

George Mead Dies After Long Illness

WISCONSIN RAPIDS (AP) — George W. Mead, 90, Wisconsin Rapids industrialist and civic leader, died at his home early today after a long illness. He suffered a stroke in 1950 and never fully recovered.



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Mead was associated with the Consolidated Water Power & Paper Co. for 42 years and served as its president from 1916 until his retirement in 1950 when he was succeeded by his son, Stanton.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete, pending the arrival of Mead's son who was on an Atlantic cruise at the time of his father's death.

Mead was mayor of Wisconsin Rapids for three terms, was once a candidate for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senator, served 12 years as a member of the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents and was a trustee of Beloit College and the Chicago Theological Seminary.

He held honorary doctor of laws degrees from the University of Wisconsin, Beloit College, Rockford College and Marquette University.

Mead was a former president and chairman of the board of the Illinois Bank & Trust Co., and director and officer of the Wisconsin Rapids First National Bank.

His wife preceded him in death in 1939. Besides his son, Stanton, he is survived by another son, Walter, Oconomowoc, a daughter, Mrs. Emily Baldwin, Wisconsin Rapids, and eight grandchildren.

Under Mead's direction, the Consolidated Water Power & Paper Co., became one of the largest paper producers in the world, with mills in Wisconsin Rapids, Biron, Stevens Point, Whiting, and Appleton, all in Wisconsin. The firm also pioneered in the manufacture of machine-coated paper through a process on which it holds exclusive patents.

Mead also gained wide prominence for his efforts in developing the power resources of the Wisconsin River, often called the hardest working river in the world. He was instrumental in organizing the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Co., which maintains a system of reservoirs to control giant hydro - electric plants at Petenwell and Castle Rock.

Mead was elected president of the Improvement Co., in 1935 and served in that office for many years, and in 1947 became first president of the Wisconsin River Power Co., which was organized by Consolidated, the Wisconsin Power & Light Co., and the Wisconsin Public Service Corp., which share in the energy produced at Petenwell and Castle Rock.

A native of Chicago, Mead was born in 1871 the son of lumber merchant Darius Mead who helped rebuild the city after the great fire. He attended schools in Chicago, Rockford and Galena, Ill., spent one year at Beloit College and was graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1894.

Mead was engaged in the furniture business at Rockford with his brother, D. Ray Mead, for eight years after his graduation from college. He moved to Wisconsin Rapids in 1902 to manage the business affairs of his father-in-law, J. D. Witter, a co-founder with Nels Johnson of Consolidated Water Power & Paper Co. in that year.

Syrians Called Upon to Revolt

Nasser Says All Is Not Well in Nation

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP)—Egyptian broadcasts called on the Syrian people to revolt today against their revolutionary regime. President Gamal Abdel Nasser declared the Syrians now were fighting to save their "unity."

Ignoring denials from Damascus that fighting against the rebel regime is taking place, Nasser declared in a speech at a student rally in Cairo: "The Syrian people who struggled against all forms of imperialism will never give the exploiters a chance to rule."

But Nasser conceded the setback in Syria might set off a reaction of "treason throughout the Arab nations." He blamed mistakes, conceit and trickery for the success of the revolt.

As Cairo opened up on his four-day-old regime that broke away from Nasser's United Arab Republic, Syrian Premier Mamoun Kuzhari moved swiftly to rid Syria of Nasser influence.

The Syrian government appeared firmly in control but Kuzhari was taking no chances. He banned all demonstrations, closed all schools and universities, extended the curfew, and outlawed the Syrian branch of Nasser's National Union party.

An American traveler, arriving here from Damascus, said the Syrian capital appears enthusiastic about last week's successful revolt but "few of the ordinary

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Nelson Signs Much Higher Road Budget

MADISON (AP)—A \$382 million highway budget for 1961-63 was signed today by Gov. Gaylord Nelson. The figure, which includes \$16.7 million for the Motor Vehicle Department, is about \$15 million higher than that of the previous biennium.

The highway budget is financed by gasoline taxes, drivers' fees,