

M. GLENDINNING TAKEN BY DEATH

Widely-Known Editor Was With S-R for 46 Years

Malcolm Glendinning, 78, retired managing editor of The Spokesman-Review, died yesterday morning at his home, 81518 Madison.

His active service on The Spokesman-Review totaled a little more than 46 years at the time of his retirement in 1939. He had served in



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every division of the news department. After retirement he devoted part of his time to writing special articles of reminiscences for The Spokesman-Review, covering some of his early-day newspaper experiences.

Mr. and Mrs. Glendinning spent the winters of 1950-51 and 1951-52 in Phoenix, Ariz.

Mr. Glendinning was born in Salmon, Idaho, and was a member of two noted pioneer families, the Shoups and the Glendinnings.

Nephew of Governor

His father, James Glendinning, a native of Scotland, was in business in Salmon with Col. George Laird Shoup, a brother of Malcolm Glendinning's mother. Colonel Shoup was distinguished as an Indian fighter. He later became the last territorial governor of Idaho and the first state governor. The people of Idaho placed his statue in the hall of fame at Washington, D. C.

Mr. Glendinning was born in Lake City with his family as a small boy. His father, one of the first "Gentile" (non-Mormon) members of Utah's territorial legislature, became an important leader in the state's commercial and civic affairs. He later became mayor of Salt Lake City and held that post when Utah was admitted as a state.

The son attended St. Paul's school in Concord, N. H. Among his classmates were Thomas A. Edison Jr.; George Day, brother of the author of "Life With Father," and Edward S. Harkness, world-famous philanthropist.

From St. Paul's, Mr. Glendinning entered Yale university. He was graduated from Yale in 1908. He attended the 50th reunion of the class.

He was a student of Shakespeare and had a sound foundation in Latin and Greek.

Was Sports Writer

On his return to Salt Lake City, he began playing football on the city team. It was through this sport that he received his first introduction to the newspaper business. The editor of the old Salt Lake Herald assigned him to writing stories of the games.

Later he served as a forest ranger on the middle fork of the Clearwater river in Idaho. Then followed a short stay in Alaska where he spent a season in placer mining operations at "Camp 3 above" on Anvil creek, near Nome.

From Alaska, Mr. Glendinning came to Spokane. He applied to the late Conner Malott, then city editor of The Spokesman-Review, for a job.

He was hired. The year was 1902. He covered every beat and assignment on the paper, became assistant city editor and city editor. He resigned in 1909 to become publisher of the Wallace, Idaho, Press. But after slightly more than a year, he returned to The Spokesman-Review again as city editor.

Hired Johnston, Dill

Among the reporters he employed who later became famous were Eric A. Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, and Clarence C. Dill, later a congressman and United States senator. Charles Hart, who later became minister to Albania and Persia, was one of his assistants on the city desk.

Mr. Glendinning served as city editor from 1910 to 1936, later becoming news editor. He became the executive head of the editorial department in 1942 when the late George W. Dodds was forced to retire as managing editor because of ill health.

As a young reporter, he covered

many of the big stories of the day. Probably the most important of these was the great forest fire which swept across western Montana and northern Idaho in 1910.

In addition to his widow, Vedah Merton Glendinning, Mr. Glendinning is survived by two daughters, Mrs. T. J. Price of Spokane and Mrs. Richard A. Paulson of Seattle; a son, Robert D. Glendinning of Vancouver, Wash., six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; a brother, Arthur L. Glendinning, Seattle, three sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Cummings, of Spokane; Mrs. Lee K. Ward and Miss Margaret Glendinning, both of Washington, Pa.

Funeral Monday

Funeral services will be held at the Smith & Co. chapel at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow. Dean Frederick W. Kates and Canon John P. Moulton of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist will conduct Episcopal services. Interment will be in Riverside mausoleum.

Active pallbearers, all from the editorial staff of The Spokesman-Review, will be Joseph Baily Jr., Seabury M. Blair, James L. Bracken, Ashley E. Holden, Edward T. Litchfield and Callison Marks.

Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. George Anderson, Harold E. Casill, E. E. Clark, Howard C. Cleavinger, W. H. Cowles, John A. d'Urval, Ralph E. Dyer, L. E. Dyer, W. D. Edmunds, Frank C. Ferguson, Joel E. Ferris, Homer Hanford, Elza Hurst, W. B. Hyde, John McKinley, William McLaren, A. H. Peterson, Ken H. Rice and Tom J. Turner.

An Editor Slips Into History

One of the foremost recorders of Inland Empire history slipped quietly into the pages of that history yesterday when Malcolm C. Glendinning, retired managing editor of *The Spokesman-Review*, died at his home at Spokane.

Quiet, kindly and retiring, Mr. Glendinning did not cut a spectacular swath personally through the history of this region during the last half-century. Nor, indeed, did he fancy himself a historian; it was only in the three years since his retirement that he had much time to beckon up from his memory some of the tales of an area which only yesterday was a land of pioneers.

He was not a writer of history books, but a man who took notes on history in the making. He was, first and always, a newspaperman. It is the lot of the newspaperman to transcribe quickly the story of "history in a hurry," to shape that history in quiet ways that the world will little note nor long remember, and to gather in the evening with old friends or eager youngsters afflicted with that same dream of the roaring presses to retrace again the unknown steps by which great men reached great decisions or masses of small men reached even greater ones.

Day by day over the years from 1902 until 1950, Mr. Glendinning wrote and edited and directed the taking of notes on the Inland Empire's greatest story—its steady and sometimes swift expansion, its conquests and its

times of trouble, its proud triumphs and its disheartening failures. His mark is on the record of his times. The historians of the future who search through the notes he left may seldom find his mark, but it is there.

He would have wished, we think, that not too much be said about him and his achievements when the time of summary came. During his lifetime he preferred to blend himself into his story, emphasizing, not his own impressive accomplishments, but the development of the region he knew well, loved deeply and helped to guide in quiet, untold ways.

So it will be said here only that he served long and faithfully and quietly that portion of this great land which to him was home. He was here for half a century, his voice absorbed in the roar of the presses, his scribbled notes blended into the anonymity of "history in a hurry." He faced life smilingly when he could and made the stern decisions which it fell his lot to make.

And over the thousands of square miles where *The Spokesman-Review* has grown these many years with the region it serves, thousands of individual citizens who never knew their lives had been touched by this man share unknowingly in the loss. Malcolm Glendinning was truly a "gentleman of the press." He has slipped quietly into the history he quietly helped make.—B.J.

Malcolm Glendinning, Newspaperman, Dead

SPOKANE (S)—Malcolm C. Glendinning, widely known Northwest newspaperman and managing editor of the Spokesman-Review here from 1942 to 1959, died at his home Saturday at the age of 78.

He had been in ill health for some time and underwent major surgery a year ago. He remained active in journalism, however, and in recent months had written several feature stories for the Spokesman-Review about the Old West.

His newspaper career stretched over 59 years.

Glendinning was graduated from Yale and was a forest ranger in Idaho and a miner in Alaska before joining the Spokesman-Review in 1902 as a reporter. He became publisher of the Wallace, Idaho, Press in 1909 but returned in 1919 to the Spokesman-Review.

He was city editor of the paper from 1910 to 1936 and news editor until 1942 when he became managing editor. He retired in 1959.

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My dear George:

I was happy to read of you today in the Spokesman-Review after so many years. I don't remember anything about the taking of the picture. Besides myself, the only ones I recognize in the photograph are you and Harlan. During the past years when I have been in Grangeville on different occasions I have called upon you, but you always were absent. I hope I may have the pleasure of Meeting you in Lewiston, when we canK discuss our experiences of the long ago. Good luck and good health to you.

Cordially,

Malcolm Glendinning