

12 Oneonta Star Friday, July 6, 1962

Chester T. Backus

Ex-Assemblyman Dies in Morris

MORRIS — Chester T. Backus, 82, former Otsego County assemblyman, former president of Tri-County Motor Club, for 15 years a member of the Board of Supervisors, and a practicing attorney in this area since 1904, died at his home in Morris July 5 after a long illness.

Funeral services will be at 2 p. m. Saturday at Morris Methodist Church. Burial will be in Hillington Cemetery, Morris.

Masonic services will be held at the Backus home at 8 tonight. Otsego County Bar Association will meet at 1:45 p.m. Saturday outside of the church to attend the services in a body.

Mr. Backus was born in Morris March 24, 1880, son of Allen and Ella J. (Polts) Backus. He married Ruth A. Ligat in Morris June 29, 1921. She died in 1933.

A lifetime resident of the village, he was a member of Morris Methodist Church, a charter member of Morris Rotary Club, a 32nd degree Mason who was recently presented with a 50 year pin as a member of Tienderrah Lodge, F&AM.

He graduated from Morris High School in 1897, and from Syracuse University in 1901, when he was admitted to the bar.

He served as Supervisor of the Town of Morris for 15 years and as Otsego County Clerk for six years and as a member of New York State Assembly for eight years.

He was a member of Otsego County and New York State Bar Associations, and served the Tri-County Motor Club, of which he was an honorary officer at the time of his death, as president for many years.

He is survived only by several cousins.



CHESTER T. BACKUS
Civic Leader

Morris Notes

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Mr. and Mrs. William Blanchard, Oneonta, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Hoag.

Mr. and Mrs. William McDougal, Norwich, visited Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Shaw.

Mrs. Burton Harbutt and Miss Catherine Riley, Oneonta, called on Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lull.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Angel, Rochester, called on Chester Backus.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sweet entertained his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sweet at dinner for their 13th wedding anniversary.

The Morris Rotary Club has voted no to hold a chicken barbecue this year on the 4th of July.

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