



Edward J. Ward

Ex-auditor dies at age 80

Former Lima city Auditor Edward Joseph Ward, 80, of 2098 W. High St. died at 5:40 p.m. Saturday at Lima Convalescent Home.

A Lima native, Mr. Ward first served in elective public office as a member of the Lima school board from 1947 to 1951. He also served four months on the board in 1957 after being appointed to fill an unexpired term.

After a 46-year career with the former Lima Telephone and Telegraph Co., now United Telephone Co., Mr. Ward retired in 1965 as secretary and assistant treasurer.

On Jan. 1, 1966, he began the first of two full terms as city auditor, a post he held until 1973.

Mr. Ward promoted the initial municipal income tax in 1958 and 1959 and the urban renewal proposition in 1963.

He was a member of Market Street Presbyterian Church, Elks Lodge 54, Masonic lodge 585 and a charter member of Lima Lions Club.

Born July 2, 1902, in Lima, Mr. Ward was the son of George W. and Anna B. Thomas Ward. He married Bernice Elizabeth Frey, who survives.

Survivors also include a son, John D. Ward of Lansing, Mich.; a daughter, Mrs. Marilyn A. King of Lima; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Edythe Ritchie of West Liberty.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Siferd Westwood Chapel, Dr. Bruce Mase officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 tonight and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Westwood Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lions Club for eye research.