

# Dean of Law School Dies; Was Prominent In Civic Activities

Attorney Raymond Leonard Falls, one of Youngstown's most prominent and active attorneys and dean of Youngstown University School of Law for 14 years, died last week after being stricken with a heart attack at an attorney's banquet at Squaw Creek Country Club.

Attorney Falls was attending the annual fall outing of the Mahoning County Bar Association and was talking with other attorneys about realization of his long-time ambition for a full-time law school at the University when the first of two attacks struck him.

An ambulance was summoned but delay resulted when it skidded into a ditch at the club entrance and another ambulance had to be summoned. A second attack occurred shortly after as fellow attorneys attempted to give him first aid. He was dead on arrival at Saint Elizabeth Hospital at 10:45 p.m.

Atty. Falls had had a severe coronary attack two years ago but had recovered and returned to his full schedule. The family has lived for many years at 3521 Hopkins Road.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 p.m. Friday at the Shriver-Allison Funeral Home.

Long considered one of the city's most civic minded residents, Atty. Falls took an active part in community affairs and was often called upon to serve on various citizens committees.

He devoted many long hours to the law school at Youngstown University where he first joined the staff as a teacher in 1933, teaching personal property and pleadings, his speciality. In 1942 following the death of Judge George H. Gessner, he was named dean of the law school and, in addition to his new duties as dean, con-

tinued to teach.

Atty. Falls was born in New Castle, Pa., July 12, 1899, a son of the late Benjamin F. Falls and Katherine Weir Falls. The family moved to Youngstown when he was a youngster and he attended the old West Side School. His father was in the steel business and the family also operated a grocery on the West Side for many years.

He received his Bachelor's degree from Theil College in 1921 and taught Physics and Mathematics for a year in a high school at Salem, Ill. He then entered Western Reserve University School of Law and graduated from there in 1926.

On his return to Youngstown, Falls entered the office of McKain and Ohl and in 1928 he opened his own office.

Dean Falls was active in his work at the Evergreen Presbyterian Church where he taught Sunday school for 25 years.

Attorney Falls was a 32nd degree Mason in the Mahoning Consistory, member and past president of the Youngstown Optimist Club, member of the Sulgrave Lodge No. 692 F. & A.M. Youngstown Shrine Club, Elks, Delta Sigma Phi and Phi Alpha Delta and the American, Ohio and Mahoning County Bar Associations. He was also a director of and counsel for the Metropolitan Savings and Loan Co.

He is survived by his wife, a son and daughter.