

J. C. Wilmarth, Well Known Respected Citizen, Is Dead

Passing Terminates Constructive Career of El Pasoan Long Identified With Business and Social Life.

JAMES C. WILMARTH died at his home, 600 Upson avenue, at 3:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He leaves a wife and a daughter, Ann, five years of age. He had been dangerously ill for some weeks.

There will be no funeral services in El Paso. Burial will be in Janesville, Wisconsin, and Mrs. Wilmarth will go there. Friends are requested not to send flowers.

Mr. Wilmarth came to El Paso from Janesville about 1898. He had been in the newspaper business there, with the Janesville Gazette.

A few years later he became associated with H. D. Slater and remained for more than 20 years manager and part owner of the El Paso Herald. Eight years ago he retired from active newspaper work but retained an interest and was vice president of the Herald News Co., and Herald Building Co., and secretary and treasurer of El Paso Times Co., until the newspapers passed into the present ownership last year.

Through the long years of struggle, when El Paso was often torn with political strife and disturbed by evil forces, The Herald necessarily maintained a militant position in behalf of law enforcement and unhindered civic progress. At all times Mr. Wilmarth cordially supported the aggressive policies of the newspaper, and ignored considerations of financial gain or even safety when a high principle was at stake.

Highly Respected.

In his newspaper life he was respected and loved by all with whom he came in contact, for his scrupulous sense of justice and his warm humanity. Not only did all business men have entire faith in him, but the body of employes looked upon him as a friend and mentor, and workers in the organized trades regarded him as always fair and considerate, even while tenacious for what he held right and reasonable. Always he sought not only to see things from others' point of view, but tactfully, even diplomatically, he patiently prevailed on others to take the broader view, preserve harmony, and arrive at understanding.

Since he retired from active business Mr. Wilmarth had energetically devoted himself to public work, having been for some years a valued member of the board of school trustees, long time president or other active officer of the El Paso Country club, participant in many committees and boards in civic endeavor, and serving in various capacities the First Congregational church. He was particularly active throughout his life here in grand jury work, and had part in many investigations and law enforcement movements.

A Man Of Friends.

Mr. Wilmarth was an enthusiastic golf player, and won and held many championships. He had many loyal friends, and possessed the happy faculty of attracting and holding the affection of young persons and children as well as his contemporaries. He read much, and kept up with the current in literature, the arts, and technical subjects. His views were sought and valued on widely varied topics. To him the world he lived in seemed filled with riches that are not to be priced with money, so he found his joy in

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choosing from universal stores open to all alike who come eager and believing.

Running all through his intellectual, spiritual, and social life was strong human sympathy, sometimes even tenderness; he was slow to condemn without reason, and withheld his tongue from bitter speech. Always his influence was constructive and helpful, and he was more inclined to induce agreement than to bear down opposition.

His passing removes a beloved and forceful figure from El Paso's life, and brings sorrow to many.



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bearers are: H. W. Schroeder, William R. Taylor, Mr. Clark, William T. Griffith, Dr. W. H. Anderson, and Leo Rosenfeld.

Memory Of J. C. Wilmarth Is Extolled At Services

Affection and Respect of Community for Late Civic Leader Expressed by Speakers.

WITH affection and respect, the life of the late J. C. Wilmarth was extolled in memorial services held yesterday in First Congregational church, of which he was a trustee. The auditorium was filled with members of the congregation and a number of other friends of Mr. Wilmarth.

As suggested by the Rev. Marshall Dawson, it was not in any sense a funeral service; not dolorous or lamenting, but reverent. The pastor led the service. Brief addresses were delivered by several of Mr. Wilmarth's friends and associates. Interspersed with these were solo and choral selections appropriate to the occasion.

Speaking for El Paso Country club, C. H. Leavell said in part:

"Our love for him was combined with admiration for his trained intellect and character.

"Shortly after he came to El Paso there was a meeting which he attended, together with Waters Davis, H. D. Slater and a number of others who proposed to lift El Paso's civic life out of its rut. It was determined to close public gambling, and that was accomplished after a hard fight.

Launches Country Club.

"That meeting was the forerunner of the beginning of the El Paso Country club, for those who launched the movement began to look about for better associations for El Paso citizens. Soon afterward, 10 lots were obtained down near Washington Park, and the Country club was launched. Mr. Wilmarth was a charter member of the club and from that day he was active on its most important committees. He served also on various boards and as vice president and president.

"He was instrumental in the organization of the southwestern golf tournaments, and he was one of the very few who realized that those interchanges of good fellowship between individuals of the southwestern communities meant more than an athletic contest. His interest was more in what he could do for El Paso than in any sport he got out of the Country club. On behalf of all members of El Paso Country club, I wish to say that we love, respect and cherish his memory."

Stockwell in Praise

Walter E. Stockwell spoke on be-

half of the congregation and trustees.

"In the councils of the church the wise judgments and friendly counsel of Mr. Wilmarth can ill be spared," he said. "It is no secret that it has not been easy to keep this church going in an environment to which it has not been indigenous. Mr. Wilmarth had confidence in the inevitable upward trend, and we shall best carry on the undertakings he was anxious to support."

A manuscript prepared by H. D. Slater was read by Rev. Dawson, consisting of reminiscences of Mr. Wilmarth's connection with newspaper publishing in El Paso in bygone years, and of tributes to various phases of his character.

By Nature, Kindly

H. S. Hunter, editor of The Herald and Times, voiced the respect and attachment of the older employees of The Herald for Mr. Wilmarth. He said, in part:

"We who worked with him and knew him for what he was were acquainted year after year with a nature kindly and thoughtful of others, ever considerate, generous and good.

"An intellectual aristocrat, he was a social democrat. He treated and, indeed, he thought, of the man in overalls or the small-salaried clerk as his equals. His demeanor toward them was exactly the same as toward the highly placed and richly endowed. He was one man toward all men, and that man was a gentleman.

"There is a kind of immortality which attaches to such men as J. C. Wilmarth; that immortality which carries remembrance in the minds of those we leave behind when we are gone. It is not everlasting. But it endures while those live upon whom the impressions were made.

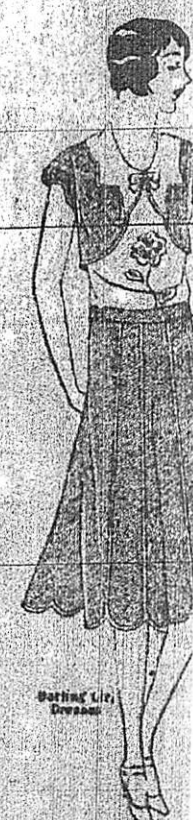
"The influence of J. C. Wilmarth upon those who worked beside him; indeed, upon all who knew him, was such as to inspire in them a desire to be like him. And that is the highest of all tributes to an exalted character."



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