

Franz Nelson, Twice Business Success, Dies

Franz Nelson, 88, of 334 Roycroft St., Long Beach, financier, subdivider and clubman, who completed two successful business careers, one in the Middle West and one here, died yesterday in his sleep at his home.

Funeral services will be conducted at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the Wee Kirk o' the Heather, Forest Lawn, with interment to follow. Funeral arrangements are in charge of Mottell's Mortuary, Long Beach.

Nelson leaves two daughters and a son, Mrs. Sadie Mae Uehling of Long Beach, Mrs. Bernice Ethelda Buck of Glendale and Harvey Frans Nelson of Glendale. The immediate family also includes ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Born in Sweden

Nelson was born in Wexio, Smaland, Sweden, and came to the United States with his parents when he was 7 years old. In his first business career, he became a bank president and eventually headed a chain of banks and the Commonwealth Life Insurance Co., and the Commonwealth Building and Loan Association, both of Omaha.

After his retirement, he came to California, only to become so enthusiastic over real estate development that he re-entered business, sponsoring the tract now known as Cheviot Hills and building and organizing the Palomar Tennis Club, now known as the West Side Club. He was also one of the founders of the California Country Club.

When he retired for the second time, he was chairman of the board of the Eagle Oil & Refining Co. and president of a water company near Long Beach.

Amateurs to Sing

The Halevi Chorus will give a concert tomorrow night in the Hollywood High School Auditorium. Violinist Eudice Shapiro and Dancer Benjamin Zemach will assist. The 53-voice chorus of amateurs, directed by Ben Pollock, will sing 16 numbers.