

PASSING OF HARRY SCHAPIRO GREAT SHOCK TO THE CITY

Body Found in River Friday Afternoon Casts Gloom and Mystery Over Entire Citizenship; Foul Play is Suspected.

The tragic death of Harry Schapiro, prominent business man, Mason and beloved citizen of San Marcos, has cast a gloom of mystery and sadness over our quiet and peaceful little city the equal of which has probably never before been experienced.

On last Friday morning when Abe Schapiro, brother of Harry and partner with him in the Grand Leader Dry Goods store, went to join his brother at the store early in the morning, he found that the place had not been opened as was Harry's habit to do before the clerks arrived. He thought strange of it but made no alarm, thinking that perhaps he would soon arrive. All morning he anxiously waited and watched for his brother and made inquiry among close friends around the square, but no one had seen him during the day. At noon he telephoned his mother at San Antonio inquiring if Harry might have gone to the city to visit her. A search was being planned for him when word came that his body was found in the San Marcos river. Deputy Sheriff Magruder and several citizens hurried to the scene and found his body floating, face down with arms extended in front, in the big pool just above the M-K&T railroad bridge. The body was brought to Rogers Undertaking Company where several physicians examined it carefully and Justice A. M. Ramsay made a careful examination. Apparently he had been dead since about midnight or perhaps 1:25 o'clock, as his watch had stopped at that hour. No marks of violence, except one or two small bruises could be found on his body and nothing that would have caused his death. His body was fully clothed including overcoat and his glasses were on when the body was found. A small sum of money, about two dollars, was in his pockets. His watch, pencil and fountain pen were in place.

Justice Ramsay at once began inquest proceedings but up to this time has not given his verdict. The sheriff's department, relatives and friends have been carefully carrying on an investigation to determine the cause of the death of this good citizen. No one who knows Harry Schapiro believes he took his own life. Every circumstance of his life, habits, financial condition, business relations, or personal associations argues against this conclusion. If he had an enemy in the world no one knows it. His fine friendly spirit and untiring interest in the good of his town gave to him a warm place in the hearts of our entire citizenship and perhaps there has never been such universal regret and sadness expressed over a death here. No other conclusion will satisfy the people of San Marcos than that he came to his death by foul play or by accident. He attended the Grand Theater on Thursday evening and left there when the show was over at 9:30 o'clock seemingly in his usual happy mood, stating that he enjoyed the show. Later, about 10 o'clock, he stopped at Bond's Cafe for a cup of coffee and seemed to be in his usual happy spirit.

Mr. Schapiro was 57 years of age and unmarried. He had conducted a merchandise business here for twelve years and was a successful business man. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. J. Schapiro of San Antonio; four brothers, Max of Driftwood, Abe of San Marcos, Irvin of Los Angeles, Calif., Coppel of Chicago, and two sisters, Sarah and Raye of San Antonio. The body was taken to San Antonio Sunday and interred in the Jewish cemetery after services were conducted at Shelley Undertaking Company under auspices of San Marcos Masonic Lodge, of which deceased was an honored member. Religious services were conducted by Rabbis Loebel and Kanter. Some forty people from San Marcos attended the funeral, mostly members of the Masonic Lodge and Order of DeMolay.

THE SAN MARCOS

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, it has pleased our Father in Heaven to take from our midst our most faithful and efficient advisor and counselor, Harry Schapiro, be it

Resolved by the John E. Pritchett Chapter, Order DeMolay, that in the loss of Mr. Schapiro we feel one has been removed whose place will be hard to fill in our hearts and minds.

That a copy of these resolutions be given to the San Marcos Record, and a copy be spread on our minutes.

That a copy be sent to the members of his family.

Respectfully submitted,
John E. Pritchett,
Paul Hodge,
Burnard Biggs,
Charles Morton,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas our Heavenly Father in His wisdom has seen fit to remove from this life, Bro. Harry Schapiro, our esteemed Past Patron and,

Whereas, the loss to his family and circle of relatives and friends is irreparable, therefore be it

Resolved, that we bow in submission to the will of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, Who doeth all things well, even though severing the tender ties that bind the home.

Resolved further, that we sympathize with the mother, family and relatives in this hour of grief and commend them to the care and guidance of our Heavenly Father, who afflicts his children, only, in love, mercy and wisdom.

Resolved further, that these resolutions be spread on our minutes and that a copy be sent the family, and a copy furnish the San Marcos Record.

Committee:

Mrs. M. C. Williams
Mrs. Benard Smith,
Ben Dailey.

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to take from us our beloved brother, Harry Schapiro, who departed this life on Thursday, December 16, 1926, therefore

Be it resolved: That San Marcos Lodge No. 342, A.F. & A.M. has lost one of its most valued members, and that the membership of the lodge have suffered an irreparable loss in the death of our friend and brother, Harry Schapiro.

Be it further resolved: that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Lodge; a copy sent to his family and a copy furnished the San Marcos Record for publication.

Adopted in stated meeting, January 3, 1927.

JOE R. HERMAN,
B. M. DAILEY,
W. M. DUNN, Committee

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

In as much as God in His wisdom has taken from us our beloved advisor, Mr. Harry Schapiro, therefore,

Be it resolved: that in the death of Mr. Schapiro our Order of the Rainbow for Girls has lost a friend whose interest in us was never failing and whose place can never be filled.

Be it further resolved: that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our order, a copy sent to his family, and a copy furnished the San Marcos Record.

Frances Parke,
Louise Taylor,
Lorna Raby, Committee

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our deepest felt thanks to the friends in San Marcos who brought comfort to us in our hours of grief in the loss of our beloved son and brother, Harry Schapiro, and for the beautiful floral offerings and expressions of sympathy. Especially do we want to thank San Marcos Lodge No. 342, A.F. & A.M. for their services, as well as the O.E.S., DeMolay and Rainbow.

MRS. J. SCHAPIRO
And Family

BODY OF HARRY SCHAPIRO FOUND IN SAN MARCOS RIVER

Mystery Surrounds Disappearance and Subsequent Finding of Local Business Man; Foul Play Suspected.

All of San Marcos was shocked Friday about noon by the announcement that the body of Harry Schapiro had been found in the weeds of the San Marcos River just above Rogers Park. The body was fully clothed, even to having on an overcoat. The watch on the body had stopped at 1:45, indicating ~~that the man had~~ drowning.

Mr. Schapiro was in excellent health and spirits the day before the finding of the body, and foul play has been hinted at. He was one of the most well-liked business men of the city and his friends were numbered by his acquaintances.

High School students grieved very much at hearing the news of Mr. Schapiro's death as he has been a friend to all of them who had come in contact with him. He was one of the leading Masons of the city and his work with the Rainbow girls brought him in contact with many of the high school students.

He has always been an advertiser in the columns of the "Rattler" and has been a liberal contributor to all High School causes. The "Rattler" and the students of San Marcos High School join with the citizens of San Marcos in grieving over the passing of such a worthy citizen as Mr. Harry Schapiro.

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Inquest Verdict Waits in Death Of San Marcos Man

San Marcos, Dec. 18.—Inquest investigation in the death of Harry Schapiro, whose body was taken from the San Marcos River here Friday afternoon, has not been completed, and Justice of the Peace A. M. Ramsey is holding the verdict open.

Schapiro with his brother, Abe Schapiro, operated a dry goods store here. His body was found by negro fishermen in tall reeds near the railroad bridge over the San Marcos River here. No marks of violence were found on the body and nothing was missing from his pockets, so far as known. His watch was still running when the body was found.

Schapiro accompanied his brother to his boarding house Thursday night and left the house to go to a picture show. He was not seen again, so far as has been determined, until his body was found in the river.

Schapiro was prominent in Masonic circles and was a member of the San Antonio Consistory and the Austin Ben Hur Shrine Temple.

Funeral services will be held in San Antonio Sunday, where the mother and several sisters of the Schapiros reside. The body was taken to San Antonio today.

HARRY SCHAPIRO

When news spread over town last Friday that the body of Harry Schapiro had been found in the river, a pall of deep gloom fell over our little city, for Harry was loved and respected by all who knew him. It is sincerely hoped that the mystery which is connected with his death will be cleared up, and if there has been foul play that the guilty ones will be punished to the full extent of the law. Harry is gone, but he has left behind him a legion of friends who will miss his sunny smile, his cheery way, and the warmth of his white soul. May the clean life that he lived be a shining beacon to which his friends and loved ones, through the fog of coming years, can look back to, and be guided aright.