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Fellow Workers Fete Veteran of 33 Years

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

Upon entering the employ 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. RWF Biography L.

Manager of Bakery Honored by Workers

F. R. Ladd, general manager of the Continental Wonder Bakery Company, stepped briskly into his office at Murray and Texas streets yesterday—and stopped in his tracks. Before him stood several big floral pieces that all but obscured his desk. RWF Biography L.

"Surprise!" cried 170 voices as workers from throughout the plant thronged the corridor. 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 with 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 airmail service.

With the crew of 11 when it landed yesterday afternoon in Marseilles, France, was Robert Laing, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Laing of 1084 Monroe Ave. Laing, who is married and lives in Baltimore, was graduated from Monroe 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 bachelor of science degree in 1937. Besides his parents, he has a sister Marian, a graduate nurse, living in Rochester.

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Paddy Hill Players' Aide Hurt by Auto

Harry Lamb, about 55, janitor for the Paddy Hill Players, amateur theatrical group, was rushed to General Hospital today with a serious head injury suffered when he



Involved in an accident in Dewey Avenue near Leonard Road this morning were these autos. Car (left), driven by Howard E. Badgerow, crashed into one driven by Cesidio Marciano, after the latter's machine had hit a pedestrian.

was struck by a northbound auto in Dewey Avenue near Leonard Road.

Lamb was reported in poor condition at the hospital with a skull fracture. Greece policeman Cy Verweire said the victim was walking north in Dewey Avenue about 7:40 a. m. when a truck driver, Freeman Grant, 232 McGuire Rd., Greece, called to him from the other side of the road.

As Lamb walked across the road, he was struck by an auto driven by Cesidio Marciano, 57, of 8 Lorimer St., a WPA worker. Shortly afterward, Marciano's car was struck by a machine driven south by Howard E. Badgerow, 29, of 3180 Latta Rd. Both cars were badly damaged.

Lamb was taken to the hospital in a Park Avenue Hospital ambulance. He lives at the Paddy Hill Shanty, Mt. Read Boulevard near Latta Road, police said.

Woodcarver Feted On 72d Anniversary

Rudolph Landman, wood carver employed by the Hayden Company for more than 40 years, was given a surprise party at his home, 140 Hurstbourne Rd., yesterday, his 72d birthday anniversary. RWF Biography L.

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 his work. Several of his staff have been associated with him for more than a quarter century. Company officials and fellow workers were among the guests at the party.

Brother in Death

Alvin D. Lafler, 18, followed his brother and news-vending partner, Herbert S. Lafler, 23, in death yesterday (July 15, 1937). Herbert died Dec. 7, 1936.

They were the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Lafler, 335 Knickerbocker Avenue, who with their sister, Miss Dorothy E. Lafler, and grandmother, Mrs. John Kreutter, survive them.

Alvin joined his brother in the news business at Kodak Park five or six years ago and ran the busy stand by himself up to a short time ago, when he was taken ill. He was graduated from John Marshall High School in January and earlier had attended School 40.

Funeral services will be conducted at 3:30 p. m. tomorrow at 1511 Dewey Avenue. Interment will be Riverside Cemetery.

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DEATH TAKES LUKE J. LANE

On his way to see his son, John L. Lane, ordained, a priest in La Port, Tex., Luke J. Lane, 68, a well known resident of Auburn, died yesterday afternoon in St. Mary's Hospital here. He was stricken ill when he reached Rochester and underwent a major operation.

A charter member of Auburn Council of Knights of Columbus and a member of the Fourth Degree Assembly, he had been engaged in insurance business in Auburn from 1907 until three years ago.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Agnes Lane; seven children, Dr. Joseph Lane, Rochester; Miss Mary Lane, Washington, D. C.; L. E. Lane, Watertown; the Rev. James C. Lane, Newark, N. Y.; the Rev. John F. Lane, Galveston, Tex.; Miss Marjorie Lane and Robert Lane, Auburn; two stepchildren, Miss Jane Bennett, Washington, D. C., and Miss Agnes Bennett, Auburn; a sister, Miss Bridget Lane, and a brother, John J. Lane, Auburn. RWF Biography L.

Lambert Chosen Veterans' Aide

Maj. Barret deT. 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 VFW National Commander-in-chief Scott P. Squyres, according to announcement last night by Capt. John P. 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 co-operation 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 officer in charge of National Guard training in this area for several years prior to his retirement from active service. Major Lambert has seen active service in the Philippines, Hawaii, Panama Canal Zone, Russia, China and in France, Belgium, Germany and Italy during the World War. As an enlisted man he accompanied Major General Wood to Germany in 1908 to study military tactics.

Railroad 'Y' Honors Lamb

Frederick D. Lamb, who marked his 36th 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 New York Central Railroad, caught the spirit of the assemblage when he characterized Mr. Lamb as "The first one we turn to 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 \$300 by association members. Receiving congratulations with 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 Brewster Wells, second vice-president; Eugene Raines, secretary; Robert A. MacEwen, assistant treasurer.

Railroad Y to Honor Veteran Secretary

Thirty-five years' service as secretary of the Railroad YMCA will be recognized by the board of managers of that organization Sunday, Oct. 31, when it honors its executive, Frederick D. Lamb, at a reception in the Hyde Park building from 4 to 6 p. m.

Caleb Clothier, tax and land agent of the New York Central Railroad, is chairman. The reception committee consists of members of the board, headed by Frank T. Everett. Lamb came to Rochester in 1902 after serving as assistant secretary at the Binghamton Railroad Y in 1898 and 1899 and three years in a similar capacity in Albany. When he took charge of the local organization it was quartered in two small rooms over the old American Express Company Building and had 30 members. Today it owns a \$100,000 building at 9 Hyde Park and has 800 members.

LAMB NAMED FOR 8TH TERM

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



FREDERICK D. LAMB

Herbert H. Lehman.

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

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

Railroad 'Y' Aide Begins 40th Year

Frederick D. Lamb, 388 Arnett Blvd., will begin his 40th year as secretary of the Rochester Railroad YMCA today.



FREDERICK D. LAMB

Coming in 1902 from Albany 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 Park.

Father of four boys and four girls, Lamb was twice Democratic candidate for mayor of the city, served as chairman of the Democratic County Committee, and as chairman of its Steering Committee for 15 years. For 18 years, he has been a member of the board of visitors of the State School at Industry, for nine years its president and for 11 years a member of the Municipal Civil Service Commission.

FLOWERS



For the Living

The Times-Union extends its hearty congratulations to Frederick D. Lamb, secretary of the Railroad YMCA, on his re-anniversary 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 in 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 men 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 men" was hailed yesterday.

Several hundred associates in YMCA work, and civic 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 assemblage when he characterized Lamb as "the first one we turn to when in difficulty; truly a lover of his fellow men."

Guests were scattered through flower-decorated rooms with the main assembly hall filled to capacity. Alding 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. Wirt Wiley, general secretary, Rochester YMCA; Cabel Clothier, land and tax agent, New York Central Railroad; J. H. Gilmore, president of Cutler Mail Chute Company, son of the late Prof. J. H. Gilmore, a member of the board of directors that appointed Lamb 35 years ago; Harmon J. Smith, secretary of Central Trades and Labor Council; Forts 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, Lieut.-Gov. M. William Bray, G. K. Roper, senior secretary, National Council of the YMCA, and others.

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 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 commissions, Cartwright may defer action until after the Board of Supervisors has acted.

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, F. T. Everett, left, chairman of the Railroad 'Y' board, gathered to honor Lamb.



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.

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DEATH TAKES VOLNEY LACY

Secretary of the Rochester Yacht Club for many years and well known among naval architects, Volney E. Lacy, 55, died last night (Aug. 25, 1938) at General Hospital. He had been ill for some time. His home was at 6 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 11 a. m. tomorrow at 137 Chestnut St.

Death Takes 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."

4 RITES TODAY FOR TEACHER AT CHARLOTTE

High School Pays Silent Tribute To K. E. Lacy

Pupils 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.



KENNETH E. LACY

Lacy, 37, died Tuesday in 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 brief eulogy.

Lacy received his degree of bachelor of commercial science from New York University in 1927. He continued his studies after joining the Charlotte faculty at the University of Rochester and Nazareth College summer school.

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

Kenneth Lacy Rites Attended By Students

Students and faculty members of Charlotte High School this afternoon were to attend last rites for



Kenneth E. Lacy

Kenneth E. Lacy, 37, for 13 years a teacher at the school.

Mr. Lacy died at Strong Memorial Hospital Tuesday, after an illness of eight weeks. His home was in 316 Forgham Rd. Rites today were to be conducted at 1511 Dewey.

Mr. Lacy was graduated from Charlotte High School in 1921 and in 1927 at New York University received the degree of bachelor of commercial science, later continuing his studies at the University of Rochester and Nazareth College summer school while teaching at Charlotte.

Students of the school gathered in assembly yesterday to hear Principal Nathaniel G. West pay tribute to Mr. Lacy. A moment of silence honored his memory.

The teacher leaves his wife, Ruth Fogel Lacy; three daughters, Joan M., Joyce B. and Janet R. Lacy; 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.

PRIVATE RITES PLANNED FOR H. LAMPERT, 73

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Former Mayor's Aide Active in GOP Circles

Private funeral services for Henry Lampert, 73, son-in-law of the late Mayor H. Edgerton, and a



HENRY LAMPERT

Death came unexpectedly Tuesday night (Aug. 26, 1941) after 10 days of illness, at Mrs. Bingeman's home.

Member of an old Rochester family and an associate with Mayor Edgerton in the contracting business, Mr. Lampert was prominent in Republican circles and was a member of the "Boys in Blue," a marching organization famous during the reign of George Aldridge as leader of the Republican Party in Monroe County. Mr. Lampert was a Mason, a member of Third Presbyterian Church and formerly was in the Reserve Corps. He was a leader in GAR activities.

He leaves his wife, Edna Edgerton Lampert; his daughter, and two sisters, Mrs. John M. Steele, and Mrs. William Carson, and two granddaughters.

Private Rites Arranged for Henry Lampert

Private funeral services for Henry Lampert, 73, prominent Republican and contractor, will be held tomorrow at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Russell Bingeman, 61 Werner Pk.

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.

Days before the last war, when life in Rochester and elsewhere had a calmer atmosphere, are recalled by the death of Henry Lampert. Days when Mayor Edgerton chugged around in his ancient but serviceable car, protecting the small parks from intrusion and helping lay out playgrounds where they were needed. Mr. Lampert was an active figure in many phases of that life. He set an example of good citizenship.

Calvin C. Laney Marks 89th Anniversary

Former Park Commissioner Calvin C. Laney celebrated his 89th 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 ride. He lives at 170 Dartmouth.

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Laney Looks Back
At 50 Years
Of Parks

By HOWARD C. HOSMER

WHITE-BEARDED Calvin C. Laney, who probably knows as much about Rochester's parks



Calvin C. Laney

as any living person, told us he expects to take in the lilac 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 "emeritus," the 88-year-old former surveyor is taking motor rides occasionally and expects to be on hand when the lilacs drape themselves in beauty. This will be a kind of anniversary year for Laney, for two other men, and for Rochester's famous parks.

It will mark the 50th anniversary of the greater park system, in which Laney and the Slavin 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.

THE years between 1888 and 1938 have been fraught with difficulties and realizations of forebodingness.

In May, 1888, the park commission met officially for the first time, headed by Dr. Edward Mott Moore, for many years a champion of the greater park system.

Rochester was a city square park town then. There were no large parks.

Chief opposition to expanding the system was furnished by citizens who feared an added tax burden and scoffed at "useless expenditure." They pointed out, illogically enough, that the city was already beautified by trees along its streets.

Other citizens declared large parks would undermine the moral stamina of Rochester's youth.

But the commission triumphed, acquired the land which became Genesee Valley Park, hired young Calvin C. Laney, a native of Waterloo and a professional surveyor, and settled down to expand the system. Highland came next, then Seneca, Maplewood and Durand-Eastman, largest and wildest of the many-acre parks.

MOST of the land was farm land. Valuable trees and shrubs were donated by Ellwanger and Barry, famous nursery. The Arnold Arboretum, Brookline, Mass., whose director, Prof. Charles Sprague Sargent, was much interested in the commission's fight for bigger parks, sent other valuable shrubs.

The parks were being developed into outstanding beauty spots when the first lilac festival was held.

That was in 1909, and since then the lilac has been the most famous bloom in the parks. Now it will have to concede some part of the starring stage to other flowers, for the festival committee is planning "Blossom Time in Rochester" for the entire month of May.

It is probably safe to say that the lilacs will still have the greatest drawing power. Largest single collection of lilacs in the world, Rochester's display is composed of 1,050 shrubs.

Nineteen new varieties have been added to the 384 which flourished last year.

They are mainly concentrated in Highland Park, although Cobb's Hill has many showy shrubs.

Many of the lilacs which grace Highland late every spring originated in Rochester, results of the inventive horticultural genius of John Dunbar, who served the park department under Calvin Laney for 34 years.

Pat Slavin, now director of parks, says the value of the lilacs, other blooms, trees, and the parks themselves cannot be estimated.

Descriptions of their artistic beauty, distributed across the country by the lilac festival committee, are expected to draw thousands of visitors to Rochester during Blossom Time.

May has long been the chief month for park showiness. Since 1909, according to Mr. Laney and Mr. Slavin, the city with the help of nature has staged 28 lilac festivals. Of these, 23 have been held in May.

PERSISTENCY

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

"Dear Mr. _____:

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 New York and there are probably weekends during the session when you will want to throw off professional cares, I want 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.

His Work Remains

"In all this I had a great part," Calvin C. Laney must have felt as he viewed in retirement the continuing development of the Rochester park system, to which he had devoted most of the years of his active career.

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.

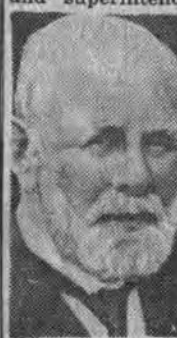
Olmstead, appreciating the ability of the young surveyor and his abiding interest in the work, was one of his strongest supporters for the position of superintendent of parks, to which Mr. Laney was appointed in 1889.

That it was a wise selection results were to prove most amply.

And two years later Mr. Laney obtained as his assistant and co-worker the late John Dunbar, horticulturist, a man who loved trees and had a way with them. For years the two men made an outstanding team, with achievements recognized throughout the country.

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

Calvin C. Laney, the venerable former city parks commissioner and superintendent, yesterday



CALVIN C. LANEY

Laney selected Durand-Eastman Park because of his all-consuming interest in wild life, Mrs. John Montignani, his daughter, said. Although he no longer takes notes on his observations, a practice he followed for years in establishing an

envious and valuable scientific record, Laney never lost his enthusiasm for observation.

Laney was born in Waterloo, Feb. 18, 1850. After working as a civil engineer for several railroads, he came to Rochester on a New York Central project in 1885 and remained to join the park system in 1888. He was forced to retire under state law in 1928 after 40 years of service and at the age of 78. For years after that, he maintained his association with the park system and reported daily to his office to serve in an advisory capacity.

These trips now are confined to automobile visits to the parks.

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Calvin Laney to Be Buried Near Loved Highland Park

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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 foresaw Rochester's development and created those recreational spots along the Genesee River that brought to Rochester countrywide and world fame.

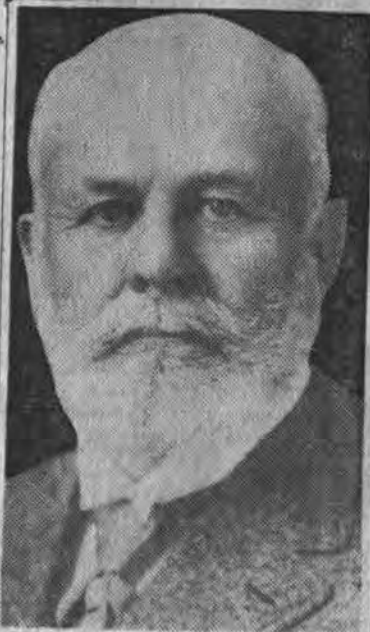
Began as Surveyor

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 Dana, 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 to become Highland Park and even as late as 1889 a resolution was introduced at a Council meeting asking the Legis-



This portrait of Calvin Cooke Laney, who died yesterday at 91, was made years ago when he was parks superintendent and engineer, before he was made parks commissioner.

lature to repeal the statute setting up the park board.

On that board, which appointed Mr. Laney superintendent and backed him in his work, were men famous in the city's history. Included were Dr. Moore, William C. Barry, John T. Durand, Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid, Daniel W. Powers, Hiram W. Sibley, Henry T. Huntington, William S. Kimball, Halbert S. Greenleaf, James S. Graham, Alfred Wright, James H. Brown, George E. Newell, Mortimer F. Reynolds, William See, George W. Elliott, Richard Curran, James W. Gillis and Alfred Wright.

Gifts and Purchases

They started the system with an initial bond issue of \$300,000, restricted to an annual improvement outlay of \$20,000. Land purchases along the Genesee River south of the city were made and Genesee Valley Park came into being. Later a gift of land by Ellwanger & Barry, nurserymen, made possible Highland Park, famous for its lilacs and its arboretum, where Dunbar developed many world famous varieties of horticulture.

In succession through gifts and purchases were added Maplewood, Cobb's Hill, Seneca and Durand-Eastman Parks and finally Ontario Beach Park, formerly a commercial lakeside resort.

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To the parks even year added many famous horticulturists and naturalists, including Dr. Charles S. Sargent, director of the Arnold Arboretum in Brookline, Mass., who gave many of the plantings and specimens that later enriched the Rochester system.

A native of Waterloo, Mr. Laney was born Feb. 20, 1850. He attended Waterloo Academy and the Friends Academy at Union Springs, near Aurora, Cayuga County, where he studied engineering. He also attended the Professional School in Poughkeepsie and like many another youth of his time taught in a district school.

Worked on Railroads

But the growth of the railroads then drew him into their employment and he worked successively for the Pennsylvania and Sodas Railroad, other lines then forming and then for the New York Central, which brought him to Rochester in 1873. For the next eight years he was employed by railroads in Western New York and Illinois, returning to Rochester in 1885 to open a surveyor's office. His appointment as a surveyor for the park system was made in 1888 and from that time he was actively identified with it.

He held the position of superintendent and engineer until 1920, when he was named commissioner and he held that post until 1928, when he retired. But he continued to visit the park office frequently and the parks almost daily.

Besides his daughter, Mrs. John Montignani, with whom he lived, he is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Charles Hoeling, 6 Portsmouth Ter., and five grandchildren. They are Frederick W. Hoeling, who recently returned from France after his ship, the Zamzam was sunk by a German raider; Mrs. James Jenkins of Bronxville; Mrs. Alfred Guest of Bernardsville, N. J.; Mrs. Sven-Gunnar Lindstrand of Stockholm and Mrs. Frances Montignani of Rochester. There are also several great grandchildren.

CALVIN C. LANEY DIES DEVELOPED PARKS, 91

Began Rochester, N. Y., System and Served City for 40 Years

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 23—Calvin C. Laney, father of the Rochester parks system, died today at the age of 91. He retired as Commissioner of Parks in 1928 after forty years of constant service in which he was associated with the late John Dunbar, horticulturist. Together they made Rochester's pleasure grounds famous.

Mr. Laney, who was born in Waterloo, N. Y., in 1850, attended public and Episcopal schools in that village, the Friends Academy at Union Springs and the Professional School at Poughkeepsie.

After having been employed on New York Central Railroad projects for a few years, he came here in 1873. He opened a surveyor's office and in 1885 he was named to a city park post. With his father they surveyed the properties that afterward became Genesee Valley Park.

With Mr. Dunbar Commissioner Laney collected trees, flowers and shrubs from all parts of the world. Mr. Laney combined engineering talents with a love of nature and became an outstanding horticulturist and naturalist.

His contributions to horticultural magazines and advice to executives of park systems in other cities made him famous throughout the nation. After his retirement at the age of 78 he drove almost daily through the city and county park systems he had developed.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. John Mantignani and Mrs. Charles Hoeling.

He Built the Parks

"If you would see his monument, look about you."

This classical adage will be pertinently quoted by Rochesterians for years to come in referring to the life and work of Calvin C. 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.

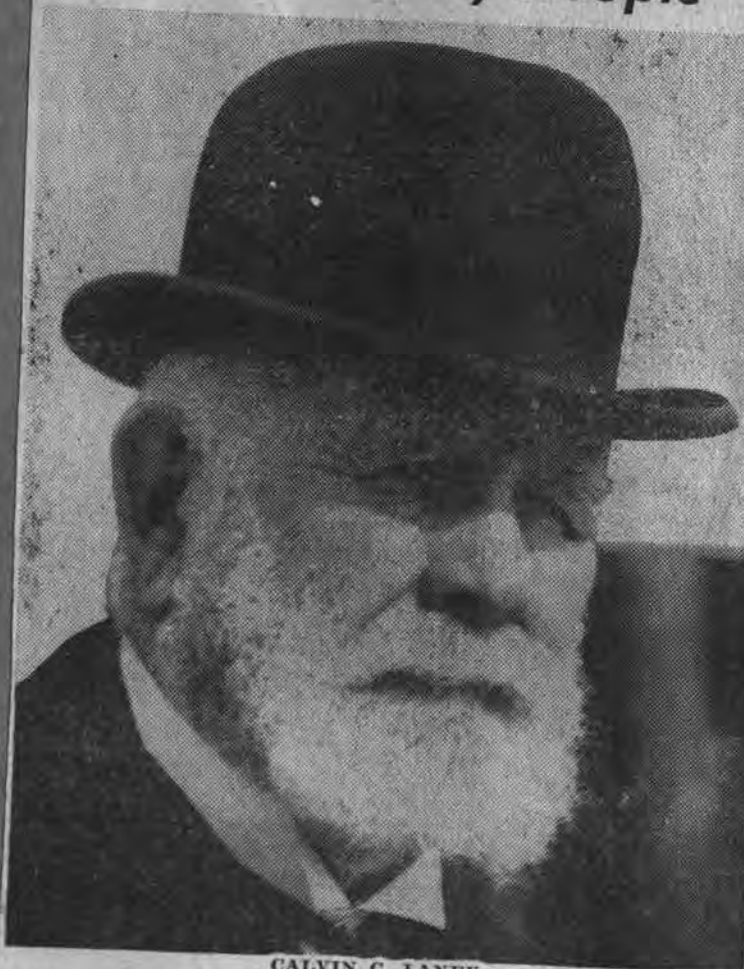
Engineering skill and esthetic vision combined happily in Mr. Laney's own makeup and in his long and sympathetic association with John Dunbar. Another professional and personal friendship which the two men shared and which had much to do with some of the famed flower and shrub collections in Rochester's 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 esthetic 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.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., SA

Lost to Parks, People



CALVIN C. LANEY

Death came in his 92nd year.

Times-Union AUG 23 1941

Calvin Laney, 92, Dies; Retired Head of Parks

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. 18, 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 1873, 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 farm lands 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 1926, 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 Mrs. Charles Hoeng, 5 Portsmouth Ter.; five grandchildren, Frederick W. Hoeng of Rochester, Mrs. James Jenkins, Bronxville, Mrs. James Alfred Guest, Bernardsville, 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 in ill health.

Langlois' body was found on a cot in the boathouse. The jets 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. Collamer, 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.

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.

St. Visits Home Of Assemblyman

Assemblyman Earl Langenbacher's plurality jumped one yesterday.

Although the vote will not be recorded on the official canvass, 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.

EARL C. 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 Haskell H. Marks, the switch in the political complexion of the Fourth Ward being responsible. He was re-elected 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 for 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.



(Fourth of a series)

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, all are 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 care-free 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. Dunningan, 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 Waiters' 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.

H. 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.



DEATH CLAIMS FORMER KODAK REPAIR CHIEF

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Frederick La Palm
Funeral Set
Wednesday

Frederick LaPalm, 65, of 95 Rosalind St., who retired Feb. 1 as superintendent of the Eastman Kodak Company repair department, died unexpectedly yesterday (Apr. 24, 1938) in St. Mary's Hospital.

Mr. LaPalm was widely known in the 19th Ward. Born in Bridge-water, Ont., he came to Rochester as a young man and entered Kodak employ 40 years ago.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Margaret LaPalm; two sons, Dr. Leo F. LaPalm, Rochester, and Daniel E. LaPalm, Toronto; two brothers, Alexander, Syracuse, and Robert E., Rochester; two sisters, Mrs. James McGlinchey, Yonkers, and Mrs. Jay W. Greenwood, Rochester, and three grandchildren.

The funeral will be held Wednesday at 9:30 a. m. at the home, with services in Our Lady of Good Counsel Church at 10 a. m. Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

LAPIDES RITES SLATED TODAY

Benjamin Lapides, 72, president of the Genesee Packing Company and long active in Rochester Jewry, died early yesterday (Feb. 7, 1942.)



**BENJAMIN
LAPIDES**

Mr. Lapides, who lived at 51 Herman St., was a member of Vaad Hakolel and Beth Hamedresh Hago-del congregations. He contributed actively to the support of Bikur Cholim Society, the Jewish Children's Home and the Jewish Home for the Aged.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Charles Pontesof, Mrs. I. P. Appelbaum, Mrs. Henry Freedman, Mrs. Ben Raven and Miss Gertrude Lapides; two sons, Maurice G. and Allan Lapides; 20 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be conducted at 3 p. m. today from 51 Herman St. Burial will be in Stone Road Cemetery.

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 also will receive their Delta Mu Delta keys from W. Gilbert Hassett, local president of the fraternity. Students honored this year are Wilfred C. Fuehrer, Austin C. Glasser, Robert W. Langworthy, Thomas M. Madigan, Edward K. Nellis, Seward G. Smith, Ralph A. Tilling, Robert B. Wegman, and Chester D. Writz.



E. S. LaRose

The Most Rev. James E. Kearney,

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

A graduate of Catholic University, LaRose was assistant experimental engineer with the Curtiss Aeroplane Corporation, and later chief industrial engineer with the New York and Buffalo Audit Company before becoming affiliated with Bausch & Lomb. He was national director of the American Management Association and National Cost Accountants, besides being president of the Rochester chapter, Controllers Institute of America.

Funeral Rites Held For Architect

Funeral services for Herbert L. Larzelere, prominent architect and church designer in Rochester for many years, were held in Penn Yan Thursday. He died Wednesday (Nov. 23, 1938) at his home in Webster. He was 77.

Born in Penn Yan, he came to Rochester in 1886 as an architect. For many years he had offices in the Granite Building, until it was destroyed in the Sibley fire. He then moved to the Mercantile Building.

Mr. Larzelere designed or re-modeled many Rochester churches, the Corn Hill Methodist, Central Presbyterian, German Evangelical, Mt. Hor Presbyterian, East Side Presbyterian, Charlotte Presbyterian and Charlotte Methodist Churches.

He was on the board of the Monroe Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church for several years and at the time of his death was an elder of the Webster Presbyterian Church.

He leaves his widow and six children, Mrs. Henry Schouton, Rochester; Mrs. Claude Raymor, Ontario; Mrs. Earl Baxter, Webster; Henry Thurber of Fairport, Irving C. of Buffalo and Robert B. Larzelere of Detroit; 10 grandchildren; his sister, Miss Mary A. Larzelere, Penn Yan, and his twin brother, Herman G. Larzelere of Orlando, Fla.

Former Leather Firm President Dies

Harry Lasher, of 130 Aldine, former president of the F. A. Sher-

wood Leather Company in Mill St., died last night in Strong Memorial Hospital. He was 71.

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 Scio St.

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

Golf Pioneer Dies at 86

W. H. Lawton
Friends Mourn

WILLIAM H. LAWTON, golf

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

Golf in Mr. Lawton's days was in the "old clothes" stage and the players, with their creak, mid-iron, 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 such old friends as Judge Henry D. Shedd and Frank J. Minges who recall that he once posted a 77 on the old South Park course.

Mr. Lawton staged Rochester's first professional golf match.

Harry C. Lara Funeral Set For Tomorrow

Funeral services for Harry C. Lara, secretary of Lara Photo Inc., who died yesterday, will be conducted tomorrow at 9:30 a. m. at the home of his son, Harold W. Lara, 1034 Goodman St. S., and at 10 o'clock at St. Monica's Church. Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mr. Lara was pattern maker for companies which preceded the Eastman Kodak Company, among them the old Rochester Optical Company and the DiPrima Company.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret E. Lara; two sons, Richard H. and Harold; a daughter, Mrs. Louis Schuler; a half-brother, Joseph Lara, and three grandchildren.

W. H. Lawton, Opera Singer, Golfer, Dies

Private funeral services will be held tonight for William H. Lawton, 85, 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.



William H. Lawton

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 Sumner Pk.

He leaves his second wife, Mrs. Amy B. Lawton, whom he married in 1908. His first wife died before he came to Rochester.

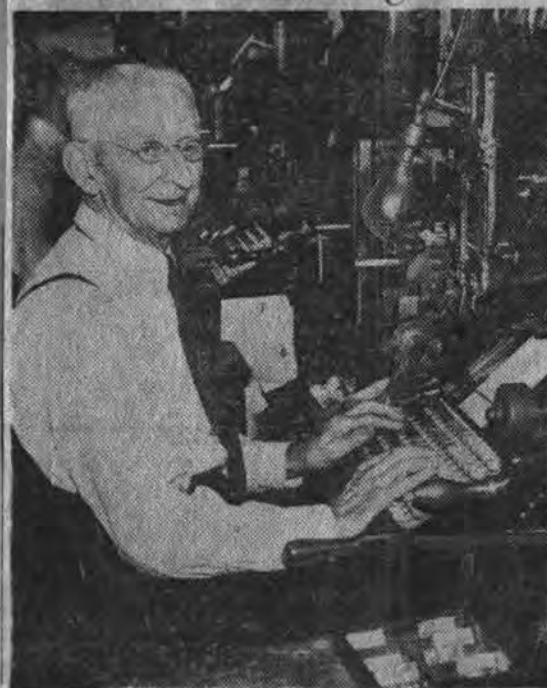
His body lies at 510 Monroe Ave.

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Produce Firm Owner Funeral Scheduled

The funeral of John C. Lays, 66, of 6 Burbank, co-owner of Lays Brothers Produce Company, will be conducted at 2 p. m. tomorrow at 301 Alexander, with burial at the convenience of the family.

Mr. Lays died in Genesee Hospital Saturday night. He leaves his wife, Kate M. Lotz Lays; his brother, Charles E. Lays, partner in the produce business, and several nephews and nieces.



WILLIAM F. LAUER

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After 64 years as a printer, Lauer stepped into a life of retirement today.

He is pictured here just before giving up work on a linotype machine in The Times-Union composing room. He first went to work as a press feeder on the old Union & Advertiser in 1876 when he was but 12 years old. With the exception of a year in New York City and a year in Denver, Lauer has done his daily stint in Rochester.



Then and Now—OCT 22 1941

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.

Hero's Widow Given Award

The heroism of Clifford H. Lay, who gave his life in an attempt to save another man trapped in 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 \$60 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 G. Steinfeld, 55, carpenter-farmer, overcome by deadly fumes in a 30-foot well. Steinfeld also died.

Lay, a 35-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 Young Men's Christian Association of Greece, will land in New York Oct. 18 to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert P. Lansdale of 8 Nunda Boulevard, a cablegram announced yesterday.

Mr. Lansdale went to Greece in 1925 and has been the only American engaged in YMCA work in that country, his headquarters being in Thessalonika, formerly Salonika.

His wife, with their two sons, Herbert P. Lansdale 3d and Bruce, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. McKay this

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'Y' 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 his 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 repercussion may reach as far as Britain."

"In the winter of 1914-15, 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 Greco-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 counter attack."

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.

TRIBUTES PAID YM SECRETARY AT RECEPTION

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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 3,000, and the Rev. Frederick H. Diehm presented a desk set for the Moonriders. Mrs. Lansdale received a pocketbook from Mrs. Diehm on behalf of the Moonettes.

'Y' Chief Raps Nazi 'Rubber Morality'

By ROGER B. SPAULDING

Herbert P. Lansdale Jr., 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.

Gets Dad's Old Job



HERBERT P. 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 their 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 of the "Y" here from 1912 to 1929.

New to him, however, were the words of A. H. Whitford, general secretary from 1890 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 came here.

A cablegram today told his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert P. Lansdale, 8 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, 206 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 Thessalonika, formerly Salonika.

When Mr. and Mrs. Lansdale return to Greece in April they will leave the children in this country to continue their education.

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Welcomes to Y Secretary

That "hair and farewell" dinner to be held under YMCA auspices at the Chamber of Commerce tonight promises to be a large affair, judging by the enthusiastic response its sponsors have received from every quarter.

Herbert P. Lansdale Jr., who comes to assume the post of general secretary his father formerly held, and S. Wirt Wiley, the elder Lansdale's successor, now retiring at his own request with a fine record of service, will be guests of honor.

The secretary-elect has had 14 years of service in the foreign field. His work as national secretary of the YMCA in Greece has been outstanding.

In recognition of this 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.

Tributes to the work and character of S. Wirt Wiley, retiring general secretary, will also be in order.

It is indeed a case of hall the coming and speed the parting guest.

District Engineer's New Domain Includes Canal Ancestors Traveled



ELMER C. LAWTON

HOWARD E. SMITH

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.

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 those 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 4.

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

This settlement named Lawtons, "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 "a soft spot 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 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, he 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 of the future of the American picture.

After 14 years as national secretary of the YMCA in 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 Wiley who is retiring.

He talked over the new adventure with the elder 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 widest eyes crinkled when he turned the discussion to himself:

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

Fresh 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 the major powers simply is to divide the Balkan States," the new secretary said. "Left to themselves, the states would live harmoniously. The people do not want war. They want to live in co-operation 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 co-operative 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 Wiley at a dinner marking Wiley'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.

Enliven Fete for 'Y' Secretary

Back in his East High School days some 20 years ago "Herb" Lansdale used to have a bit of trouble with his Greek.

But last night, only a few minutes after he arrived at the scene of a dinner given in his honor, he was ensconced on the floor of the room conversing volubly in that tongue with youngsters attired in Grecian costume. They were the three young sons of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Paris, John, Peter and Phillip. Added to the Grecian atmosphere their costumes provided, were the robes of eight girls who waited on the diners.

The occasion was the dinner given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert P. Lansdale Jr., who are visiting in Rochester after 12 years residence in Greece where "Herb," as he was known to most of those present last night in the dining room at 37 N. Clinton Ave., is national YMCA secretary with headquarters in Salonika. He has twice been decorated by the King of Greece for his service to the country in his "Y" work.

Prominent in the gathering were many leaders in Rochester Greek community and YMCA officials and friends. At the speakers' table, besides Mr. and Mrs. Lansdale, were Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Paris; the Rev. Peter Christakos, pastor of the Greek Orthodox Church, and his daughter, Mrs. V. Christakos; Thomas Colovus, president of the Order of Ahepa; Harper Sibley, president of the Rochester YMCA, Mr. and Mrs. E. Reed Shutt; Ernest A. Paviour, Mr. and Mrs. S. Wirt Wiley, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McKay, parents of Mrs. Lansdale, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry N. Kenyon.

Sponsored by the YMCA World Service Committee, the event was presided over by Mr. Shutt, who introduced speakers and guests. Mr. Wiley, general secretary of the

"Y," outlined work being done by the YMCA throughout the world. Mr. Sibley told his impressions of a visit he made to Greece, during which he had opportunity to see

at first hand Mr. Lansdale's work. The guest of honor, described his experiences as "Y" secretary in Greece and told of the various problems confronting the work

there.

Service and entertainment was provided by members of the Greek Auxiliary and guests found at their places menus written in Greek.

'Y' Bids Lansdale To Post

The general secretaryship of the Rochester YMCA was today offered to Herbert P. Lansdale Jr. of Saloniki, Greece.

In a cablegram sent the former Rochesterian following a special meeting of "Y" directors at noon, the national secretary of the YMCA in Greece was urged to take over the position here, once held by his father.

Harper Sibley, president of the Rochester YMCA, presided at the meeting, which accepted the report of the nominating committee presented by its chairman, Ernest A. Paviour. It is not known whether Mr. Lansdale will accept.

In March of this year S. Wirt Wiley, who had then been general secretary for nine years, asked to be relieved of his duties at retirement age of 60 on May 6, or within one year thereafter.

A committee to fill the vacancy, appointed at once, made an intensive survey, coming to unanimous conclusion in favor of Lansdale.

Appreciated in Greece

A graduate of Oberlin College in the class of 1919, Lansdale has made an outstanding record in 13 years of YMCA work in Greece. He is 40 years old.

Rochester people for many years have helped in the financial support of his program in Greece.

Eugene E. Barnett, executive secretary of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations, who just returned from Greece, is reluctant to have Lansdale leave the foreign field.

He said: "The Lansdales have a wonderful hold on the people of Greece. The Crown Prince voiced his appreciation and expectations with respect to the YMCA and to Lansdale in the most enthusiastic terms. Ministers, bishops, business men, tradesmen and working men all like Lansdale. He is a good American representing the friendship, the goodwill and the Christian idealism of America, and a good Greek sharing the concerns and aspirations of Greece."

Offered New Post



HERBERT P. LANSDALE JR.

Lansdale, general secretary of the YMCA in Greece, today was offered the general secretaryship of the Rochester YMCA, in a cablegram sent by the local directors. His father once held the position here.

Father Served 17 Years

The senior Lansdale led the YMCA for 17 years until he was succeeded by Mr. Wiley in 1928. Central Building and the branch system were constructed during his administration.

Lansdale Jr., was in Worcester, Mass., as educational secretary of the YMCA for five years between 1920 and 1925.

He was born in Baltimore, Md., in 1898. He married the former Marjorie McKay of Rochester. They have two boys, 16 and 14 years old, now attending Northwood School at Lake Placid. The Lansdales recently brought the boys to the United States for the completion of their education. The parents returned to Greece early in March.

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

Whether a Rochesterian doing YMCA work in Greece for the last 13 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 here by S. Wirt Wiley. However, 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 noon.

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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.

Rochesterians in these 13 years have had an added tie to the work of the Lansdales abroad since 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.

RVF Biography, L.

Lansdale, 40, is a graduate of Oberlin College, class of 1919, and East High School. He served as educational secretary of the Worcester, Mass., YMCA from 1920 to 1925. A native of Baltimore, he married the former Marjorie McKay, Rochester. They have two sons, 14 and 16, attending Northwood School at Lake Placid. The Lansdales visited here in March.

The senior Lansdale led the YMCA for 17 years, being succeeded by Wiley in 1929. The Central YMCA and the branch system were constructed under the senior Lansdale's administration.

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 spends most of his time selling lots in his real estate development in Penfield Road.

In his neat brown shingle house at 43 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.

No. "31" was a solid, 10-car all express train with a rider (day coach) hooked on the rear for the conductor and his trainmen. The car next to the rider was a money car carrying \$600,000 in cash.

As Laass was checking over the cars at 5 a. m. in the Syracuse station he noticed a young man wearing glasses and carrying a grip slung over his shoulder on a strap.

The conductor cautioned his brakeman against permitting the idler to gain entrance to the rider and went forward.

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 queerly 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.

At Port Byron came the break he sought.

"31" was roaring west at better than 50 miles an hour on track 1. Watching on track 4 to follow in behind when "31" passed was a fast freight. Three huskies from the freight crew were lolling on the platform.

Laass leaped for the emergency brake and gave the lever the works. "31" quivered, squealed and ground to a stop.

The conductor followed by his trainmen and quickly joined by the freight crew dashed to the door of the money car.

Inside was the express messenger, the late Daniel T. McInerney, brother of Attorney John J. McInerney and Detective William McInerney.

Messenger Wounded

He had been twice wounded by Oliver Curtis Perry, a youthful bandit who had climbed over the rounded sleet-covered roof of the careening express car and lowered himself on a rope ladder to the side door.

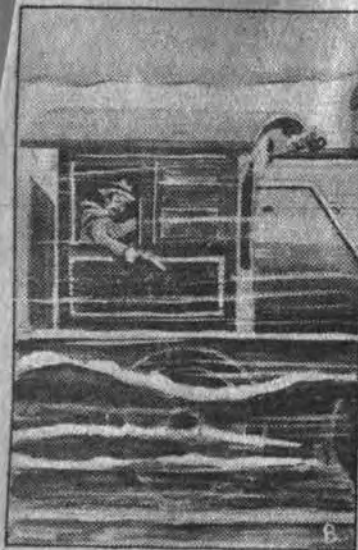
About two years before Perry had robbed an express car on the Mohawk Division and escaped with \$5,000 in cash and a valuable haul of jewelry.

The hissing Laass had heard was caused when McInerney and Perry had lunched against the emergency cord while locked in combat. Later Perry cut the cord.

The flickering light Laas had seen was a result of the grapplers smashing the lamp chimney. McInerney beat off the bandit and the money box was unbroken.

But search of the train failed to produce the bandit. Laas ordered the engineer to proceed to Lyons.

There the conductor hurried



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 east-bound 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.

It takes ALL KINDS of PEOPLE....

By Jack Martin

THE music goes 'round and 'round—in Rocco Lapi's mind—and comes out at his fingertips in a symphony of brightly-varnished wood.

Making violins may not be a living but it's living as far as Lapi is concerned. To take a few pieces of wood and some carving tools and to produce a concrete symbol of the music that one loves—ah! that is life!

He's doing what he wants to do—and what could be sweeter—except the tone of one of his instruments? How many of us at 54 will be able to do what fancy dictates, knowing little whether our income will be enough for subsistence and caring less? Lapi is, and so far the wolf hasn't even gotten into the yard let alone taken a post at the door.

This despite the fact he is as likely as not to break an instrument into pieces if the tone isn't just right. Or that he will present a violin he values from \$50 up to some youngster who has no asset but the music-hungry look in his eyes.

"I can do it," Lapi says. "With me it's a hobby. What do I lose?" He shrugs. "The cost of my material and my time."

He is the sort of individual against whom you'd bump into in a crowd anywhere and never look at twice. He's short, squat, plain-featured and is achieving a belated portliness. His are not the tapering fingers of the deft artisan; they are as thick at the ends as at the base.

Yet, in his garage at the rear of his home at 82 Hollister St., he is transformed into a different person. Seated on a sawhorse or bending over a vise, he makes his fingers fly through the operations of chiseling and smoothing wood and under them emerge instruments whose plaintive sweetness will stir listeners as music stirs him.

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 Shoe Man Dies in Buffalo

John T. Leader, associated with the William Eastwood & Son Shoe Co., here for many years, died at his home in Buffalo yesterday. A native of Rochester, he lived here until he went to Buffalo to open an Eastwood branch.

He was a member of Genesee 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 here.

Briefly Noted

Business men are in a particularly good position to measure the progress of city life from one generation to another. 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 Rochester's business life for many years. The honor accorded him by his employees on his 80th birthday suggests one important reason for his long success.

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.

FORCE HONORS EMPLOYER, 80

Those Gay 90's may have been good old days but they were tough for the boys in the cleaning and dyeing industry of the city. Edward B. Leary, president of the cleaning firm bearing his name, recalled yesterday.

Surprised by employees of his plant on his 80th birthday, Leary recalled how it was nothing for employees of the plant to go out on Brown's Race in subzero weather and break holes in the ice to rinse out dyed garments.

"They may have been good old days, but I like working conditions better today and I guess you do, too," Leary said.

Leary was surrounded by employees of the plant at noon when then presented a birthday cake and a scroll bearing the name of every employee in the plant with their good wishes for many more years of activity. The presentation on behalf of the employees was made by Edna Schumacher, while Frank Lurz and George Hamilton, who have worked at the plant more than 30 years, stood at the president's side.

'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 20 of 21 games, losing only to CBA—at Syracuse.

The next year, when Aquinas gained the semifinals of the Chicago event, 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 20 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 four 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 hexed in Syracuse, and never have managed to rack up a victory over the Brothers tossers there.

... But Tonight It Will Be Different (?)

Tonight, with a renaissance in Aquinas basketball well under way, and with Aquinas victor over the CBA hoopsters 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.

W. M. LEAHY, 74, PRINTER, DIES

Requiem Mass for William M. Leahy, 74, printing shop operator here for 42 years, will be said Saturday at 9 a. m. in St. Augustine's Church following services in his home, 101 Roxborough Rd. Mr. Leahy died in his office 16 Aqueduct St. unexpectedly yesterday (Apr. 26, 1939).



WILLIAM M. LEAHY

A native of Syracuse, he came to Rochester 65 years ago with his parents. He operated a printing shop in the old Reynolds Arcade until 1933 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 printer 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 Leahy.

Leake Embarks On 23rd Year

CHESTER B. LEAKE, superintendent of Rochester playgrounds, tomorrow will begin his 23d 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 Passes in Toronto

Seth H. Leavenworth, former superintendent of the Van Bergh Silver Plate Company, in Rochester, died yesterday, Jan. 10, 1935, in Toronto.

Since the sale of the Van Bergh plant to the Oneida Community interests Mr. Leavenworth had been dividing his time between Oneida and Toronto and was engaged in development work.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Myrtle E. Leavenworth; a daughter, Mrs. Charles E. Heydt; a son, Howard L., all of Rochester, and a daughter, Mrs. Robert Moore of Cincinnati.

Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Crematory Chapel at Mount Hope Cemetery.

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 369 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 Department. He served overseas during the World War with the 266th Military Police Company.

Rites Set for Blacksmith Of Fire Department

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

Mr. Lederthel was found dead in his room at 369 Central Ave. late Monday night. He had been ill for more than a year. He retired in April, 1940, after being with the department 20 years. He had served overseas with Company L of the 345th Infantry.

He leaves two brothers and four sisters, Miss Louise Lederthel, Mrs. Clyde Lombard, Buffalo, Mrs. Joseph Sentiff, Mrs. George Furstenberg, Paul Lederthel, St. Albans, Miss., and Martin Lederthel.

DEATH CLAIMS MANUFACTURER

Funeral services for William R. Lee, vicepresident of the E. T. Gilbert Mfg. Company, will be held at 3 p. m. tomorrow at his home, 456 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, Watertown. He was a member of the Country Club of Rochester.

DEATH TAKES FORMER HEAD OF FOOD STORE

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P. J. Lechleitner
Active Grocer

40 Years

Paul J. Lechleitner, 80, of 583 Lake Ave., operator of a grocery at Lake and Ravine avenues for 40 years prior to his retirement two decades ago, died yesterday (Dec. 31, 1938) at St. Mary's Hospital.

Death resulted from a broken leg he suffered in a fall at his home Nov. 20.

Mr. Lechleitner was born in Germany and emigrated to Rochester with an uncle, the late John Straub, when a boy of 13. The uncle built the block in which the grocery 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 Lechleitner, and three sons, Otto, James and Aloysius Lechleitner, all of Rochester.

Automobile Held Life's Bane By Engineer of Half-Century

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Memories of Crashes

Mar Record on
Retirement

Paradoxically the only thing marring 52 years of railroading for Patrick H. Ledden, 71, of 285 Wellington Ave., was the automobile.

Fifty years an engineer, 30 years on the B&O Rochester-Salamanca passenger run, Ledden has retired with automobiles still the bane of his existence.

At least six times in recent years, he said with some chagrin, his otherwise perfect record of no accidents was spoiled when he arrived at a blind crossing at the same time as a thoughtless motorist, and he doesn't find the memories pleasant. He hopes the day will come when the automobile as a hazard of railroading will disappear, and he wishes it to be soon.

Slight and blue-eyed, Ledden began his railroading days on the old B&P, purchased by the B&O several years ago. He carried water for John McGarvey, old-time Democratic leader and engineer, and later spent two years at a telegraph key.

Then he got into actual rail work, firing an engine. His first day wasn't an auspicious one, as he tells the story. He had stepped into a locomotive cab for the first time on election day, 1888, when the crew pulled up at a siding to go out and vote for Grover Cleveland. They left young Ledden in charge—and he left the engine when a steam valve suddenly "popped."

He never heard the last of that, even when two years later he shifted to the right-hand post of honor.

He doesn't regret leaving the railroad, because he feels younger men should get a chance. But he will miss the joshing of his fellows, the hum of the rails, the sound of the whistle, the hiss of escaping steam.

But Ledden retires, he said, with a clean record except for automobiles.

"They were the only drawback," he reiterated.



PATRICK H. LEDDEN

City Official Heads National Conference

Walker S. Lee, city building superintendent, yesterday was elected president of the Building Officials' Conference of America now meeting in Kalamazoo. Lee is presiding over the convention sessions.

He had been vicepresident of the conference. He has been buildings superintendent here for nine years. He is a past president of New York State Association of Building Officials.

CITY AIDE HONORED

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

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DEATH CLAIMS J. F. LEE AT 84

Funeral services for J. Frederick Lee, veteran salesman, will be conducted at 3 p. m., tomorrow in 32 Chestnut St. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Mr. Lee, who was known to leather dealers throughout the United States, died Saturday night (Dec. 11, 1937) after suffering a heart attack while preparing Christmas packages at his home. He was 84.

Still active despite his age, he was planning to begin a sales trip shortly after the New Year. Born in Bideford, England, May 31, 1853, he came directly to Rochester when he emigrated to the United States in 1884 and became associated with the firm of George Seelman & Sons Company, leather merchants. He served the company for more than 35 years, retaining offices until his death at 16 State St.

He married Miss Jennie Husbands in 1901. His home was at 198 Oxford St.

During his business career in Rochester Mr. Lee was a charter member of the Rochester Ad Club and one of the original roster of Rochester Rotary Club. He was a member of Third Presbyterian Church.

Besides his wife, surviving are: a daughter, Mrs. Harold E. Gibbs, Buffalo; two brothers, the Rev. Herbert Lee, Stouffville, Ont., and Edgar R. Lee, Toronto; and a sister, Katie Lee, Mimico, Ont.

Rites Slated Monday For George W. Lee

Final rites for George W. Lee, 62, of 57 Alliance, commercial check sales manager of The Todd Company, will be held Monday at 11 a. m. at 271 University, with the Rev. Allan J. Perrine, pastor of Mt. Hope Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be in White Haven Memorial Park.

Mr. Lee, who had been with the company since 1913, except for a two years in the early 20s, died late Thursday at his home. He had been ill only a few days.

China War Relief Leader's Rites Set

Funeral of You Sleung Lee, treasurer of the China War Relief Fund for four years, will be held tomorrow at 10:15 a. m. at 51 Ridge Rd. W.

Lee, who is survived by his wife and six sons, had kept working in the Chinese branch of the United China Relief Fund despite serious illness during the past few months. He was a laundryman by trade, and lived at 454 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 S. 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 conclave 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 buildings superintendent here for nine years, was advanced from the vicepresidency 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 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 vicepresident 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.

Born in Rochester, Mr. Leggett attended local schools. He was a member of Warren Hubbard Lodge of Masons, Monroe Commandery, Damascus Temple, Damascus Temple Patrol, and the Royal Order of Jesters. He was a former vestryman of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

Mr. Leggett had been an employee of the Rochester Trust Company since 1899. He was elected auditor in 1917, assistant secretary in 1920 and assistant vicepresident in 1927. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Alfred Leggett; one daughter, Mrs. Frederick Babcock; one son, Oliver Leggett, and three sisters, Mrs. Walter Thompson, Miss Margaret Leggett and Mrs. Nellie Wallace.



A. J. Leggett

Heart Attack Victim



Alfred John Leggett, Rochester banker, who died Sunday in St. Petersburg, Fla., of a heart attack.

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A. J. LEGGETT, BANKER HERE

Career Recalled As Rochesterian Passes at 57

From bank messenger to assistant vicepresident of one 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 identified with the Rochester Trust & Safe Deposit Company where he became auditor in 1917, assistant secretary in 1920 and assistant vicepresident in 1927.

Handwriting Expert

A qualified handwriting expert as well as an efficient businessman, Mr. Leggett was much sought 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. Stephens 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, 55 Marlborough Rd.; a daughter, Mrs. J. Fred Babcock, and three sisters, Miss Margaret Leggett, Mrs. Robert Wallace and Mrs. Walter Thompson, all of this city. Funeral arrangements were incomplete last night.

Frank J. Lehr Passes; Spanish War Veteran

Frank J. Lehr, an electrician in Rochester for many years, died yesterday (Apr. 27, 1940), at his home, 33 Rosewood Ter. He served in the Spanish-American War and was a member of the L. Boardman Smith Camp. He leaves his wife, Bertha C. Lehr; three brothers, Henry, Fred and John Lehr. Military funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at 756 Main St. E. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

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