

# Ernest Q. Bigelow of Pelham Dies

**PELHAM**—Ernest Q. Bigelow, one of Pelham's most prominent citizens and widely known throughout the Lowell area, died suddenly at the Lowell General hospital last night, aged 52 years.

Although he was a native of Lowell, Mr. Bigelow had resided in Pelham for the greater part of his life, having made his home on Mammoth road in that town. Mr. Bigelow had long been closely identified with political and civic activities, both in Pelham and in the state of New Hampshire at large. For the past 12 years he had been a member of the board of selectmen of Pelham, and at the time of his death served as chairman of the board. He was also a member of the New Hampshire general court, serving as a delegate to the house of representatives from Hillsborough county. His colleagues from Hillsborough county honored him with the chairmanship of the county deputation, a post which he held at his death.

He was the son of the late George and Minnie (McCoy) Bigelow, and although his early boyhood was spent in Lowell, his family took up residence in Pelham when he was but 10 years old.

Mr. Bigelow is survived by his wife, the former Bernice Russell; his sister, Mrs. Cora E. Butler of Pelham; and several cousins.

A 32nd degree Mason, he was a member and Past Master of Spicket lodge No. 85, F. and A. M., of Salem, N. H. He also held membership in the Aaron P. Hughes lodge of Perfection, The Oriental Council, Princes of Jerusalem, and the St. George Chapter of Rose Croix, all of Nashua, N. H. He was also a member of Bekdash Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Concord, N. H., as well as New Hampshire Consistory, also of Nashua. He had also been extremely active in Odd Fellows affairs, having been a member and Past Noble Grand of Centralville lodge, No. 215, IOOF, of Lowell. He was also affiliated with Centralville Rebekah lodge, No. 137, IOOF, Pilgrim Encampment, No. 4, IOOF, and Canton Pawtucket, No. 9, IOOF, all of Lowell.

An ardent stamp collector, Mr. Bigelow was an active and interested member of the Nashua Philatelic society. He was also an active sportsman, and devoted many hours to hunting and was associated with several informal rod and gun groups.

He was a member and Past Master of both the Pelham Grange, No. 244, and of Hillsborough County Pomona Grange. He was also a member of the Lowell Temple club.

Mr. Bigelow was a member and a trustee of the First Congregational church of Pelham.