

FRIENDS MOURN CITY LIBRARIAN

*Everett R. Perry Succumbs
to Heart Disease*

*Position Here Occupied for
Twenty-three Years*

*Funeral Services Will Be
Conducted Thursday*

Funeral services for Everett Robbins Perry, city librarian for twenty-three years, who died at the Queen of the Angels Hospital yesterday, will be conducted from Pierce Brothers at 2 p.m. Thursday. Interment will follow at the Inglewood Cemetery.

Perry, who was 57 years of age, succumbed to a heart ailment from which he had been suffering more than a year. He had been unconscious ten days and members of his family, who had been notified that the end was near, were at his bedside when he passed away.

HARVARD MAN

Perry was born in Worcester, Mass., and graduated from Harvard. He started his career at his alma mater and then entered the New York Public Library as secretary to the director, later being chief of the information department.

During his twenty-two years as City Librarian here Perry built up the library from 166,045 volumes in a rented office building to 1,400,000 books in the Central Library and its forty-eight branches. During that same time readers increased from 50,000 to 400,000 and last year 13,500,000 books were borrowed from the library, giving it the third largest circulation in the United States. The value of buildings and equipment increased under Perry's supervision from approximately \$500,000 to more than \$10,000,000.

KNEW ALL STAFF

Members of the library staff who were associated with Perry knew him as a man who knew by name every one of the 700 members of the staff. He served as president of the California Library Association in 1917 and was first vice-president of the American Library Association in 1929. At various times he was active in the American Association for Adult Education, the Society of Colleges and Universities of the Pacific Southwest and the Pacific Geographic Society.

He was a man of few diversions, finding entertainment for the most part in his work, though he took up golf in later years. For a number of years he was president of the Los Angeles Chess Club, having been a chess enthusiast during his college days, but for the last few years he gave this up in favor of books on the trend of the times, over which he was gravely concerned.

The city officially paid tribute to the memory of Perry yesterday when news of his death was received. On motion of Councilman Breedlove, the City Council adjourned in respect to his memory, while flags on city buildings were ordered at half-staff. Mayor Shaw in a statement regretting his death and offering sympathy to his family, said:

TRIBUTE OF SHAW

"His passing constitutes a great loss to the entire community as well as to his family and his many friends in the public, social and business life of the city, county and State. Constructive in his policies and gifted with fine vision and ability, he has contributed most substantially to the cultural advancement of Los Angeles and California generally."

Perry leaves his widow, Mrs. Lilla Gertrude Perry, and five children, Richard W., 23; Edward C., 21; Norman, 17; Beatrice, 15, and Dorothy, 14. They are all at the family residence, 720 South Kingsley Drive.