

## JOSEPH EMPEY, JR.

Joseph Lamoni Empey, Jr., son of Joseph L. and Orvilla Liston Empey was born May 15, 1887 in St. George, Utah. As a young boy Joseph showed a keen interest in athletics, especially baseball and was one of St. George's best players. He completed his grade school here and completed two years of high school at the St. George Stake Academy after its completion in 1911. He was also prominent there in athletics.

Mr. Empey, Jr., was married November 25, 1914 to Miss Mattie Foster, a daughter of Orson H. and Rachel E. Risor Foster. To this union six children were born. They are Clark, Mrs. Naomi Nicholson, Helen, Beth, Maxwell and Ella. He was a devoted husband and father and was a constant companion of his oldest son.

He entered the employ of the Dixie Power company, now the Southern Utah Power company, in 1915 and was a valuable worker as an electrician in that company until last fall.

He was a member of the St. George Stake Recreation committee as it was organized during the winter of 1927 and 28, and resigned a year ago after his work took him to Cedar City. He was a dependable and earnest worker and it was while he was a member of this committee that the Open Air Pavilion was constructed.

Mr. Empey, Jr., was an active worker in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He was a counselor in the Presidency of the West Ward M. I. A. several years ago when Ward Esplin was president. And at the time of his death he was the leader of the M Men. He was president of the Third Quorum of Elders and was supervisor of the Priest Quorum in that Ward. It was less than a month ago the boys enjoyed a social in his home. There hasn't been a time in years when he hasn't been connected with the recreational leadership of the West Ward. The people of St. George feel it was a privilege to have associated with a man who had the characteristics of dependability, willingness to serve and the ability to work with others that Mr. Empey possessed.

Besides his parents, widow and children, he is survived by the following brothers and sisters: William and Nelson and Mrs. LaVerne Daly of St. George, Clifford of Salt Lake City and Mrs. Bessie Law of Beaver.