

LORING L. TONKIN, 66, UTILITIES EXECUTIVE

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 12 (AP) — Loring L. Tonkin, former president of the Hope Natural Gas Company, died here today in a hospital at the age of 66. He had been ill for several months.

Mr. Tonkin, a Cornell graduate, joined the company in 1903. He became assistant supervisor of compressor stations in 1917, was named assistant general superintendent in 1928 and a vice president in 1932.

He was elected president and general manager in 1939. In 1951, Mr. Tonkin was named chairman of the board of directors. He retired the next year.

Survivors include his widow, a son, five daughters and two sisters.

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