

G. H. Sterns Succumbs At Bill Hearing

WATERVILLE — George H. Sterns, 62, treasurer of Sterns Department Stores of Waterville and Skowhegan, died Thursday at a legislative hearing in Augusta.

Acquaintances who were present said Sterns had a history of serious heart disease. Medical aid was called and the fire department rescue team came with a resuscitator but without avail.

Sterns came to the Judiciary Committee room for a hearing on a bill to strengthen law enforcement in dealing with shoplifters.

Born in Bangor, Sept. 24, 1906, he was the son of Harry and Bessie (Shiro) Sterns.

He was graduated from Hartland Academy and from Colby College in 1931. He was a member of the Waterville Masonic Lodge, A. F. and A. M.; the Martha Washington Chapter, O.E.S.; Kora Temple Shrine; the Beth Israel Synagogue, Waterville; B'nai B'rith, Waterville; the Samaritan Lodge of Odd Fellows; and the Waterville Lions Club.

Mr. Sterns was a director of the Waterville Savings and Loan Association and of the Maine Merchants Association, as well as a former director of the National Retail Merchants Association.

Surviving are his widow, Florence (Shipiro) Sterns, Waterville; a daughter, Mrs. Harvey Brandwein, Waterville; two brothers, Fred J., of Skowhegan, and Herbert D., of Waterville; two grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 1 p. m. at the Jewish Funeral Chapel, Center Street, Bangor.

A memorial service will also be held Friday at 10 a. m. at the Beth Israel Synagogue, Waterville.

Burial will be in Beth Israel Cemetery, Bangor.