

Ex-Ionian Stricken In Pulpit

Sept 9-1951
The Rev. Gorge Woolcock, 69, of Gregory, former pastor of the First Baptist church of Ionia, was stricken Sunday morning with a fatal heart attack in the middle of his sermon at the pulpit of the Gregory Baptist church here he was pastor.

He forced himself to continue the church services and then collapsed just as the service ended. Members of his choir and congregation carried him in a chair to his home across the street from the church where he died at 5:30 p. m.

He was pastor at the Ionia church for nine years, leaving in 1945 for Traverse City. He took up the pastorate of the Gregory church July 21, 1950. Gregory is near Jackson.

Born In Ontario

The Rev. Woolcock was born November 21, 1881, at Beechville, Ont., and moved to this country with his family May 5, 1893. He was ordained a minister of the Baptist denomination July 14, 1908, at Spring Lake. He was a minister for 45 years. His pastorates were Twining 1906-07, Spring Lake 1907-09, Milan 1909-14, St. Clair 1914-17, Ovid 1917-22, Traverse City 1922-24, Grand Rapids 1924-30, Battle Creek 1930-32, Spring Lake 1932-36, Ionia 1936-45, Traverse City 1945-50, and Gregory July 21, 1950, until the present time.

He married his wife, Ida, March 9, 1909. Surviving him besides his wife are a daughter, Mrs Maureen Alspaugh of Ionia; four grandchildren; one sister, Mrs Romaine Tolles of Eau Clair, Wis.; and a brother, Jake, of St. Clair Shores. A son, Charles, died in 1918 and a daughter, Margaret in 1939 while he was a pastor in Ionia.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a. m. Wednesday, September 12, at the Gregory Baptist church and at 2 p. m. at the First Baptist church of Ionia. The body will lie in state at the Ionia church between 1 and 2 p. m. Interment will be in Spring Lake cemetery. Arrangements are being made by the Myers funeral home.

Deaths

REV. GEORGE WOOLCOCK

Funeral services for the Rev. George Woolcock who died at his home in Gregory Sunday afternoon were held from his church in Gregory Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. *Sept 12-1951*

These services were followed by services from the First Baptist church in Ionia at 2 p.m. The body laid in state from 1 to 2 p.m.

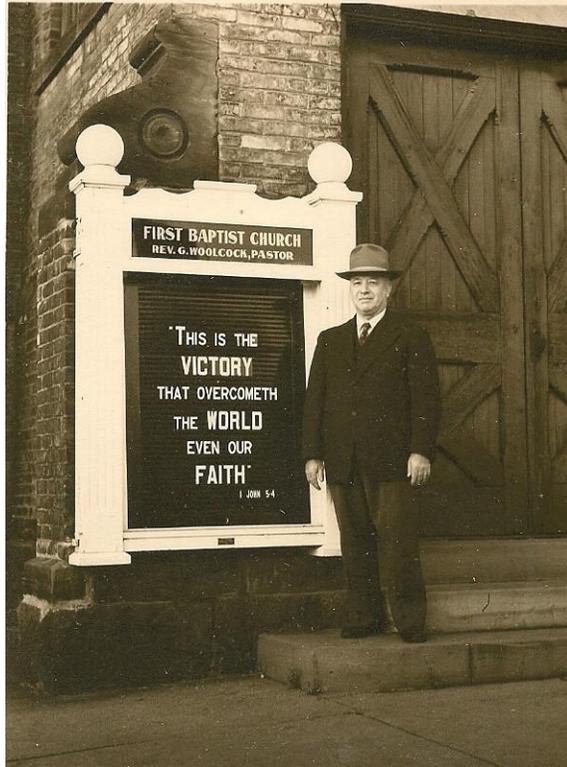
Ministers officiating at the services here were the Rev. William Pixley, assisted by the Rev. George Karney of Lansing. Ushers were Francis Whitesides, O. O. Hilborn, and Carl Roberts, all of Ionia and members of the Ionia Baptist church.

Pall bearers were Hiram Darling, Guy Eddington, Purl Johnson, and Don Crawford, all Ionians. Friends assisted the pall bearers at Spring Lake cemetery where interment was made. Women's groups from the Spring Lake, Traverse City, and Ionia Baptist churches attended in bodies.

Those attending the Ionia services from out of town were: Mr and Mrs Francis Herbert, Mrs Joe Carlson, Mrs D. E. Stromberg, Mrs Melvin Conger, Mrs A. E. Stoddard, Mrs Bertha Gilmore, Mrs Otto Pertner, Mrs Lulu Thirby, Mrs A. I. Pelizzari, and Mrs Everett Corde, of Traverse City;

Mrs Loya Sutherland and Mrs Leon Bradley of Battle Creek; Mr and Mrs Paul H. Moore, Mrs Basil Bird and Mrs E. D. Brook of Nunica; Mr and Mrs Robert Miller and Mrs Shirley Fisher of Ann Arbor, Mrs Minnie Webb of Thornedale, Ontario, and Mrs Romaine Tolles of Eau Claire, Wis.

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