

Cherokee Attorney J. Wilford Hill Dies; Services Saturday

Longtime Cherokee City Attorney, J. Wilford Hill, 82, died early Wednesday morning in a Bartlesville hospital following a lengthy illness.

Hill had retired from the practice of law in April of this year after 34 years of practice during which time he had served two stints as City Attorney, first in the years 1919-21 and later during 1952 through the early sixties.

He had also served as Alfalfa County Attorney during the years of 1921-25, was counsel for Alfalfa Electric Cooperative from its inception in 1937 until 1971 and had filled many other posts in civic and business groups.

He was part owner of the Cherokee Abstract Co., a director and counsel of the Alfalfa County National Bank, and Cherokee Federal Savings and Loan and was a member of the Alfalfa County, Oklahoma and American Bar Associations.

Hill was a 50 year member of the American Legion and Corinthian Masonic Lodge of which he was a Past Master, and a member of the Methodist Church.

He was also a member of the Cherokee Athletic Association, Phi Alpha Delta and Acacia fraternities, was a 'Guardian of Scouting' in the Great Salt Plains Council, Boy Scouts of America and had served as member of the County Board of Equalization and State Committeeman in the Republican Party.

Joseph Wilford Hill was born June 3, 1901 at McPherson, Kan. and moved to Cherokee as a young man where he graduated from High School. He graduated from Kansas University with a degree in law and after service in World War I returned to Cherokee where



he opened his law practice.

He was married to Helen Ruth Oldham September 19, 1917, who preceded him in death in 1969.

Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Willard (Genevive) Boyce, Mrs. Warren (Amy Lee) Thomas and Mrs. Wayne (Ruth Ann) Moberly, all of Bartlesville; eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services for Hill will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday at the First United Methodist Church in Cherokee with Rev. Jim Phares officiating. Burial will follow in the Cherokee Municipal Cemetery under the direction of Goodwin Funeral Home.

A memorial fund has been established to the Cherokee City-County Library in his memory with the Goodwin Funeral Home as custodians of the fund.

Early Press Times

The Thanksgiving Holiday will call for early press days on both the Messenger and Republican of next weeks issues.

The Messenger will be printed and mailed on Monday and The Republican printed and mailed on Wednesday with the normal Friday arrival in your homes.

To accomplish this, all news copy and advertising will have to be in our office Monday and Wednesday mornings to be printed in those issues.

Union Thanksgiving Services At Baptist Church Sunday Eve

Union Thanksgiving Services will be held Sunday evening, November 18, 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church under the sponsorship of the Cherokee Ministerial Alliance, is the announcement of Rev. Jim Phares, president of the Alliance.

The joint meeting of the Cherokee Churches will hear Arvel Robbins as the preacher and the Baptist choir, organist, pianist and music director will lead in the music provided by members of the community.

A large number from all congregations are expected to attend and take part in the Thanksgiving Services.

Aline-Cleo School Adopts New Grading