

## Philanthropist, Industrial Leader

TECUMSEH, Mich. — Raymond W. Herrick, 82, an industrialist and philanthropist who rose from a 5-cent-an-hour apprentice to chairman of Tecumseh Products Co., the world's largest manufacturer of refrigerator compressors, died early Saturday in Herrick Hospital after a long illness.

Mr. Herrick retired in 1966 and was named chairman emeritus of Tecumseh Products.

He always preferred to keep a low profile in his philanthropic activities, which included at least \$7 million in anonymous donations to Adrian and Siena Heights colleges alone. In addition, there were gifts to area hospitals, schools, and libraries.

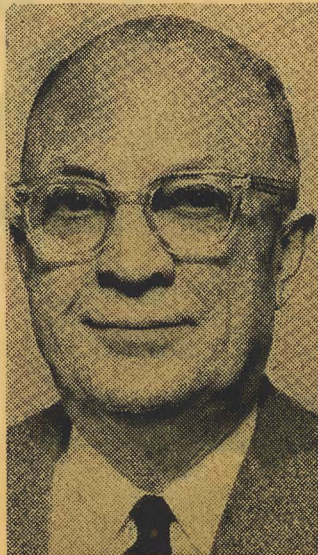
Mr. Herrick's wife, Hazel, died April 17, 1970. Surviving are his son, Kenneth, and daughters, Mrs. Catherine Cobb and Mrs. Jean van Waveren.

Services will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in Adrian College Chapel. The body will be in the Proctor Mortuary, Tecumseh, after 2 p.m. today, and will lie in state in the college chapel beginning at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Dr. John Dawson, president of Adrian College, and the Rev. Donald Porteous, of First Methodist Church, Tecumseh, will conduct the services.

The family requests that any tributes be in the form of contributions to Adrian College, Herrick Memorial Hospital, or Howe Military Academy, Howe, Ind.

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**RAYMOND W. HERRICK**  
Self-made industrialist

### 'Self-Made' Man

# Industrialist Herrick Began Career As Apprentice

## Donated Much Of Personal Fortune To Libraries, Colleges Across Midwest

Raymond W. Herrick, who died Saturday at 82, was a person for whom the expression "self-made" seemed especially appropriate.

Mr. Herrick began his career as an apprentice tool and die maker after attending school through the eighth grade. At his death, Tecumseh Products Co., the refrigeration equipment firm he founded, had done more than \$300 million in business annually, and is licensed to operate in 15 foreign countries.

He was born July 21, 1890 in Muskegon, Mich., where his father was in the lumber business. He attended school in Holland, Mich. and Central Lake, Mich. before becoming an ap-

prentice at the Western Machine Tool Co. in Holland.

He left there to work at the Ford Motor Co. and worked with Liberty Motor during World War I. He helped tool the Ford tractor while he was a division superintendent for the Ford Tractor Division and became a friend of Henry Ford, after whom he modeled himself.

After working at several other

plants in Michigan and one in Charles City, Iowa, he became associated with Hillsdale Garage and Machinery Co., Hillsdale, Mich., and began his real career.

The owner of the company, Charles F. Sage, and Mr. Herrick formed the Hillsdale Machine and Tool Co. in 1932, which later became Tecumseh Products.

The company began to build refrigerator compressors designed by Frank Smith, a friend of Mr. Herrick's, and it was expanding rapidly in 1933.

The owners decided to move to Tecumseh in 1933 when they were unable to get additional capital from Hillsdale bankers. Residents of Tecumseh offered

them a large, empty building which was vacant in their village and said they would help install the equipment.

Tecumseh businessmen raised the \$5,000 Mr. Herrick said he needed to move his machinery and in 1934 the company moved, changed its name to Tecumseh Products Co. and by 1940 was doing \$10 million business a year. After World War II, the firm was the largest manufacturer of refrigerator compressors in the world. Included in its subsidiaries is Acklin Stamping Co., of Toledo.

In the process of building the company, Mr. Herrick also amassed a large personal fortune, which he began giving away after the war.

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Many of his early donations were for libraries at educational institutions such as Hope College, Holland, Mich., but he expanded his activities to include philanthropic projects throughout Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana.

Mr. Herrick's philanthropic activities almost always were conducted under the title of "an anonymous donor," so the total number of gifts may never be publicly known. One was a gift of \$6 million to Adrian College during its 1950 building campaign, which was used to build more than a dozen buildings on that campus.

Adrian College Chapel, was built in memory of Mr. Herrick's mother, Katherine Elizabeth Herrick, and Herrick Hall, a women's sorority complex, was also built by his family. Herrick Tower, a 60-foot, 120-bell carillon, was built in his honor.

He also contributed to the growth of Siena Heights College, providing a \$1 million gift which built the performing arts center and art studio on that campus.

He also gave funds recently to Albion College and helped build many centers at the University of Michigan.

Mr. Herrick donated funds for Herrick Memorial Hospital in Tecumseh and Morenci Area Hospital.

He helped build the swimming pool and gymnasium at Howe Military Academy, where his late wife, Hazel, who died in 1970, received the first and only honorary degree given to a woman.

Early this year, he built the new First Baptist Church of Tecumseh in her honor.

He also donated funds to Tecumseh Schools, the Lenawee Institute, the former Lenawee Youth Center, the Tecumseh Li-

brary, and Maple Lane Manor, a home for the aged.

Mr. Herrick once told a Blade reporter that the main purpose of remaining anonymous was to avoid being bombarded by other agencies and persons wanting help.

He told how he had made a substantial donation to a midwestern college and had planned that more might be forthcoming.

College officials, however, were so happy with the contribution and felt that the benefactor ought to be recognized so they made public recognition of the help.

"That college never got another cent from me," he remarked.

Mr. Herrick was active in camping programs, and built the Richard T. Gosser Chapel at the UAW Local 12 camp in Sand Lake, Mich. He also helped or-

ganize Storer Camps in Napoleon, Mich., and other YMCA programs.

Among his several recognitions were the Distinguished Citizen of the Year award by the Adrian Elks Lodge and the Citation of Honor award from the University of Michigan.