

Grover Prough, Baseball Star, Dies Today After Long Illness

Grover C. Prough, for more than a quarter of a century identified with professional and semi-pro baseball, the last 12 years in Battle Creek, died at a local hospital at 11:20 a. m. today. He was 47 years old and had been in ill health for more than two years.

Mr. Prough was the youngest son of Martin and Eliza Prough and was born in LaGrange county, Indiana, June 13, 1890. He was married in 1920 to Florence B. Soules, of Union City, who survives him. He also leaves three children, Lila 15, Bernita, 11, and L. D., 9; Aronld F., a son by a previous marriage, eight

sisters and two brothers.

He was a member of Battle Creek lodge, No. 12, F. & A. M. and Battle Creek chapter, No. 19, R. A. M.



MR. PROUGH
his athletic career began at Athens high school, where he was an outstanding football and baseball player. His interscholastic ability led up

to his baseball career after school.

His career in organized baseball began in 1910 with Jackson, then with Lansing and Bay City, in the old Southern Michigan league, and later with Manistee in the Michigan state league. Later Mr. Prough played for Charleston, S. C. and Albany, Ga. in the South Atlantic league, popularly known as the "Sally" league; Marshalltown, Ia., in the old Central association, and finally with Kalamazoo in the Central league.

Mr. Prough came to Battle Creek in 1925 to join Postum's baseball club, and the following year transferred to the Kellogg team. He was an outfielder and recognized in those days as one of the best hitters in Battle Creek semi-pro ball. He had been employed at the Kellogg Co. as a mechanic since 1926.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p. m. from Hebble's chapel with the Rev. Carleton Brooks Miller in charge. Burial will be in Riverside cemetery at Union City. Battle Creek lodge, No. 12, F. & A. M., will conduct services at the cemetery.

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