

## **OBITUARY**

### **Funeral Rites Held For Ray McCracken**

Private services for Raymond McCracken, a native of Hackettstown, former Belvidere mayor and a retired building contractor, were held Monday afternoon at the Mae-Fadden Funeral Home, Belvidere. The Rev. Frank T. Reed of Trinity Methodist Church officiated. Burial was in Hackettstown Union Cemetery. There was a viewing at the funeral home Saturday evening. Mr. McCracken was found dead last Thursday in his second floor apartment at 310 Water Street, Belvidere. He would have been 77 years old today. Dr. N. C. Marlatt, Warren County physician, attributed death to a coronary occlusion. He placed the approximate time of death at midnight Wednesday, February 11, 1959.

#### **On First Grid Team**

Born in Hackettstown on February 19, 1882, he was a son of the late Watson and Ida Sigler McCracken. He lived a number of years in New York City, where he conducted a contracting business. For the last 25 years he had made his home in Belvidere. He was an alumnus of Hackettstown High School, where he played on the first Tiger football team in 1898.

Mr. McCracken served two one year terms as mayor of Belvidere in 1940 and 1941. Shortly after he moved there he built a row of stores on the east side of Water Street. He later converted several private dwellings on Water and Market Streets to apartment buildings and also had a number of houses erected on the outskirts of Belvidere.

He was a member of Trinity Methodist Church and Independence Lodge, No. 42, F. and A. M., both of Hackettstown. Surviving are his wife, the former Irene Thorp of Hackettstown, who operates a beauty shop on Moore Street, and a sister, Mrs. Francis Geissler of New York City.

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