montpelier, died last evening at the Heaton Hospital shortly after being rushed there by ambulance. The cause of his death has not been determined and an autopsy is being performed today by State Pathologist Dr. John Woodruff of Burlington.

Mr. Blakely was discovered in the road near 3 Winter St. about 7:20.

Former Mayor Elbert B. Colburn, who lives at 5 Winter St., told police he pulled out of his driveway on his way to the city meeting. As he turned left out of the driveway, he realized his front wheel hit something, and as the car continued the rear wheel also hit something.

Pulling to the side of the street, Colburn said he stopped to remove the object, under the impression a box had fallen off a truck. He discovered Mr. Blakely, and shouted to a neighbor to call an ambulance while he attempted to aid the victim.

Mr. Blakely was rushed to the hospital by ambulance and died a few moments after being admitted.

Mr. Blakely left his home earlier in the evening for a meeting at the Masonic Temple on Spring Street. On arriving, he learned the meeting had been postponed and left to walk to his home.

The cause of death is expected to be determined following the completion of the autopsy at the Barber and Lanier Funeral Home.

Born in Montpelier

A fifth-generation Vermonter, Blakely was born in Montpelier Dec. 9, 1885, the son of Collins and Florence (Wing) Blakely.

He received his early education in the Washington County Grammar Schools and was graduated from Montpelier High School. He was a graduate of the Tuck School of Business and Finance of Dartmouth College in 1908.

Following his graduation from college, he worked for the Prudential Insurance Co. from 1909 to 1911 before joining his father's concern, the Collins Blakely Pharmacy at 5 State St.

Mr. Blakely learned the pharmacist's profession from registered pharmacists in the store, and became a registered pharmacist.

After the death of his father in 1916, he took over the drug store and prescription service which he operated until his retirement in 1958. He sold the concern to Kenneth O'Meara, and it was purchased three years ago by the Corson Pharmacy.

Mr. Blakely had served as president of the Vermont Pharmaceutical Association, and last year he was honored with a life membership on the Vermont State Board of Pharmacy.

He had served as a member of the Montpelier board of school commissioners for 14 years, representing the Washington County School, and had been secretary of the board for a number of years.

Although never aspiring to public office, Mr. Blakely had always had a keen interest in politics, and history, mostly of Vermont and Montpelier.

One of the oldest living members of the Montpelier Unitarian Church, he had served as a trustee, a member of permanent funds, treasurer of the Laymen's League, custodian of church property and as a church usher for many years.

He was a member of the executive board of the Montpelier Division of the Chittenden Trust Co.,



and had been a director of its predecessor, the Capital Savings Bank and Trust Co. for more than 30 years, and was the oldest member of the board. He had also served the Capital Savings Bank, of which his half-brother E. E. Blakely was one of the founders, as assistant trust officer for many years.

Mr. Blakely had always held a great interest in Masonic circles, and had been a member of Aurora Lodge for 49 years. He was the oldest past master of the lodge, and last week was honored at the annual past masters' night. He was a past high priest of King Solomon Chapter of York Rite Bodies, past commander of Mt. Zion Commandery; a 32nd degree of Scottish Rite Masons and a member of Mt. Sinai Temple, A.A.O.M.S.

In addition to operating his drug business, Mr. Blakely also carried on the Blakely Coal Co., established by his father. He retired from this business in 1958.

His marriage to Miss Katherine S. Spear, the first Montpelier school nurse, took place in Wapole, Mass., on April 20, 1923.

Besides his widow Mr. Blakely is survived by one son, Judson S. Blakely, Staten Island, N. Y., and five grandchildren, David Wing, Joseph Edward, Anita Maria, Judith Elisa and Alfred Judson Blakely, all of Staten Island. Cousins also survive.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 in the Unitarian church, Montpelier.

The Rev. Gerald R. FitzPatrick, minister, will officiate.

Entombment will be in the Green Mount Cemetery vault to await burial in that cemetery.

A Masonic memorial service will be conducted at the church at the time of the funeral.

There are no visiting hours and the family requests no flowers.

The Barber and Lanier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

No-Confidence Move Beaten By Macmillan

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's Conservative government easily killed a no-confidence motion on its defense policy Tuesday night. Then it won parliamentary approval of a plan to reorganize Britain's three armed services into a unified defense ministry.

The House of Commons rejected the Labor party's no-confidence