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Fellow Workers Fete Veteran of 33 Years

Seventy-five fellow workers last night tendered Martin G. Lafler, 80 Parkdale Terr., for 33 years an employee of the Eastman Kodak Company, a farewell banquet on his retirement. He was the general foreman of the sensitized paper packing department.

Upon the completion of the firm in 1905, he was assigned to that department and worked his way up from a cutter to general foreman. He was a member of the Kodak Pioneers' Club, the Foremen's Club and a charter member of the Kodak Park Athletic Association.

Manager of Bakery Sought by Workers

F. C. Ladd, general manager of the Continental Wonder Bakery Company, stepped briskly into his office yesterday morning and Texas street yesterday—and stopped in his tracks. Before him stood several big local pieces of food. As he stood, he said, "Surprise!" cried 170 voices as workers from throughout the plant thronged his office, it was Ladd's 25th anniversary with the company. He has served 10 years as general manager in Rochester. Work was suspended while the staff congratulated him and presented a golf outfit.

Ex-Rochesterian Has Clipper Post

Laing, Test Engineer On Sea Flights, Went To School Here

A former University of Rochester tennis star is test engineer aboard the Atlantic Clipper, sister ship of the Yankee Clipper and second Pan-American craft to be put into transatlantic airline service.

With the crew of 11 when it landed yesterday at Marseilles, France, was Robert S. Laing, 24, of Rochester, who has married and lives in Baltimore, was graduated from Monroe Central High School in 1933. He attended the University of Rochester for two years and then transferred to the University of Cincinnati, where he was graduated with a degree in chemistry in 1936.

On 72d Anniversary

Woodcarver Feted

Rudolph Landman, wood carver employed by the Hayden Company for more than 40 years, was given a surprise party at his home on Hurstbourne Rd. yesterday, his 72d birthday anniversary.

A native of New York City, Landman, during his two-score years as head of the Rochester firm's carving department has attracted wide attention with work. Several of his staff have been associated with him for more than a quarter century.

Ex-Rochester Velvet Secretary

Lambert Chosen Veterans' Aide

Major Barrett deF. Lambert, U. S. Army, Retired, a member of the Indian Landing Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, has received an appointment as aide-de-camp to VPW National Commander-in-chief Scott P. Snegy, according to announcement last night by Capt. John F. Kelly, Monroe County Council Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Major Lambert's appointment came to him because of his outstanding work in the interest of the VFW, particularly for the efforts and results obtained in establishing a clearer sphere of cooperation and interest between officers of the Regular Army in charge of the Citizens Military Training Corps and the VFW body.

The retired Regular Army officer long has been active in veteran and civic affairs in this community. He was in charge of a unit of the National Guard during the World War, serving in the Philippines, Hawaii, Panama Canal Zone, Russia, China and France, Belgium, Germany, and Italy during the World War. As an enlisted man he accompanied Major General Wood to Germany in 1919 to study military tactics.

Lambert, 47, is a former member of the board of the State Agricultural and Industrial School. He was elected president of the board for the fourth time yesterday.

Other officers chosen include: William J. Hunt, vice-president; Mrs. Anna Brentzel, Wells, second vice-president; Eugene H. Bechtel, secretary; Robert J. Welker, treasurer.

Railroad Y' Honor Nominees Have Honors

Frederick D. Lamb, who marked his 35th anniversary as secretary of Railroad YMCA, yesterday received the tribute of hundreds of his associates at a reception in the Hyde Park Y.

Paul Folger, attorney for the New York Central Railroad, caught the spirit of the day when he observed that Mr. Lamb "has won the first one to which I turn when in difficulty; truly a lover of his fellow men."

Frank T. Everett, chairman of the Railroad Association board of directors and a fellow member of the Municipal Civil Service Commission of which Mr. Lamb is chairman, presided.

Lamb was presented with a purse of $100 by association members. He recently received a congratulatory note from Mr. Lamb was his wife, Mrs. Gertrude C. Lamb, a school commissioner, and their children.

Industrial School Renames Lamb

Fred D. Lamb, appointed 14 years ago by former Gov. Alfred E. Smith, to the board of the State Agricultural and Industrial School at Industry, was elected president of the board for the fourth time yesterday.

Other officers chosen include: William J. Hunt, first vice-president; Mrs. Anna Brentzel Wells, second vice-president; Eugene H. Bechtel, secretary; Robert J. Welker, treasurer.
**LAMB NAMED FOR 8TH TERM**

Frederick D. Lamb yesterday was selected president of the Board of Visitors of the State Agricultural and Industrial School at Industry.

Appointed to the board for a seven-year term by Gov. Alfred E. Smith in 1923, Lamb was reappointed by Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1930 and again in 1937 by Gov. Herbert H. Lehman.

Other officers are: Vice-presidents, William J. Hunt; Anna Bristow Wells; secretary, Eugene Raines; superintendent, Clinton W. Areon; and treasurer, Peter Tettlebach.

Other members of the board are: Thomas Coyne, Avon; Mrs. Roland Crangie, Buffalo; and Dr. Charles Kaufman, Dr. W. Eugene Powell, Mrs. Joseph L. Quinn, Mrs. Louise B. Krumweide, Thomas F. Trott and George R. Vandalyne, all of Rochester.

**Railroad 'Y' Aide Begins 40th Year**

Fred Lamb will begin his 40th year as secretary of the Rochester Railroad YMCA today.

Coming in 1902 from New York City, where he spent three years as assistant secretary of the Railroad 'Y,' Lamb took up the position here when the Branch occupied two small rooms over the American Express building in Central Avenue. There were 35 members. With a membership of over 600 today, the Railroad 'Y' has its own building at 9 Hyde Pl. St. Paul, Minn. Lamb is the third president of the railroad YMCA, which was opened in 1899, and for 11 years a member of the Municipal Civil Service Commission.

Lamb MSC Term Expires Mar. 31

Frederick D. Lamb, 19th Ward Democrat, will round out another term as a member of the Municipal Civil Service Commission Mar. 31. As a member of the Democratic party he must be appointed to the position, Lamb is eligible to be named again.

The appointment will be made by City Manager Cartwright, because the county is soon to act upon a state law giving counties the right to appoint county, instead of city, civil service commission. Cartwright may defer action until after the Board of Supervisors has acted.

**Flowers For the Living**

The Times-Union extends its hearty congratulations to Frederick D. Lamb, secretary of the Railroad YMCA, on his recent completion of 35 years of useful service to that organization and the community.

**Decades of Service**

Deserved recognition of the work of Frederick D. Lamb as secretary of the Railroad YMCA was accorded him last Sunday when a reception was held at the Railroad 'Y' building at Hyde Park to mark his 35th year as secretary.

Mr. Lamb has hosts of friends in many groups in the city's life. YMCA leaders and representatives of the railroads with whom he has come in contact in his work joined in felicitating him, as well as hundreds of other men who have had his friendly counsel and been served by the facilities he has directed for more than three decades.

The Railroad YMCA fills a special place in the wide service of the "Y." Its direction requires a man of recognized character and the ability to win and hold the confidence of members whose daily work is hazardous and exacting.

Fred Lamb's genial presence has personified the Rochester railroad "Y" for so many years that it would be difficult to imagine the Hyde Park building without him. Few could fill the place so successfully in all its difficult demands.

Sunday's tributes attested his accomplishment.

**FRED LAMB AT RAILROAD UNIT Closes 35th Year As Secretary Of Branch**

Fred Lamb, a "friend of man," was hailed yesterday by several hundred associates in YMCA work, and civil and government leaders jammed Railroad YMCA in Hyde Park to pay tribute to Frederick D. Lamb, association secretary and prominent public official, who marked his 35th anniversary as Rochester secretary.

Paul Folger, attorney for New York Central Railroad, caught the spirit of the assembly when he characterized Lamb as "the first one we turn to when in difficulty; truly a lover of his fellow men."

Others scattered through flower-decorated rooms with the main assembly hall filled to capacity, aiding Mr. Lamb was his wife, Mrs. Gertrude C. Lamb, a school commissioner, and their children.

Frank T. Everett, chairman of the Railroad Association board of directors and a fellow member of the Municipal Civil Service Commission of which Mr. Lamb is chairman, presided during the reception. At the close he presented the secretary with a purse of $300, the gift of association members.

Among those who paid tribute to the secretary were S. WirtWiley, general secretary, Rochester YMCA; Cabel Clothier, land and tax agent, New York Central Railroad; J. H. Gilmore, president of Cutler Mail Chute Company; Sons Collector Austin J. Mahoney; Fred Miller, Railroad Association director; the Rev. Walter Krumweide, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, and the Rev. George Middleton, minister of Calvary Baptist Church.

Letters were read from Gov. Herbert H. Lehman, who praised Lamb for his YMCA work and his accomplishments as chairman of the Board of Visitors of the State School at Industry, Leut.-Gov. M. William Bray, G. K. Roper, senior secretary, National Council of the YMCA, and others.
And He's a Rochesterian

Any number of unattached Rochester males would give a lot to have a try at Gregory La Cava's job. The former Rochesterian has won fame as a topflight movie director, graduating from his dramatics here. Shown with Ginger Rogers, La Cava outlines action in detail.

Honor for Veteran of Rail 'Y'

Congratulations came to Frederick D. Lamb, right, who rounded out 35 years as secretary of the Railroad YMCA yesterday. Scores of friends, among them, P. T. Everett, left, chairman of the Railroad 'Y' board, gathered to honor Lamb.

Volney Lacy, Yachtsman

Volney E. Lacy has embarked on uncharted seas, but his spirit will continue to wing over the waters of Lake Ontario and other Western New York lakes in the many graceful, sturdy sail boats he designed and built.

For many years secretary of the Rochester Yacht Club, Mr. Lacy died last night at General Hospital after an illness of several months. He was 55. His home was at 6 Leander Rd.

Commodore Harold L. Field paid tribute to him today. "His loss to the club, and to yachting in general, is irreparable," he said. "It would be difficult to replace him."

DEATH TAKES

Volney Lacy

VOLNEY LACY

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Volney E. Lacy, 55, died last night (Aug. 25, 1938) at General Hospital. He had been ill for some time. His home was at 8 Leander Road.

Mr. Lacy came to Rochester in 1909 as chief engineer for the Cunningham Company when it began to build its own automobiles. A graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he specialized in naval architecture and marine engineering as applied to yachts and gas-propelled boats.

He was one of the pioneer gas engine authorities of the country and for 20 years held the post of technical editor of Power Boating. His experience and knowledge of marine matter frequently aided the Rochester Yacht Club.

Mr. Lacy founded the Rochester Boat Works with his brother in 1916. Almost on the heels of its organization a large government contract was obtained involving more than a half million dollars and requiring more than 18 months' operations. He then turned over his interests to Bernard C. Meier and William J. Guckler. In 1928 he regained control of the firm.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Florence Meier Lacy; three sons, Volney Jr., Richard M. and Herbert W. Lacy; a daughter, Gail M. Lacy; a sister, Lucy Grace Lacy and a brother, Frank H. Lacy.

Funeral services will be held at 9 a. m. tomorrow at 137 Chestnut St.
**RITES TODAY FOR TEACHER AT CHARLOTTE**

High School Pays Silent Tribute To K. E. Lacy

Students and faculty members of Charlotte High School were hushed for a moment yesterday as they paid tribute in meditation to Kenneth E. Lacy, commercial teacher whose funeral will take place today.

Lacy, 37, died Tuesday at Strong Memorial Hospital after an illness of about eight weeks. He had taught 13 years at Charlotte and lived at 316 Forgham Road, Greece, the community in which he always lived. He was graduated from Charlotte High School in 1921.

Representatives of the faculty and pupils of Charlotte will attend funeral rites at 3:30 p.m. today at 1511 Dewey Ave. In the Charlotte assembly yesterday Principal Nathaniel G. West spoke a eulogy.

The teacher leaves his wife, Ruth Fogel Lacy; three daughters, Joan M., Joyce R. and Janet R.; his father, Edward F. Lacy; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Owens, West Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. Russell Stahl, and two brothers, Floyd E. and Charles F. Lacy.

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**PRIVATE RITES PLANNED FOR H. LAMPERT, 73**

Former Mayor's Aide Active in GOP Circles

Private funeral services for Henry Lampert, 73, who was a mayor's aide in the late Mayor H. Edgerton, and is a prominent Republican and contractor, will be held tomorrow at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Russell Bingeman, 61 Werner Pl.

Son-in-law of the late Mayor H. Edgerton, Mr. Lampert was associated with him in the construction business. He was a member of the Boys in Blue, a marching organization founded during the reign of the late George Aldridge as Republican Party leader in Monroe County.

Mr. Lampert died Tuesday night after 10 days illness in Mrs. Bingeman's home.

A leader in GAR activities, Mr. Lampert was a Mason and member of Third Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Edna Edgerton Lampert; his daughter and two sisters, Mrs. John M. Steele and Mrs. William Carson, and two grandchildren.

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**Calvin C. Laney Marks 99th Anniversary**

Former Park Commissioner Calvin C. Laney celebrated his 90th birthday today by going for an automobile ride in the city parks. He was to attend a quiet family dinner at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Montignani, 170 Dartmouth St., where he lives. Mr. Laney retired in 1928 after 40 years of service.
Laney Marks 90th Birthday

Calvin C. Laney, city park commissioner for the 40-year period from 1888 until 1928, will be 90 years old tomorrow.

Congratulatory cards and flowers arrived today as Laney, still vitally interested in the city's parks, planned to celebrate his birthday with his daily automobile rides. He lives at 170 Dartmouth.

Historic Scrapbooks Collection
Central Library of Rochester and Monroe County

By HOWARD C. HOSMER

WHITExBEARDED Calvin C. Laney, who probably knows as much about Rochester's parks as any living person, told us he expects to take in the illac show this year for the 29th time. Ill since last August, when he gave up his daily trips to the City Hall annex as park director "emertoire," the 88-year-old former surveyor is taking motor rides occasionally and expects to be on hand when the Illac show is held.

It will mark the 50th anniversary of the greater park system, in which Laney and the Durand-Eastman brothers, Patrick and Bernard, 50 years ago got their first jobs with the city.

All told, they have put nearly 150 working years into helping make Rochester noted for its parks.

Laney Returns Home at 90

Calvin C. Laney, city park commissioner, arrived from New York on Friday afternoon to celebrate his 90th birthday last Sunday.

Laney was the city's leading representative in the State Constitution Convention in Albany. The convention was held April 7, from a New York hotel manager to one of the Rochester delegations to the State Constitutional Convention in Albany.

"Dear Mr. Laney," said the letter. "Due to an error in information an invitation was extended to you to make your headquarters at the Hotel during the Constitutional Convention." I find that I was misinformed and that this convention is being held in Albany, but in view of the fact that Albany is not far from Rochester and there are probably any weekends during the session when you will want to throw off professional cares, I want you to take this opportunity to second this invitation and ask you to come down to New York, enjoy a bit of recreation and make your headquarters at the Hotel --"

Whether or not the delegate has thrown off professional cares is not a matter of record.

Pat Slavin, now director of parks, says the value of the Illac, other blooms, trees, and the parks themselves cannot be estimated. Descriptions of their artistic beauty, distributed across the country by the Illac festival committee, are expected to draw thousands of visitors to Rochester during Blossom Time.

May has long been the chief month for park shows. Since 1899, according to Laney and Mr. Slavin, the city with the help of nature has staged 28 Illac festivals. Of these, 23 have been held in May.

PERSISTENT

This letter, dated Apr. 7, came from a New York hotel manager to one of the Rochester delegations to the State Constitutional Convention in Albany.

His Work Remains

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It was in 1881 that Mr. Laney came to the park system as surveyor. He laid out the older portion of Genesee Valley Park under the direction of Frederick L. Olmstead.

Olmstead, appreciating the ability of the young surveyor and his abiding interest in the work, was one of his strongest supporters for the position of superintendent of parks, to which Mr. Laney was appointed in 1889.

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Laney, Former Parks Chief, Visits Them on 90th Birthday

Calvin C. Laney, the venerable former city parks commissioner and superintendent, yesterday marked his 90th birthday by visiting his beloved parks "as usual." After the visit to Durand-Eastman Park and to the county park at Mendon Ponds, Laney returned to his home at 170 Dartmouth St., where he received a few relatives.

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Calvin Laney to Be Buried Near Loved Highland Park

Former Commissioner Linked to Start of City System

After a simple service in his home, 170 Dartmouth St., Calvin C. Laney, former Rochester park commissioner, will be buried tomorrow in Mt. Hope Cemetery.—near Highland Park scene of his work with the late John Dunbar, horticulturist, for more than 40 years.

Mr. Laney, known throughout the nation for his work in development of the city's park system, died early yesterday in his 92nd year. In failing health for several years, the white bearded patriarch of the parks until the last retained his interest in their development.

A recent issue of the Rochester Municipal Museum's organ, called the Rochester parks "a lasting monument to Calvin C. Laney." For 40 years before his retirement in 1928, Mr. Laney played a major part in the city's development of the system from farmland and woodland. It was his vision and that of members of the old Park Board, composed of citizens, and led by Dr. Edward Mott Moore, that foreshadowed Rochester's development and created those recreational spots along the Genesee River that brought to Rochester countrywide and world fame.

Began as Surveyor

It was as a surveyor that Mr. Laney came to the park system, in 1881, when he laid out Genesee Valley Park, then farmland, under direction of Frederick Law Olmsted. Olmsted laid out New York's Central Park.

It was on recommendation of Olmsted that Mr. Laney was named superintendent of parks in 1889, and two years later Dunbar was named his assistant. Dunbar, a native of Scotland, came here from the greenhouses of Charles Daza, famous editor of the New York Sun.

Through the years, the two men performed their labor of love to complete the city's park system, a labor that saw the city virtually encompassed by recreational spots, just as they had envisioned it.

To the present generation, the park system seems a natural part of the city's scheme of life, but it was a visionary dream in the 1880's, when first proposed. A mass meeting was held in City Hall to denounce purchase of land for what was known as Cobb's Hill Park and even as late as 1889 a resolution was introduced at a Council meeting asking the Legis-
He Built the Parks

"If you would lose your plume, look about you and presume.

This classical adage will be pertinently quoted by Rochesterians for years to come in referring to the life and work of Calvin O. Laney, who is dead in his 92d year.

For the Rochester park system, internationally known for its landscaped beauty and for its flower and shrub collections, will stand for years as a reminder of the work he, as engineer, and John Dunbar, as horticulturist, did to make real the civic dream which was conceived and promoted by citizens under the leadership of Dr. Edward Mott Moore.

Engineering skill and aesthetic vision combined happily in Mr. Laney's own makeup and in his long and sympathetic association with John Dunbar. Another professional and personal friendship which the two men shared and which had much to do with some of the famed flower and shrub collections in Rochester's parks was that with Dr. C. S. Sargent, curator of Harvard's Arnold Arboretum.

Through all the years since their conception and development, Rochester's parks have helped to develop and maintain Rochester's international reputation as a city of natural beauty; they also have helped to develop and maintain a type of community feeling and a type of citizenship that goes with the city's physical character. For they have provided opportunity for healthful recreation and exercise as well as aesthetic enjoyment.

Mr. Laney's name will be remembered and mentioned with affection and with gratitude as long as the city's parks remain in fact or in memory.

Calvin Cooke Laney, patriarch of the Rochester parks system, died today in his 92d year.

Retired as commissioner of parks since 1928 after 40 years' association with the system, the venerable public servant had been in ill health for the last four years.

He passed away in his sleep at 4:07 this morning at his home, 170 Dartmouth.

Mr. Laney, who with the late John Dunbar, former city horticulturist, made Rochester's pleasure ground world famous, was born at Waterloo, Feb. 19, 1850.

Railroad Job

He attended public and Episcopal schools in his native village, the Friends Academy at Union Springs and Professional School at Poughkeepsie. Working for a few years on railroad projects, he came to Rochester in 1875, resided here two years while the double track was being built over the New York Central from Rochester to Bergen and later to Batavia.

Returning here in 1885, he opened a surveyor's office and in 1888 was appointed to the park post. His first act as a young surveyor in the city's employ was to inspect farmlands south of the city as a possible site for what became Genesee Valley Park.

The city's parks system was organized with his coming here and he held the title of parks superintendent and engineer until 1928, when he became commissioner. Patrick J. Slavin, present park director, began work under Laney as a youth.

Love of Nature

Laney and Dunbar, a veritable Daman and Pythias team of the Rochester parks system, collected trees and flowers and shrubs from all over the world. Laney combined his engineering talents with a love of nature to become an outstanding horticulturist and naturalist. His contributions to horticultural magazines, his advice to struggling parks system in other cities, made him famous throughout the nation.

Mr. Laney's life for more than half a century was one of utter devotion to this city's parks. For 11 years after his retirement under the state age retirement law he visited the park office almost daily and his distinguished figure was often seen in his beloved parks. Even after his health began to fail, he rode to the parks almost daily in an auto.

Old Associations

Those visits recalled to his family and old associates the hours he used to spend meandering through Genesee Valley Park with his sorrel horse and buggy in the years when the southside park was still largely undeveloped farmland. His last trip through the parks was made Palm Sunday.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. John Montignani of the Dartmouth Street address, and Miss Charles Hoing, 5 Portsmouth Ter.; five grandchildren, Frederic W. Hoing of Rochester, Mrs. James Jenkins, Bronxville, Mra. James Alfred Guest, Bernardville, N. J., Mrs. Sven Gunnar Lindstrand, Stockholm, Sweden, and Miss Frances Montignane of this city, and four great-grandchildren.

Services at the home will be private and it is requested no flowers be sent. Funeral arrangements were incomplete today.
Alvin Langlois, printer, Dies

Alvin Langlois, 43, printer on The Times-Union, was found dead yesterday in Elmwood Boathouse, Genesee Valley Park. He had been ill health.

Langlois' body was found on a cot in the boathouse. The jet of a gas log in the room were open. Malcolm Rush of Webster, who had invited Langlois to dinner yesterday, started a search for his friend when he failed to appear and found the body. Police learned that Langlois had not been seen at the Central YMCA, where he lived, since Tuesday.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. tomorrow at the home of his sister, Mrs. Charles W. Colburn, 48 Clifford Avenue. Burial will be in Webster.

Besides his sister, Langlois is survived by a brother, Earl, a fireman on Truck 10.

Coroner David H. Atwater issued a certificate of suicide, while temporarily insane.

State Visits Home Of Assemblyman

Assemblyman Earl Langenbacher's plurality jumped one yesterday. Although the vote will not be recorded on the official canvas, it took the form of an 8½ pound daughter born to Mrs. Langenbacher Saturday evening in Park Avenue Hospital. She is their second daughter.

The blond assemblyman from the Third Monroe District, the only Democrat to escape the Republican reaper in the state office field, announced with a big grin that both mother and child were doing well and the baby will be registered a Democrat 21 years hence under the name Carol Anne.

Acton Langslow of Irondequoit

Democratic candidate for member of Assembly, First District, is a native of Rochester and a member of one of the city's best known families. His education was obtained in the public schools, East High School and the University of Rochester. He was active in high school and college athletics, coached the West High football team for years, and in 1904, as a member of the varsity team made the only touchdown for Rochester in a game with Cornell.

Leaving Rochester in 1907, Langslow went to the Cobalt district of Canada to engage in prospecting for silver and copper. When he returned he became superintendent of road construction work for the state in Western New York and in 1917 enlisted in the 11th Regiment of U. S. Engineers, a volunteer company, and went to France where he engaged in the World War before the United States entered the conflict.

At the end of the war he was mustered out as a first lieutenant. On his return here he became identified with the Langslow-Fowler Company, furniture manufacturers, and with his brother, Richard, later organized the firm of Langslow Brothers, makers of furniture. His home is at 190 Perrin Street, Irondequoit.

Earl Langenbacher

Democratic candidate for member of Assembly, Third District, was born in Rochester in 1904.

His education was received in the parochial schools of Rochester and in the University of California. He was elected to the Legislature in 1933, when he defeated Assemblyman Harriell H. Marks, the switch in the political complexion of the Fourth Ward being responsible. He was reelected last year.

During his two years as a member of the Assembly he was actively identified with the labor group and sponsored several labor measures which won him the friendship of organized labor and the endorsement of the New York State Federation of Labor.

He is a member of the Rochester Club and sales manager for the Agate Ice Cream Company.

Frederick Lang Jr.

Dies in St. Paul

Frederick Lang Jr., 42, bowler and former East High School athlete, died last night in St. Paul, Minn. He was 42 years old.

Lang attended School 20 and East High and won wide recognition as a member of the crack Perry Pie bowling team. During the World War he served with the United States Merchant Marine.

Besides his father, Frederick Lang Sr., of this city, he leaves his wife, Ethel; a son, Frederick, and a daughter, Catherine Lang, all of St. Paul. Funeral services will be held Monday morning in St. Paul with burial in that city.

(Fourth of a series)

(R.V.F. Rochester News)

It takes all kinds of people to make an Assembly.

The serious and the frivolous, the attentive and the scoffing, the cynical and the casual, are all represented.

Youth—as it is figured in legislative bodies—is in the majority and an atmosphere faintly reminiscent of college halls hangs over the chamber.

Decidedly of the casual bloc is Earl C. Langenbacher of Monroe County's Third Assembly District. He is 32 years old.

It was in one of the boisterous, clowning sessions of the dying 1935 Legislature that he clinched his title as most off-hand Assemblyman. The clerk, droning through the day's calendar, reached the title of one of Langenbacher's bills—a local measure backed by the Monroe County Democratic organization.

"I'd like to have an explanation of that bill," came from a Republican Assemblyman, Langenbacher fished a legal-looking document from his pocket. It was an explanatory statement issued for his guidance back in Rochester. Glancing hurriedly at it, Langenbacher thrust it in the direction of the Republican.

"Here, read it for yourself," he said.

"Langenbacher has not lacked industry in his four years at Albany. Annually he has introduced a big volume of bills."

He saunters in and out of the chamber with a carefree air, yet he seldom misses a session. Like the other Monroe Assemblymen, Republican and Democratic, he takes no vocal part in debate, but he is regular in attendance at committee meetings.

Langenbacher is a good friend of John J. Dunigan, leader of the Democratic Senate majority. This friendship automatically makes Langenbacher a power by proxy, and he is much sought after by those seeking favors.

By virtue of the support labor accords him—to say nothing of the Fourth Ward—Langenbacher has held his seat four years—longer than any other Rochester Democrat has sat in the Assembly since the Civil War.

Some of the early exuberance that marked his official career has worn off, but his list of acquaintances is large and ever-growing. He is a good mixer and a pretty good judge of character, under a careless manner.

He votes "regular" on all measures. Of 14 bills he has introduced this winter, 12 are in the interests of the Walters' Union and a 13th for the milk drivers.

He personally sponsors a measure aimed to protect those injured in accidents from too-eager attentions of insurance company agents.
Bausch Aide Selected
For Honor by Fraternity

Chosen as an outstanding representative of the accounting field, Edmond S. LaRose, Bausch & Lomb Optical Company controller, will be made an honorary member of Delta Mu Delta, national accounting fraternity, by Rochester Niagara University at a banquet tomorrow night at Powers Hotel.

Nine members of the Niagara student body will also receive their Delta Mu Delta keys with W. Gilbert Hasselt, local president of the fraternity. Students honored this year are Wilfred G. Fuehrer, Austin C. Glasser, Robert W. Langworthy, Thomas M. Madigan, Edward H. Nelligan, Saara S. Smith, Ralph A. Tilling, Robert B. Wegman, and Chester D. Wiltz.

D.D., bishop of the Rochester Catholic Diocese, will greet the new members, along with the Rt. Rev. Mons. Joseph Grew, the Rev. William J. Mahoney, C.M., dean of Rochester Niagara University; Carl Thomey and Frank O'Brien, past honorary members.

A graduate of Catholic University, LaRose was assistant experimental engineer at the Curtiss Aeroplane Corporation, and later chief industrial engineer with the New York and Buffalo Audit Company, which later became affiliated with Bausch & Lomb. He was national director of the American Management Association, and a Nothing president of the Rochester chapter. Controllers Institute of America.

Former Leather Firm
President Dies

Harry Lasenby, 98, founder of the Harris Leather Company in 1884, died last night at Strong Memorial Hospital.

He retired 10 years ago after many years in the leather business and became one of the largest fruit growers in Wolcott.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at 141 Soo St.

Surviving are his wife; three daughters, Mrs. Martha Taber, Mrs. Isabella Bailey, Miss Alma L. Leaser, a son, Norman; five grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

Golf Pioneer Dies at 86

William H. Lawton, a pioneer in the golfing world, died today. He was 86 years old.

The golf pioneer, a man who watched today's present greats such as Charlie McKenna, George Christ and the Nagle boys grow up, is dead.

For today's present greats, such as Charlie McKenna, George Christ and the Nagle boys, Mr. Lawton was their inspiration.

Golf in Mr. Lawton's days was in the old-fashioned stage, and the players, with their cleek, midsom, mashie niblick and putter, were the butt of anyone and everyone passing within sight of the course.

Perhaps unknown to thousands of present day linksmen, Mr. Lawton, who was 86 years old, is mourned by some old friends as Judge Henry D. Sheldon and Frank J. Mingus who recall that he once posted a 77 on the old South Park course.

Mr. Lawton staged Rochester's first professional golf match.
W. H. Lawton, Opera Singer, Golfer, Dies

Private funeral services will be held tonight for William H. Lawton, Sr., whose love of singing and golfing brought him a full and active life.

Mr. Lawton, a pioneer Rochester golfer and an opera singer who once appeared in command performances before Queen Victoria and President Grover Cleveland, died yesterday in Strong Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

He was a native of New York. Many years ago, after studying music abroad and singing in London before the Queen, he came to Rochester to sing with the Rochester Park Band. He sang for President Cleveland after the latter expressed much pleasure at his performance in a Washington showing of "Martha."

For many years, Mr. Lawton taught music at his home, 3 Summer Pl.

He leaves his second wife, Mrs. Amy B. Lawton, whom he married in 1908. His first wife died before he came to Rochester. His body lies at 510 Monroe Ave.

(Other details on Page 18-A)

HERO'S WIDOW GIVEN AWARD

The heroism of Clifford H. Lay, who gave his life in an attempt to save another man trapped in a West Bloomfield well, has received national recognition today.

The Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, Pittsburgh, voted a bronze medal to his memory yesterday and death benefits of $500 a month to his widow, to whom the medal will be sent.

Lay died last Aug. 5 when he went to the rescue of William C. Steinfeld, 55, carpenter-farmer, overcome by deadly fumes in a 20-foot well. Steinfeld also died.

Lay, a 25-year-old painter, lived in Ionia.

Fifteen persons in 11 states received Carnegie awards for heroism yesterday.

Visit to His Parents Here Planned by 'Y' General Secretary in Greece

Granted his first furlough in six years, Herbert P. Lansdale Jr., general secretary of the Rochester YMCA, served first in "Y" work in the World War, being assigned to Madison Barracks from June to September, 1917. He entered Army service June 19, 1918, and was assigned to the Small Arms Firing School at Camp Perry, Ohio. Commissioned a second lieutenant Sept. 16, 1918, he served as rifle instructor at Thiel College, Students' Army Training Corps. He is shown (left) as he looked back in the days of '18, (right) as he is today at his Central "Y" desk.

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**Aide Gives Personal View Of Metaxas**

Greece has lost an able soldier and a brilliant military strategist. This was the comment today of Herbert P. Lansdale, Jr., general secretary of the YMCA, when he learned of the death of Premier Metaxas.

As secretary of the "Y" in Greece for many years, Lansdale had considerable contact with Metaxas. "The Greek leader," he relates, "was short and thickset. He gave the first impression of a kindly old man. He was quiet in speech, considerate in attitude, and deliberate in manner. "But one soon learned he was a man of strong conviction, and an excellent organizer. His loss will be a blow to the Greek war program, and the repercussions may reach as far as Britain. "In the winter of 1934-15, Metaxas devised a plan for an Allied attack on the Dardanelles, which England rejected in favor of a scheme of Winston Churchill, then first lord of the Admiralty. Churchill's plan failed, and British officials later admitted that Metaxas' strategies probably would have succeeded.

"Forseeing the present European war, Metaxas fortified the Greece-Bulgarian border at an early date when Italy invaded Albania in April, 1939, he hastily constructed along the Albanian border a series of fortifications known as the Metaxas line, which enabled the Greeks to stall the Italians and then stage their triumphant counterattack."

Lansdale sees the blow to Greece of Metaxas' death softened by the fact that King George, despite a dictatorship, still holds great power and has the loyalty of the army and the navy.

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**TRIBUTES PAID YM SECRETARY AT RECEPTION**

Jan 9, 1939

Grecian, American Groups Honor Lansdale

Representative groups of two nations assembled in the Central YMCA last night to honor Mr. and Mrs. Herbert P. Lansdale Jr. at a reception and testimonial dinner.

Informal and permeated with humor, the event, nevertheless, was a deep expression of the heartfelt feelings of Greeks and Americans alike and a promise of support for Lansdale in his new work as general secretary of the YMCA, according to Ernest A. Paviour, president of the "Y."

The event was sponsored by the Hellenic Community of Rochester in appreciation of the 14 years of service by Mr. and Mrs. Lansdale at the "Y" in Greece, and by the Moonriders, a social organization affiliated with the "Y" and which Lansdale helped to found.

The Rev. Peter Christakos, pastor of the Hellenic Orthodox Church, emphasized the excellent work of the Lansdales following the war disturbances in the Balkans.

Nicholas Paris presented Lansdale a parchment inscribed in Greek and English with the sentiments of the Hellenic Community, representing 8,000, and the Rev. Frederick H. Diehm presented a dark set for the Moonriders. Mrs. Lansdale received a pocketbook from Mrs. Diehm on behalf of the Moonriders.

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**'Y' Chief Raps Nazi Rubber Morality**

By ROGER B. SPAULDING

Herbert P. Lansdale, Rochester YMCA's new general secretary, signaled his return home from Europe today with a blast at what he calls the 'rubber morality' of Nazi Germany.

The 41-year-old son of a former general secretary here conferred with YMCA staff members at Oak Hill Country Club this morning. He will assume his new post June 1.

For 14 years national secretary of YMCA's in Greece, Lansdale today found Rochester sunshine and flowers especially cheering after the "gray atmosphere" of Europe.

"We spent 40 hours in Vienna on the way home—and how depressed we were," he sighed. Then he lashed out at what he termed Nazi destruction of "Christian morality" in its state-directed education.

"Taught to Spy"

"Home life is gone in Germany," he declared, "Fathers and mothers don't dare say what they think to their children, and children are taught to spy on their parents."

"There is no true school as we know it in Germany. All teaching is state-directed and there is no Christian morality in the Nazi educational philosophy. It's a flexible, rubber morality dictated by leaders' whims. Things are good or bad, according to their effect upon the state. And that's not right."

Without expressing his own opinion directly, Lansdale quoted informed observers abroad as predicting that "unless Hitler is stopped personally or the present Nazi program of youth training is halted, Germany will be a nation of barbarians that will have to be destroyed or subjugated."

The peoples of Europe are "all set for war" but nobody wants it," Lansdale reported. He credited the YMCA abroad with being one of the few wholesome influences for thought and character development among the youth of many countries. The institution is welcomed in Greece and Poland but restricted in Italy and Germany, he said.

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**Gets Dad's Old Job**

HERBERT F. LANSDALE JR.

"Remember, boys, I'm Junior," cautioned Lansdale as he returned home from Greece to take over his father's old job as general secretary of the Rochester YMCA.
Reception Arranged For Lansdales

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert P. Lansdale Jr., recently of Thessaloniki, Greece, will be guests of honor tomorrow at a dinner and reception in recognition of the 14 years of service they gave in YMCA work there.

The Hellenic Community of Rochester and the Moonriders Association, social organization of the Central YMCA's Business Men's Club, are sponsoring the dinner at the Gibbs Street Y.

In announcing the dinner, the Rev. Peter Christakos, pastor of the Hellenic Orthodox Church here and committee chairman for the Greek community, extolled the work done in Greece by the Lansdales.

"We Greek people feel that Mr. and Mrs. Lansdale performed most excellent work at a time when human aid was sorely needed," he declared.

"We have come to recognize their achievements as particularly outstanding and we feel they will be recorded as an epoch in the history of Christian service," he said.

Lansdale last week took over the duties of general YMCA secretary of Rochester, succeeding S. Wirt Wiley who retired.

Edwin F. Smith, chief of the Moonriders, is chairman of the arrangements for the fete.

Herbert Lansdale Jr. (right), new general secretary of the Rochester YMCA, listens to the advice of three former secretaries during informal reunion. From left are A. H. Whitford, Herbert Lansdale Sr., and S. Wirt Wiley, retiring general secretary.

PREDECESSORS

AID Y OFFICIAL

Three men with an accumulation of 34 years' experience as YMCA secretaries in Rochester yesterday sat down with the city's new "Y" administrator and told him just how it was done.

It was a "gold mine" of information for Herbert P. Lansdale Jr., the new general secretary, and he listened avidly.

Some of the advice he may have heard before, for one of the veteran trio was his father, Herbert P. Lansdale Sr., general secretary from 1897 to 1897. The third man was the young Lansdale's predecessor, S. Wirt Wiley, who retired June 1 after being in charge since 1929.

What was said was considered strictly "of the record" business, but very much "on the record" were the best wishes of the new secretary and the other two veterans to the retiring Wiley.

With his wife, he departed last night for an extended motor trip through the West. He will attend the national council meeting in Detroit in October. From there he will go to California and southward to Mexico City.

"Y" Aide Abroad Gets Furlough

Herbert P. Lansdale Jr., general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Greece, will come home to Rochester next month for a six-month furlough, his first since he went abroad.

A cablegram today told the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert P. Lansdale, 5 Nunda Boulevard, their son would land in New York Oct. 18. His wife and two sons, Herbert P. Lansdale III and Bruce, have been visiting her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. McKay, 506 Rutgers Street, this summer.

Mr. Lansdale first went to Greece in 1925, and has been the only American engaged in YMCA work there. His headquarters are in Thessalonica, formerly Salonika.

When Mr. and Mrs. Lansdale return to Greece in April they will leave the children in this country to continue their education.
District Engineer’s New Domain
Includes Canal Ancestors Traveled

Here to get acquainted with his new duties, Lawton looks over some maps of District Four with Smith, whom he will succeed as district state engineer Friday, when Smith will retire from the post he has held 17 years. Lawton has been deputy state commissioner of highways.

ELMER C. LAWTON                        HOWARD E. SMITH

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Lawton Assumes New Duties Friday

More than 100 years ago the Connecticut Lawtons led their oxen and cartload of possessions into an Erie Canal boat and forged slowly through the Western New York wilderness to a new home.

Today the great-grandson of one of the pioneers, Elmer C. Lawton, gazed from a third floor window of the Barge Canal Terminal here at the Barge Canal, part of the six-county “domain” which will be his Friday when he takes over the job of state engineer for District 6.

Succeeds Howard E. Smith

Darkhaired, 56-year-old Lawton succeeds Howard E. Smith in the engineer’s post. Last night at the Powers Hotel more than 250 Public Works Department employees, engineers and other friends honored Smith on his retirement and welcomed Lawton.

Smith, retiring under the age limit, heard the praise of state and city officials on his 17 years as head of this district. His service with the department started in the early 1900’s in Syracuse. Later he worked in Binghamton and on the reconstruction of the Erie Canal into the Barge Canal.

For an interviewer today, Lawton delved into a little family history, recalled that his great-grandparents rode their oxcart from the canal to a likely spot in southern Erie County. There they cleared timber, built roads and a grain mill.

First Job at Lyons

The settlement named Lawton, “so small you had to move a boxcar to see it,” young Elmer Lawton left to study engineering at University of Michigan, inspired to the profession by a high school teacher and a Buffalo consulting engineer for whom he worked. His first job was with the Barge Canal construction at Lyons.

With fond stories in my heart for this rolling country, Lawton comes to Rochester after eight years as deputy highway commissioner, preceded by three in charge of Southern Tier grade crossing elimination, two as highway research specialist for the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, 16 with the Buffalo district office.

Lawton and his wife expect to take up residence in Rochester soon.

Welcome Back, Young Fellow!

Herbert P. Lansdale (left), of 8 Nunda Blvd., is shown as he welcomed his son, Herbert P. Lansdale Jr., who returned to Rochester yesterday to become general secretary of YMCA.

Lansdale Arrives in N.Y. On Way to Fill City ‘Y’ Post

New York—Herbert Lansdale Jr., who arrived here on the French liner Normandie from a 14-year sojourn in Greece as national secretary of the Young Men’s Christian Association, spent a busy day in New York yesterday arranging his affairs preparatory to leaving for Rochester where he will take over the duties of general secretary of the YMCA, a post from which his father resigned 10 years ago.

There is no place where Mr. and Mrs. Lansdale and I would rather go than to Rochester where we spent our childhood,” Lansdale said.

Mrs. Lansdale is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McKay of Rochester.

Lansdale is succeeding S. Wirt Wiley, who has held the Rochester office since the senior Lansdale retired.

During the Italian occupation of Albania, the Greeks were very much disturbed, Lansdale said, but now the general outlook there is more optimistic as the guarantee given by Italy and England to respect the integrity of the Greeks made them feel that their interests would be protected by both sides.

On the way to France, Mr. and Mrs. Lansdale spent some time in Vienna where they said “we were greatly depressed.”
Lansdale Jr. Comes Home.  
Confident of Nation’s Future  

Herbert P. Lansdale Jr., the square-jawed, gray-haired Rochesterian who left his father’s “house” some years ago to establish himself in foreign fields, came home last night to take charge of that house, filled with disturbing thoughts about Europe but confident in the future of the American picture.

After 14 years as national secretary of the YMCA in Geneva, Switzerland, and the YMCA in Saloniki, Greece, Lansdale reached Rochester yesterday to prepare himself for accepting the post of general secretary of the YMCA, a position his father once held. On June 1 he will succeed S. Wirt Willey who is retiring.

He talked over the new adventure with the older member of his family at the family homestead, 8 Nunda Blvd., while Mrs. Lansdale discussed the ways of Greece with her mother-in-law.

Confident of Future

"I look forward with confidence," said the secretary-elect, "to the future of the YMCA and Rochester. This city is one of the most progressive cities in the East and is moving ahead while many eastern cities are not."

His wisest eyes wrinkled when he turned the discussion to himself.

"Me? For six months I will be just a big question mark."

From Europe, Lansdale the Younger expressed concern for the security of the Balkan States. There is a most difficult position, he observed.

"Germany has exercised economic penetration upon them for four years and now is joining with the major powers in bidding for their favor."

Would Divide States

"The purpose behind the moves of our powers simply is to divide the Balkan States," the new secretary said. "Left to themselves, the states will divide harmoniously. The people do not want war. They want to live in cooperation with one another and they can do it, if left alone.

He spoke of the agreements between Greece and Turkey, traditional enemies, as support for the point. For nine years they have had mutually cordial and cooperative relations.

Despite the pressure of the Rome-Berlin axis, he said, the Balkan States are not pro-German.

Lansdale will be guest of honor with Willey at a dinner marking Willey’s retirement tomorrow night in the Chamber of Commerce under YMCA auspices. Tracey Strong, general secretary of the YMCA in Geneva, Switzerland, and John D. Manley, general secretary of the National Council of the YMCA, will be speakers.
**HE "PUT THE FINGER" on the most notorious train bandit in New York State history!**

Now almost 73, with brilliant blue eyes twinkling from a ruddy face under a thatch of snow white hair, Emil Laass spent most of his time selling lots in his real estate development in Penfield Road.

In his next brown shingle house at 45 Woodland Avenue today, Laass flushed with embarrassment as he was prodded into repeating the story which made flaming headlines 45 years ago tomorrow.

Because he had been delayed on an earlier run by hot journal boxes, Laass, then the youngest conductor in the New York Central's passenger department, was assigned to take Train 31 out of Syracuse for Rochester and Buffalo.

Mr. "31" was a solid, 10-car all express train.

The train gathered momentum and Laass swung on to the coach as it passed.

A short distance outside Syracuse Laass heard a sharp hissing. He investigated, but found nothing amiss. The sound was repeated.

**Thought Car on Fire**

This time the conductor went to the front platform and peered through the cord hole into the money car.

A quivering flickering light led him to believe the car was on fire.

Laass pulled the emergency cord, but nothing happened.

"Then I knew something was up," he said, "I hopped back into the rider and eased on the emergency brake."

Before the train had come to a complete stop Laass was on the forward steps of the coach swinging to the ground.

From the side door of the money car a gun roared twice.

"Get this train moving again or I'll blow you to pieces," said a menacing voice.

Laass instructed the trainman to give the signal to start up, slipped back into the rider, armed himself with a heavy wrench and waited.

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**'Y' Waits Reply of Younger Lansdale To Offer of General Secretary Post**

Whether a Rochesterian doing YMCA work in Greece for the last 15 years would forsake his unofficial ambassadorship there to return to his home as general secretary of the local YMCA was problematical, officials admitted last night.

A cablegram yesterday asked Herbert P. Lansdale Jr., now at Saloniki, Greece, as national secretary, to assume the post vacated by S. Wirt Wiley. However, the Lansdale's decision to take the post once held by his father could not be forecast by members of the nominating committee which presented his name to YMCA directors yesterday morning.

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**Home Coming?**

If Herbert P. Lansdale Jr. accepts the bid to become general secretary of the Rochester YMCA, it will be something like an old home coming for him.

Rochester "'Y" activities in the interests of young men and the city's civic and social welfare in general owe much to Mr. Lansdale's father, head of the Rochester YMCA for 17 years, during which time the central building was constructed and the branch system inaugurated.

Mr. Lansdale found an able successor in S. Wirt Wiley, who has been general secretary for 9 years, and is now asking to be relieved of his duties when he reaches the retirement age of 60 on May 6, or as soon thereafter as possible.

The committee named to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Wiley's resignation naturally thought of the son of the former "'Y" head, since he has made as great a name for himself during his 13 years of YMCA work in Greece as did his father in Rochester.

Rochestrians in these 13 years have had an added tie to the work of the Lansdales, for funds from this city have helped support programs in Greece. There is no indication yet as to whether Mr. Lansdale will wish to leave the work in which he is now engaged, to return to this country. Realizing his devotion to the YMCA and its activities, Rochester friends know his decision will be based, not upon personal preferences, but upon his belief as to where he can be of widest service.

Needless to say, Mr. Lansdale's friends in Rochester hope he will be convinced of the opportunities open to him in a field in which he already has ties of family and sentiment.
into the station to file information with the dispatcher. On returning to the train he spied the bespectacled young man he had seen on the platform in Syracuse.

**Tried To Call Police**

“I told my brakeman to keep an eye on the stranger while I tipped off the agent to call police,” Laass said.

“But the darn idiot couldn't keep still. The brakeman and the fireman made a grab for the stranger and the fun began.”

**Waited for Break**

The bandit pulled two revolvers from beneath his overcoat and held the trainmen at bay.

He tried to detach the express locomotive from its train, but was balked by the new automatic coupler. Then he slipped across two tracks and pulled the pin from a freight locomotive coupling.

**Made Off With Engine**

Waving his revolvers he drove the freight locomotive crew from the cab, climbed in and opened the throttle. The locomotive lumbered west toward Rochester.

Somebody in the crowd produced a shotgun and eager railroaders uncoupled the express locomotive and sped in pursuit.

When he saw the speedier locomotive gaining on him, the bandit threw his lumbering steed into reverse. As the pursuers flashed past on a parallel track, both pursued and pursuers blazed away.

Soon the trainmen came to a stop and followed in reverse, catching up once more. The bandit repeated his maneuver, firing and reversing until steam ran low and he took to his heels across the fields.

**Nabbed Later in Swamp**

Perry was nabbed in a nearby swamp by a posse; convicted after trial and sentenced to 45 years in prison. He went partially insane, blinded himself and died Sept. 9, 1930, in Dannemora’s hospital ward.

Laass, known to a generation of Rochesterians as the conductor of Train 30, the 10:45 eastbound for New York, retired from railroading more than two years ago.

Still sturdy enough to walk four miles daily and to chop down a tree now and then, Laass quit his life work with reluctance but with pride in his unblemished 48-year record.

A contemporary railroader, W. J. Crandall of Webster, also remembers the daring exploit. He was a New York Central engineer at the time and later became roundhouse foreman.

Emil Laass, retired conductor, describes the most spectacular train robbery in the East. With a card he illustrates the rounded top of a mail car to which the robber attached a rope ladder on a grappling hook.
Lapi himself can't play a violin. The best he can do is to draw a bow across the strings and approximate "somebody practicing." But he can detect imperfections of tone instantly. The only instrument he mastered is the mandolin.

"Anybody can make a violin," Lapi says. But in the deprecatory statement is the implication that love and care and a passion for the fruits of his labors must actuate the craftsman or he has wrought in vain.

"You've got to put your love of music into your work if you expect to get good music out of the violin," he declares. "Something in you must go into the instrument."

The story of the "Hollister St. Stradivarius," as a neighbor styled him, goes back to a cabinet shop in Italy where young Rocco followed the trade of his ancestors. As an apprentice, he made two or three cents a day, running errands and even "holding the baby for my master's wife," in addition to more dignified duties.

His experience in intricate carving made him eager for instruction when a veteran violin maker offered to train him in the technique. The first violin he ever made (he sold it), Lapi thinks was one of his best, although he has one now he "won't take $1,000 for."

At 19, already married, he emigrated to Buffalo where he worked as a cabinet maker for 20 years. He came to this city in 1924, entering the contracting business. His violin-making was but a memory.

But a year and a half ago he found himself bored. Already he had spent seven years in total idleness, begun when rheumatism forced him to abandon active work. The seven children he had made sacrifices to educate were grown up and launched successfully in careers or marriage. Back he went to the craft he had learned in the old country.

Now he's made nearly 50 violins. He works from eight in the morning until 10 or 11 at night.

For some parts of his violins he uses spruce, some of which he imports from Czechoslovakia. That country stores such wood for violins until it is 100 years old. The bottoms and sides are made of curly maple. He visits mills, one of them near Syracuse and looks around until he can find something that suits him.

He doesn't know why but trees that grow near salt mines or salt water provide the best material for violins. Though the instruments improve with age, "they've got to be good from the beginning. If they haven't got it in them in the first place, they'll never be any good."

The average instrument takes him a week to complete but he's often spent as much as two or three weeks on one he is particularly anxious to have turn out well.

"Violin making is like writing a book," he explains. "You put everything you've got into it. You don't know how it's going to turn out although you do your best. Only when it's finished do you know what you've got."
Veteran Honored by Workers

Edward B. Leary, cleaning firm president, is given scroll bearing the names of all his employees by Edna Schumacher, the occasion being the celebration of his 80th birthday.

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A native of Rochester, he lived here until he went to Buffalo to open an Eastwood branch. He was a member of Geneseo Falls Lodge, F & AM: Irondequoit Canoe Club, Company A, Boys In Blue, and St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Funeral services will be held in Buffalo. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Briefly Noted

Edward B. Leary, veteran of the cleaning and dyeing industry, makes no secret of his preference for the modern ways as compared to the good old days of the nineties when he started in business. He recalls breaking holes in the ice of Brown's Race years ago to rinse out dyed garments. Mr. Leary has been a good influence in the city's business life for many years. The honor accorded him by his employers on his 80th birthday suggests one important reason for his long success.

“Hex” and Mort Are Old Acquaintances

When Coach Mort Leary takes his undefeated Aquinas Institute basketball team to Syracuse to oppose Christian Brothers Academy, he, far more than any member of his team, will be aware of the hex the Maroon must overcome to win the game.

Leary was captain of the 1923-24 Aquinas team which Billy McCarthy piloted to the quarter-finals of the National Catholic Tournament in Chicago. In their regular season that year the Irish won 29 of 29 games, losing only to CBA—at Syracuse.

The next year, when Aquinas gained the semifinals of the Chicago game, the local schoolboy cagers played a schedule of 19 games and won 18, losing only to CBA—at Syracuse.

The 1926 tournament team, called by many the best Aquinas has floored, went to the finals in Chicago before dropping a two-point verdict. But, in the process of winning 30 games, McCarthy's charges met CBA in Syracuse—and lost.

In 1928, Leary's first season as coach at Aquinas, the team's record was not a match for some of those previous campaigns, with losses to Manlius and Cook Academy, but the club edged out CBA here after extra periods. So Leary took what was really a powerhouse club to Syracuse—and lost.

That's the way it always has been. No matter what else Aquinas cagers have been able to accomplish, they have been housed in Syracuse, and never have managed to rack up a victory over the Brothers losers there.

* But Tonight It Will Be Different (?)

Tonight, with a renaissance in Aquinas basketball well underway, and with Aquinas victor over the CBA hoopers here by the largest margin in the history of their long rivalry, Coach Leary hopes to end the Brothers' supremacy on their home court.

The Aquinas team, whether or not the school authorities feel the same way about it, definitely is shooting for an invitation to the National Catholic event. Those youngsters have neither the memory nor the fear of any hex and, as far as they are concerned as they face their greatest hurdle, this year things are going to be different.

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D. & C. APR. 27, 1939
W. M. Leary, 74, Printer, Dies

Requiem Mass for William M. Leary, 74, printing shop operator here for 42 years, will be said Saturday at 9 a.m. in St. Augustin's Church, followed by services in his home, 104 Roxborough Rd. Mr. Leary died in his office 10 Aqueview St., as expected yesterday (April 26, 1939).

A native of Syracuse, he came to Rochester 45 years ago with his parents. He operated a printing shop in the old Reynolds Arcade until 1903 when he moved to the present location. Despite ill health he had been actively engaged in business for the last several months, visiting his office a few hours each day.

He was well known in Rochester as the editor of baseball scorecards. He belonged to the Protective Police and Fire Patrol Company, the Elks and the Knights of Columbus.

Surviving him is his wife, Mrs. Anna Leary.

Leake Embarks On 23rd Year
D. & C. JUN 20, 1937
CHESTER B. LEAKE, superintendent of Rochester playgrounds, tomorrow will begin his 23rd year as chief of the city's 32 recreational centers.

He has watched the Playground Department grow from three meager sites to 32 elaborate recreational areas. During his service the attendance has increased from 50,000 visits a summer to more than an official four million last year.

Raymond G. Slattery, assistant superintendent of playgrounds, also will begin his 23d year tomorrow.
Seth H. Leavenworth

DEATH TAKES FORMER HEAD OF FOOD STORE
B. & C. JAN 1 1939
P. J. Lechleitner
Active Grocer

40 Years

Death occurred from a broken leg he suffered in a fall at his home Nov. 20.
Mr. Lechleitner was born in Germ-

dy, and emigrated to Rochester
with his uncle, the late John Straub,
when a boy of 12. The uncle built
a block in which the grocer was
started and engaged for some years
in the business with his nephew.
Surviving Mr. Lechleitner are his
wife, Anna; two daughters, the
Misses Lillian and Pauline Lechleit-
ner, and three sons, Otto, James
and Alphonse Lechleitner, all of
Rochester.

Automobile Held Life's Bane
By Engineer of Half-Century
D. & G. JAN 5 1938

Memories of Crashes
Mar Record on Retirement

PATRICK H. LEDDEN

City Official Heads National Conference
Walker S. Lee, city building su-
perintendent, yesterday was elected
president of the Building Officials
Conference of America, new meet-
ing in Kalamazoo. Lee is presid-
governing the convention sittings.
He had been vice-president of the
conference. He has been building
superintendent here for nine years.
He is a past president of the New
York State Association of Building Of-
ficials.

City Aide Honored
Walker S. Lee, city superintendent of buildings, yesterday was elected vice-president of the National Building Officials' Conference in St. Louis. Col. John W. Oehman, Washington, was named president.

DEATH CLAIMS MANUFACTURER

Funeral services for William R. Lee, vice-president of the E. T. Gil-
bert Mfg. Company, will be held
at 3 p.m. tomorrow at his home,
408 Oxford St. Burial will be in
Mt. Hope Cemetery.
He died late Sunday night (Sept.
22, 1940). Mr. Lee leaves three
sons, William J., Charles S., and
Edward H. Lee, and a daughter,
Mrs. David C. Knowlton, Water-
town. He was a member of the
Country Club of Rochester.

Rites Set for Blacksmith Of Fire Department

Funeral services for Edward C.
Lederthel, one of the oldest of the
Fire Department's blacksmiths
when the bureau had horse-drawn
apparatus, will be held at 2 p.m.
Saturday at 301 Alexander St. Bur-
ial will be in the Soldiers' Plot of
White Haven Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Lederthel was found dead
in his room at 309 Central Ave.,
late Monday night. He had been
ill for more than a year. He re-
tired in April, 1940, after being
with the department 20 years. He
had served overseas with Company
C of the 359th Infantry.
He leaves two brothers and four
sisters, Miss Louise Lederthel, Mrs.
Clyde Lombard, Buffalo, Mrs. Jos-
eph Senlit, Mrs. George Puren-
ter, Paul Lederthel, St. Albans,
Miss, and Martin Lederthel.

Retired Fire Aide Dies

One of the last of the Fire Department's blacksmiths
who functioned in the days of the horses was dead today.
He was Edward Lederthel, 48,
who was found dead in his hotel
room at 309 Central Ave., last night
following an illness of nearly a
year.
Lederthel retired in April, 1940,
after being employed more than
20 years as a blacksmith and then
a repairman in the Fire Depart-
ment. He served overseas during
the World War with the 269th
Military Police Company.
Funeral services for J. Frederick Lee, veteran salesman, will be conducted at 3 p.m., tomorrow at 31 Ridge Rd. W.

Lee, who is survived by his wife and six sons, had kept working in the furniture branch of the United China Relief Fund despite serious illness during the past few months. He served as a laundymann by trade, and lived at 414 Main St. E.

Interment will be Sunday at Cypress Hill Cemetery in Brooklyn, where Lee lived before coming to Rochester a few years ago.

City Official Honored By Builder Unit

Walker J. Lee, superintendent of the city Bureau of Buildings, today was elected president of the Building Officials’ Conference of America in session at Kalamazoo, Mich.

Lee is presiding at the four-day convention at which stress has been laid on the need for cities engaged in national defense and those located near strategic military points to “give thought to bomb shelter preparedness.”

It was explained that it was not intended to “create a scare” or to advocate actual construction of bomb shelters immediately, but that the warning was meant to urge cities to be prepared for construction in case of an emergency.

Lee, who has been building superintendent here for nine years, was advanced from the vice presidency to head the national building officials’ conference, parent body of sectional organizations in New England, the Pacific Coast area and southern states.

Lee has served on several important building committees, including one that wrote the laws for the New York State Labor Department and one now writing minimum standards expected eventually to form a national building code. He is a past president of the New York State Association of Building Officials.

A. J. Leggett, Bank Executive, Dies at 58 in Florida

Alfred John Leggett, 58, assistant vice president of the Rochester Trust Company and prominent in Masonic circles, died unexpectedly last night in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mr. Leggett had been in ill health since last July. His home was at 55 Marlborough Rd., a former passenger of the city’s largest banking institutions was the rise of Alfred John Leggett, 57, fatally stricken with a heart attack Sunday night (Mar. 6, 1938) in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Prominent in Masonic, as well as business circles, Mr. Leggett went to Florida seven weeks ago in an effort to regain his health, broken by a continued illness.

He entered the banking business as a messenger with the old Traders’ National Bank in 1894 and five years later became a partner with the Rochester Trust & Safe Deposit Company where he became auditor in 1917, assistant secretary in 1920, and assistant vice president in 1927.

Handwriting Expert

A qualified handwriting expert as well as an efficient businessman, Mr. Leggett was much sought after as a witness and testified in several important court trials here.

He was a member of Warren C. Hubbard Lodge, F&AM, Monroe Commandery, Knights Templar, Damascus Temple, Damascus Temple Patrol Royal Order of Jesters and St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, National Credit Men’s Association, American Institute of Banking and Chamber of Commerce.

A son, Oliver T. Leggett, started for St. Petersburg yesterday by air to claim the body but reported last night that he had landed in Jacksonville and would not be able to reach St. Petersburg before this morning.

Besides this son, he is survived by his widow, Mrs. Esther W. Leggett, 57 Marlborough Rd.; a daughter, Mrs. J. B. Mayo, and three sisters, Miss Margaret Leggett, Mrs. Robert Wallace and Mrs. Walter Thompson, all of this city. Funeral arrangements were incomplete last night.