

Scott C. White, Prominent In Business, Civic Life, Dies

Scott C. White, prominent in El Paso business, fraternal and political life since the turn of the century, died of a heart attack Saturday afternoon in El Maida Shrine Temple. He was 81.

Mr. White had returned from Compton, Calif., only last week for a visit. Since the death of his wife in 1950 he had lived with a niece, Mrs. Inez Brown, in the West Coast city.

Mr. White operated a drug store in the Mills Building for 34 years until he retired on Jan. 1, 1945. He served as U. S. marshal from 1925 to 1932, and was active in Masonic and Shrine circles being a 33rd Degree and was potentate of El Maida in 1928. He also was a past eminent commander of El Paso Commandery, Knights Templar.

He got his start in the drug store business in Fremont, Neb., his home town, back in the 1880s, coming to El Paso in 1892 to work in a stationery store owned by the late Dr. W. A. Irvin.

After working for Dr. Irvin for eight years, Mr. White went into the drug store business with the late H. L. Potter. Then in 1907 Mr. White severed his partnership and bought a drug store in the Morehead Building on North Oregon Street. He moved into the store in the Mills Building in 1911.

Among his other activities in El Paso, Mr. White was a member of El Paso School Board in 1915 and 1916, former president of the old El Paso Advertising Club and director of the Chamber of Commerce.

President Calvin Coolidge appointed Mr. White as marshal of the Western District Court of Texas on March 17, 1925. He held the office until 1932.

Besides his niece, survivors include a daughter in California.

Funeral arrangements were pending with Harding and Orr, awaiting arrival of relatives from the West Coast.



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