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DANIEL J. O'MARA

THE ROCHESTER JOURNAL HEREWITH PRESENTS THE SEVENTEENTH OF A SERIES OF "THUMBNAIL" SKETCHES OF THE BACKGROUND OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE IN THE COMING PRIMARY FIGHT. DANIEL J. O'MARA, G. O. P. DESIGNEE FOR THE ASSEMBLY, IS THE SUBJECT.

For Member of Assembly, First Monroe District:

Daniel J. O'Mara, designee of Republicans.

Occupation, Lawyer.

Born, At Florence, a suburb of Rome, N. Y., October 31, 1893.

Schools, District, Rome public and Syracuse University.

Public Service, World War Veterans Bureau, relief director.

Home, No. 111 Hurstbourne Road, Irondequoit.
Religion, Roman Catholic.
Political Affiliation, Republican.
Social, Brook-Lea Country Club,
Rochester Bar Association, Alhambra.

Council Candidates

(Under this heading from time to time will be published pictures and brief biographical sketches of candidates for councilman under the city manager charter who are to be voted for at the forthcoming primary.)

Martin B. O'Neil, present mayor and candidate of the regular Republican organization for councilman at large. He received his education in the public and parochial schools, Taylor's Business College and his architectural training in Mechanics Institute.

Losing his parents early in his youth he was thrown on his own resources. For a number of years he was employed in the Vetter Desk Works and with Yawman & Erbe.

Later he became associated with the Stalker Sash and Door Company, having married a daughter of the proprietor. The business grew and developed, and in 1912 Mr. O'Neil purchased the entire business from Mr. Stalker, becoming its sole proprietor.

Some years ago the Republicans of the Fifteenth ward asked Mr. O'Neil to accept the nomination for supervisor. He was elected by an unusually large vote. He represented his ward ward for several years in the Board of Supervisors.

In 1913 the party elected him to the Common Council. In 1925 he was elected president of the Common Council, receiving a plurality in every ward in the city.

By the death of Mayor Van Zandt last year he succeeded to the office of mayor.



MAYOR MARTIN B. O'NEIL
Republican Organization Candidate
for Councilman-at-Large

RALPH OLCOTT, VETERAN NEWS WRITER, DIES

R. V. F. - Rochester
D.C. April 19, 1932
Founder and Editor of
Three Horticultural
Magazines

Ralph T. Olcott Sr., 70, died yesterday at his home, 38 Mason Street, after a short illness. For a long period of his earlier years he was one of the best known and most respected newspaper men of Rochester, and in his later years as editor and proprietor of American Fruits, the American Nurseryman and the American Nut Journal, he became known from coast to coast among leading growers

and shippers in those industries, being recognized as an authority.

City Editor of Post Express

Mr. Olcott was born in Chicago on Nov. 13, 1861, a son of James B. and Isabella Thrall Olcott, the latter a native of the town of Greece. He attended the public schools of Rochester and the East Aurora Academy and later entered the University of Rochester in the class of 1887. From the University he joined the editorial staff of the Rochester Morning Herald and later that of The Post Express, with which he was identified for more than 20 years, much of the time as city editor.

While with the Post Express he started a monthly magazine called American Fruits; when its success seemed assured, he left newspaper work to devote all his time to the journal. He incorporated as the American Fruits Publishing Company, adding to his activities by instituting the American Nurseryman and the American Nut Journal, and all of the publications attained a wide circulation in their classes.

On June 1, 1887, Mr. Olcott married Miss Grace E. Reynolds at Manchester, N. H., who survives with three children: Gerard K., Ralph T. Jr. and Stark R. Olcott; and four grandchildren.

Active in Masonry

Mr. Olcott was a member of Corinthian Temple Lodge, F. and A. M.; Hamilton Chapter 62, R. A. M.; Monroe Commandery 12, Knights Templar; Rochester Consistory of Scottish Rite Masonry, and Damascus Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was a member of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and of Alpha Delta Phi, a fraternity at the University. He was connected with the Northern Nut Growers Association, the National Pecan Growers Association and the American Association of Nurserymen.

The funeral will take place at the home, 38 Mason Street, to-

morrow afternoon. Services at the home will be conducted by Monroe Commandery, Knights Templar, and at the grave by Corinthian Temple Lodge, F. and A. M.

Theodore S. Pulver of 204 Dartmouth Street directs attention to and interesting fact concerning the death of Ralph T. Olcott. Mr. Pulver, an old newspaper man, says that when he joined the reportorial staff of the Post Express in 1889, 43 years ago, the staff consisted of Mr. Olcott, Edward L. Allen, Robert K. Beach, William E. Kelly and himself. Mr. Olcott, at the age of 70 years, is the first of the quintet to die.

1887-1931

T.V. July 1, 1931



Eugene J. O'Neill

**E. J. O'NEILL
RITES TO TAKE
PLACE FRIDAY**

**Heart Attack Fatal to
Deputy Superintendent
of Penitentiary—Was
Formerly Alderman.**

Funeral services for Eugene J. O'Neill, 43, deputy superintendent of Monroe County Penitentiary, who died of a heart attack late yesterday, will be conducted Friday morning at 8:30 o'clock from the home of his brother, James O'Neill, 553 Woodbine Avenue, and at 9 o'clock at SS. Peter and Paul's Church.

Burial will be made in Holy Sepulcher Cemetery.

Mr. O'Neill, a former alderman and well-known in political circles here for a number of years, leaves, besides his brother, two sisters, Mrs. J. R. White and Mrs. C. F. Page, both of Rochester; five nephews and a niece. He never married. His mother died two years ago and his father a short time previously.

Undergoes Operation

A month ago Deputy O'Neill recovered from an operation at the Bath Hospital and returned to take up his duties at the Penitentiary. Coroner Richard A. Leonardo said the intense heat was a contributory factor in his death.

When the World War broke out, Mr. O'Neill enlisted and was sent to Camp Dix. There he became seriously ill of influenza.

Some 20 years ago, Mr. O'Neill was appointed meter-reader in the city Waterworks Bureau. Fifteen years ago he was elected alderman, bookkeeper at the Monroe County Penitentiary and served under the late William H. Craig, then superintendent. After being elected alderman, he resigned from the Penitentiary position and after serving one two-year term and part of another resigned to become deputy commissioner of public safety under the late Mayor Clarence D. Van Zandt and Curtis W. Barker, now director of police and at that time commissioner of public safety.

Legislated Out Of Post

When the City Manager Charter became effective, Mr. O'Neill found himself legislated out of his position. A short time afterward he was made deputy superintendent of the Penitentiary and was confirmed in his place by a Civil Service examination.

Mr. O'Neill was a member of the Liederkrantz, Bavarian Club, and other organizations.

Mr. O'Neill was born at the O'Neill home at 8 Arklow Street and lived all his life in the Eleventh Ward. He passed the last years of his life at 14 Arklow Street. He received his education in the Rochester parochial schools. A lifelong Republican, Mr. O'Neill was active in the Eleventh Ward Republican Committee. He would have celebrated his 44th birthday July 4.

**E. J. O'NEILL,
Rochester Public Library
PENITENTIARY
DEPUTY, DIES**

R.V.F. Rochester - O'Neill
**Lifelong Resident of 11th
Ward, Former Alderman
and Safety Deputy**

P.R.C. July 1, 1931
Eugene J. O'Neill, 43, deputy superintendent of the Monroe County Penitentiary, former alderman, and well known in political circles here for a number of years, suffered a heart attack at the Penitentiary shortly before 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon and died before medical aid could reach him. Coroner Richard A. Leonardo said that the intense heat was a contributory factor in Mr. O'Neill's death.

Only about a month ago, Deputy O'Neill recovered from an operation at the Bath Hospital and returned to take up his duties at the Penitentiary. An ambulance was summoned when he collapsed yesterday afternoon, but the surgeon upon arrival pronounced him dead.

Funeral Friday Morning
The funeral will be conducted Friday morning at 8:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. O'Neill's brother, James O'Neill, 553 Woodbine Avenue, and at 9 o'clock at SS. Peter and Paul's Church. Burial will be made in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Mr. O'Neill never married. His mother died two years ago and his father a short time before that. Mr. O'Neill leaves, besides his brother, two sisters, Mrs. J. R. White and Mrs. C. F. Page, both of Rochester; five nephews and a niece.

Mr. O'Neill was born at the O'Neill home at 8 Arklow Street and lived all his life in the Eleventh Ward. He passed the last years of his life at 14 Arklow Street. He received his education in the Rochester parochial schools. A lifelong Republican, Mr. O'Neill was active in the Eleventh Ward Republican Committee. He would have celebrated his forty-fourth birthday on July 4.

When the World War broke out, Mr. O'Neill enlisted and was sent to Camp Dix. There he became seriously ill of influenza, but ultimately recovered, although his illness left an effect that remained the rest of his life.

Some twenty-odd years ago Mr. O'Neill was appointed meter-reader in the city Waterworks Bureau and held that position some time. Afterward he was named bookkeeper at the Monroe County Penitentiary and served under the late William H. Craig, then superintendent. He was first named bookkeeper approximately fifteen years ago. After being elected alderman, he resigned from the Penitentiary position and after serving one two-year term and part of another as alderman, he resigned to become deputy commissioner of public safety under the late Mayor Clarence D. Van Zandt and Curtis W. Barker, now director of police and at that time commissioner of public safety.

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One of a series of ads
introducing the members
of the sales staff of the
Massachusetts Mutual
Life Insurance Company

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64 Court St.

Charles J. O'Reilly

BORN and educated in Rochester, Mr. O'Reilly was employed by the Rochester Telephone Corporation and later by the Burroughs Adding Machine Company. In 1921 he began the study of Life Insurance under the direction of the late W. Arthur Miller who was then one of our most active co-workers. He could not have found a better instructor, a finer man or one more likely to influence his life for good.

In 1923 Mr. O'Reilly decided to make Life Insurance his business and after considering several companies joined our sales force. Several years ago he attended a Life Insurance school and was awarded a certificate signifying satisfactory work.

Mr. O'Reilly is not a spectacular, high pressure salesman. He is unassuming in manner—always dependable—trustworthy and painstaking in his work. He knows Life Insurance thoroughly and understands its practical application to meet individual needs. Those who have bought from him have become his friends. A large percentage of his business is written on the lives of old policyholders, their families and their friends.

Several years ago, without having planned any special campaign, he secured a larger number of applications in one week than any other representative of the Rochester Agency has ever secured. He has won the warm regard of his associates in the local office and the respect of those at the home office.

**Massachusetts Mutual
Life Insurance Company**

**E. W. Hughes, General Agent
Suite 624, Lincoln-Alliance Bank Bldg.**

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Triumphal Arch In Main Street East Built To Honor Major-General Otis.



Do you remember the big white arch which Rochester built in 1900 to welcome home Major-General Elwell S. Otis of the United States Army who was returning from service in the Philippines?

It stood across Main street east, just west of East avenue, and was an imposing looking structure, quite equal to the famous Arc de Triomphe at Paris, if one did not examine it too closely. Real guns flanked it on each side and it was draped with laurel ropes and flags.

The accompanying picture shows the arch as it appeared on Otis day, June 15, 1900, just as the carriage of Major-General Otis, drawn by six white horses, passed under it. In the carriage with General Otis were

James G. Cutler, chairman of the reception committee, and President H. B. Hathaway of the Chamber of Commerce. In the following carriages came Mayor Carnahan with the general's aides, and Brigadier-General Joseph Wheeler, Brigadier-General Theodore Schwan, Assistant Secretary of State David Jayne Hill, the Honorable James Sherman and the Honorable J. Sloat Fassett. State troops and local fraternal organizations joined in the parade and there was

also a battalion of the Ninth Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, a regiment of the Fifteenth Infantry, U. S. A., and Battery M, Seventh Artillery, U. S. A. The two latter organizations were billeted in a camp at Seneca Park and drew large crowds who were anxious to see what a real army camp looked like.

The parade brought thousands of persons to Main street and East avenue. Warnings were issued that no bicycles would be allowed along the line of march and many persons who cycled from their homes were turned back by hard-hearted policemen and were forced to find some place to leave their wheels before they were allowed on Main street.

In the evening Major-General Otis was the guest of honor at a dinner given at the Chamber of Commerce.

The big arch remained in the street for some time and an effort was made to have it retained until the coming of a convention which was scheduled to be held in the city, but it was felt that this would be somewhat in the nature of an anti-climax and also that the structure was dangerous to traffic, especially as there was a fire station not far from the corner where it stood, so it was finally razed.

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Rochester - Biography

Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Railway Co.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Rochester, N. Y., March 1st, 1929.

Mr. Charles T. O'Neal is appointed General Manager in charge of Operation and Maintenance, with headquarters at Rochester, N. Y.

Effective this date.

WILLIAM T. NOONAN,

President.

Y. APRIL 4, 1933

FUNERAL RITES TOMORROW FOR MR. O'REILLY

Continued Business
Father Founded in
City in 1854

Funeral services for Bernard O'Reilly, for many years a member of the undertaking firm of Bernard O'Reilly's Sons, who died yesterday morning at his home, 176 Canterbury Road, aged 68, will take place tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock at his home and at 10 at Blessed Sacrament Church. Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mr. O'Reilly was born in Rochester and attended St. Patrick's School. On his graduation he entered the undertaking business with his father, the late Bernard O'Reilly. Following his father's death he continued the business with his brother, Myles O'Reilly, under the name of Bernard O'Reilly's Sons.

Started in 1854

The firm has long been linked with the undertaking business in Rochester. Mr. O'Reilly's father started his trade in 1854 at 163 State Street, where the firm always remained.

Mr. O'Reilly was a charter member of the Knights of Columbus, Council 178; Fourth Degree Assembly, Order of the Alhambra, the Holy Name Society of the Blessed Sacrament Church, and the 11th District Funeral Directors' Association.

1869—1929



R.V.F. Rochester - Biography
Herbert Ocumpaugh
Rochester, N.Y.
**C.H. OCUMPAUGH,
INVENTOR AND
REALTOR, DEAD**

End Comes to Him at East
Avenue Home After Ill-
ness of Year — Funeral
Services on Wednesday.

After an illness of nearly a year, C. Herbert Ocumpaugh, 1339 East Avenue, well known Roches-

ter real estate dealer and inventor, died this morning at his home.

He is survived by his widow, Mamie Ellison Ocumpaugh; a son, Herbert E. of Seattle, Wash.; a brother, Frank, 360 Beach Avenue, and seven sisters, Mrs. Alice O. Munson, Mrs. Clifford J. Beadle, Mrs. Catherine O. Cobb, Mrs. J. M. Backus, and Miss L. Louise Ocumpaugh of Rochester, Mrs. J. H. Palmer of Pittsburgh, and Miss Grace Ocumpaugh of Washington, D. C.

Funeral services are expected to take place Wednesday morning. Dr. George E. Norton, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Ocumpaugh was a member, will officiate.

Mr. Ocumpaugh, who was 60, was the son of Edmund Ocumpaugh, prominent Rochester merchant. He was at one time proprietor of the Pullman Sash Balance Company, but after selling it, over 15 years ago, he began the development of Main Street and Clinton Avenue real estate for which he was well known.

Among Mr. Ocumpaugh's hobbies was a rare collection of books and of Egyptian antiques, the latter collection being given a little while ago to the University of Rochester. It is considered one of the most rare private collections of such articles in the country and its first public showing was to be given at the Memorial Art Gallery Wednesday. It is valued at over \$25,000.

For many years Mr. Ocumpaugh was a trustee of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, a member of the building committee for the present edifice, and superintendent of the Sunday-school.

He was a member of the Genesee Valley and Rochester Country clubs, the Transportation Club of New York City, the Royal Canadian and the Rochester Yacht clubs, the Aero Club of America, the Croatan Country Club of Virginia and the Rochester Chamber of Commerce.

He was an inventor of considerable success and was granted 53 patents on his inventions which covered a wide range of objects such as voting machines, safety razors, lens-grinding machinery and the like.

The funeral will be private. The family has requested that no flowers be sent.

HEART ATTACK KILLS O'NEILL

R.V.F. Rochester - Biography
Eugene J. O'Neill
Funeral services for Eugene J. O'Neill, deputy superintendent of the Monroe County Penitentiary, will be held Friday morning from 8:30 to 9:30 at St. Peter and Paul's Church in Main Street West.

Mr. O'Neill died suddenly at the penitentiary late yesterday afternoon as the result of a heart attack aggravated by the heat. He was forty-three years of age.

An ambulance was called when Mr. O'Neill collapsed yesterday but the surgeon pronounced him dead. Coroner Richard A. Leonardo said the intense heat was a contributing cause to the deputy superintendent's death.

UNDERWENT OPERATION

Mr. O'Neill had returned to his duties at the penitentiary about a month ago following an operation at the Bath Hospital.

A former Eleventh Ward Alderman, Mr. O'Neill was well known in political circles. He was born at No. 8 Arklow Street and spent the last years of his life at No. 14 Arklow Street.

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Mr. O'Neill was appointed meter reader in the Waterworks Bureau about twenty years ago. He then was named bookkeeper at the Monroe County Penitentiary but resigned that position to become alderman of the Eleventh Ward on the Republican ticket.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

After serving one term and part of another as alderman, Mr. O'Neill resigned and took the position as deputy commissioner of public safety. When the city manager regime came into office he was relieved of his duties but later was named deputy superintendent at the penitentiary.

Mr. O'Neill was unmarried. He leaves a brother, James, from whose home at No. 553 Woodbine Avenue the funeral will be conducted; two sisters, Mrs. J. R. White and Mrs. C. F. Page; five nephews and a niece.

O'NEAL, CHARLES THOMAS.

Vice-President, Fort Smith & Western Railway Company.

Office: Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Born at Brandywine Springs, Delaware. Educated in the Wilmington,

Delaware, public schools and Goldys Business College. Entered railway service in 1890 as clerk on the Philadelphia & Reading Railway; from 1891 to 1903, with Lehigh Valley R. R. in various capacities; in 1903 to 1904, trainmaster, Pennsylvania Division, same road; 1905, trainmaster, New Jersey & Lehigh division; 1906 and 1907, superintendent New York Division; 1908 to 1916, superintendent Buffalo Division same road and Lehigh Valley Transportation company; 1917 and 1918, general superintendent, assistant vice-president and marine manager Lehigh Valley R. R.; 1919, commissioned Major of the United States Army and with United States Railroad Administration as manager of terminals of the various roads running into the Niagara frontier; 1920, located at Washington, D. C., as member of Railway Board of Adjustment, Division of Labor, United States Railroad Administration, and as assistant to Director General of Railroads in settlement of claims arising during Federal control; 1921 and 1922, receiver Fort Smith & Western R. R.; 1923 to 1929, vice-President Fort Smith & Western Railway Company.

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Rochester's Youthful Hero of the Civil War

Colonel O'Rorke Killed at Gettysburg at Age of 25; Grave Here in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Will Be Fittingly Marked

By Julia M. Traver

Pictures and material on which this article is based were furnished by Mrs. Clara E. Kelly, niece of Colonel O'Rorke; John White Johnston and the Rochester Historical Society.

"Under this stone there lieth at rest
A friendly man, a worthy knight;
Whose heart and mind was ever prest
To favor truth, to further right."

—Epitaph on Tomb of Sir Thomas Gravenor.

THESE words in all truth might well be erected on the grave of Colonel Patrick Henry O'Rorke in Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, when the Catholic Church, of which he was a loyal and devoted son, and the Grand Army of the Republic Post which bears his name, join next Summer to mark his last resting place in a way that will picture to posterity the heroic part he played in his brief military career, and in particular the magnificent gesture he postulated in the most critical moment of the Civil War in the defense of Little Round Top at Gettysburg, where he laid his life on the altar of his country.

Dead on the field of battle at the age of 25, he lives in memory as an example of the type of man developed for public service by the church and the community. The hero of Gettysburg, he was the embodiment of those virtues that in all times and in all ages have everlastingly engrossed men's names on the scroll of fame. His death, while leading a charge at Little Round Top in the critical moment of the pivotal battle of the Civil War, has around it all the glamor of a Bayard or a Sidney, and enshrined his name in the hearts of the soldiers who served under him as long as they lived.

Colonel O'Rorke was born in County Cavan, Ireland, on March 28, 1836, a son of Patrick and Mary O'Rorke. He was brought to Rochester by his parents about 1838, and for the next

16 years, or until he left for West Point, was a resident here. He had a number of brothers and sisters, among whom was Miss Bertha O'Rorke, for many years a teacher at what is now Eugene Field School No. 10. She died two years ago at the age of 90.

Young O'Rorke went to school at "Old Number Nine." In 1855 the University of Rochester offered the first of its free scholarships, and O'Rorke stood at the head of the list of young men who competed. However, he did not use the scholarship.

West Point Graduate

In 1857, John Williams, afterwards Brigadier General Williams, but at that time member of Congress from the Monroe-Orleans County district, sought a candidate for West Point. He asked Samuel G. Andrews, then a school commissioner in Rochester, for suggestions. Mr. Andrews said immediately that he knew an outstanding boy in one of the public schools who he believed would not only graduate from West Point but who would reflect credit on Rochester and the district, and introduced him to Patrick O'Rorke. The boy entered the military academy in June, 1857, and graduated first in a class of 34 on June 24, 1861.

How or where he prepared for West Point no one now seems to know. There was no high school in Rochester between 1851, when Dr. Chester Dewey's school of that grade burned down, and 1859, when a public high school was opened in School No. 1 building, which occupied the site of the present Education Building. When the latter school opened he was in his second year at West Point.

Sometime between the time he finished at Number Nine School and when he left for West Point, he completed an apprenticeship in marble cutting at the Hibbard Marble Works,

then in South St. Paul Street. There he earned the reputation of being the best workman in Rochester.

Two of O'Rorke's classmates at West Point were Lieutenant Alonzo B. Cushing of Fredonia, and General George Custer. Both met heroic ends in the performance of duty, Cushing being killed on the third day at Gettysburg while in command of a battery, and Custer dying in the battle of the Little Big Horn in 1876 when his command was annihilated by Indians. Custer is said to have had his first taste of glory in the cavalry fight at Gettysburg, which, curiously, took place some five miles from the scene of the main engagement. It was as if the main battle were taking place around the Pinnacle or Cobbs Hill and the cavalry action at Culver Road and Titus Avenue in Irondequoit.

Promotion Rapid

Upon graduation O'Rorke was assigned to the Engineer Corps as a lieutenant and ordered to report to General Tyler. He got his battle baptism at Bull Run on July 21, 1861, less than



Colonel Patrick O'Rorke as a cadet at West Point, 1857-61



Colonel O'Rorke as he looked on his last visit to Rochester in the early Summer of 1863, on the occasion of his marriage to Clara W. Bishop.

a month after his graduation. From then on his story is a succession of valorous deeds. After Bull Run he was appointed assistant engineer in the defense of Washington and in the defense of Monroe. In October, 1861, he was assigned to the staff of General William T. Sherman, then at Port Royal, and for his services there received the brevet of captain.

In September, 1862, the 140th Volunteer Infantry Regiment was ready for the field, and Colonel O'Rorke was named as its commander. He joined it on October 5, at Sandy Hook, Md. All but one company of this regiment was raised in Rochester. Company A was raised in Brockport. It camped at Camp Fitz-John Porter on the upper Genesee about opposite the new campus of the University of Rochester. It was mustered into the service of the United States on Sept. 13, 1861, and on Sept. 19, the day that news of the battle of Antietam came drifting in, it started South under the command of its lieutenant-colonel, Louis Ernst.

It was present at Frederickburg, and with the occupying force from December 13 to 16, and was in the last brigade to leave that place. It was slightly engaged at Chancellorsville, where Colonel O'Rorke was brigade commander, taking General G. K. Warren's place, General Warren having been assigned as chief engineer of Hooker's corps. At Chancellorsville, O'Rorke displayed conspicuous bravery, and when Lee struck out for Pennsylvania, led the 140th on forced marches northward, taking them into action at Gettysburg at a most critical moment in the great three-days' conflict.

He led his men up the eastern slope of Little Round Top, then over its crest and on the western slope engaged in a hand to hand encounter with Hood's Texans, who had been swarming up the western slope and had almost reached the crest when the 140th New York Regiment, led by the gallant young colonel, with his sword raised and flashing in the July sun, met them and turned the tide of battle, preventing a rout of the federal troops. While he was thus engaged, a Confederate sharpshooter shot him in the neck and he fell killed instantly.

Military Burial Here

His body was buried on the nearby Bushman farm, but it rested there only a few days, his widow going South and returning with it. It reached Rochester on July 14, 1863, and was given a military burial the next day. All the preparations for this part of the service were made by General Williams, the man who had given him his appointment to West Point. Services were held in St. Bridget's Church, which Colonel O'Rorke had attended as a boy and in whose choir he had sung with his brothers and sisters and the young people with whom he had grown up. These youthful friends draped the church with black and white bunting, and American flags. The church was packed with people and the streets outside were jammed with those who could not get inside.

The pastor, the Rev. W. F. Payne, officiated, assisted by three priests from St. Joseph's Church. The Rev. M. O'Brien gave the eulogy in the church, and the Rev. F. Jacobs of St. Joseph's Church, gave the one at the grave. The choir sang "Rest, Spirit, Rest."

The funeral cortege was headed by Newman's band and in line were the 54th Regiment, N. Y. N. G., regular and volunteer army officers, soldiers, some of whom had been on the field and were home on furlough; others who were ready to go to the front, and city officials. The colonel's horse, fully caparisoned, led by a groom, was followed by the hearse bearing the body. Behind

The O'Rorke lot in St. Patrick's Cemetery on Pinnacle Hill was at the summit. This ascent proved too difficult for the colonel's aging mother who made daily visits to his grave

able to do so. The body later was removed to its present grave in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Colonels Buried Together

Colonel O'Rorke's successor in the command of the 140th Regiment was Colonel George Ryan, who also was a West Point man, having come originally from the Middle West. He was about 30 years of age when he took over the command on August 29, 1863. He was killed at Spottsylvania in May, 1864. In the few months that he was in command of the regiment he got it into Zouave uniforms and it had been renamed Ryan's Zouaves. In the years following the war it retained its standing as a crack military organization. While it was in the full flower of this reputation, its members conceived the idea that they would like to have the bodies of their two colonels lying side by side. They got permission to remove Colonel Ryan's body from its grave in a western state and to bury it along side of Colonel O'Rorke on the summit of Pinnacle Hill. This was done, and each time Colonel O'Rorke's body was removed to a new grave, Colonel Ryan's also was moved to one beside it, and they lie side by side in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Thus the bodies of both men have received four burials.

Colonel O'Rorke's boyhood home was at 19 Emmett Street, in a white house surrounded by a neat lawn, and with ample flower and vegetable gardens. Nearby, at 19 Ward Street, lived the family of Edward Bishop. The O'Rorke children and the Bishop children played together and went to school together, and from their childhood Patrick O'Rorke and Clara Wadsworth Bishop were looked upon as sweethearts. When she reached womanhood, Clara Bishop became organist at St. Bridget's Church, and Pat O'Rorke sang in the choir. The years at West Point and the excitement of active military life did not dim their love. In the early Summer of 1863, Colonel O'Rorke came home on furlough, and married Clara Bishop in St. Bridget's Church. Hardly had the priest's blessing been pronounced when he was recalled to the field, and a few weeks later was killed.

His widow entered the novitiate of the Society of the Sacred Heart and in 1871 took her final vows. She was subsequently Mother Superior of her order in Detroit, for two different periods, during which she built the convent at Grosse Pointe. She then went to Kenwood Convent, Albany, one of the largest novitiate houses of the order in this country, and finally to Elmhurst, Providence, R. I., where she built what is said to be one

of the most beautiful convent churches in this country, and enlarged the academy. She died in February, 1893, aged 56 years. She had the reputation of being an excellent musician, and a particularly strong teacher in mathematics and chemistry.

His Death Mourned

General Morris Schaff, who was a cadet at West Point when O'Rorke was there, describes him as "spare, middle size, raven black hair, face inclined to freckles, but mild as a May morning, his manner and voice like that of a quiet gentleman. Within 18 months of graduation he was twice breveted for gallant and meritorious service." Schaff, in imagination, saw, "Bayard and Sidney reaching out their hands to grasp the gallant boy and welcome him to the company of gentlemen of all ages."

General Schaff's estimate of Colonel O'Rorke seems to have been that of about everyone else who had intimate knowledge of him. Speaking before the Common Council on July 6, 1863, the day that news came through that Colonel O'Rorke had been killed, Mayor N. M. Bradsiret, said:

"The fall of Colonel O'Rorke will come as a deep sorrow in a large circle of acquaintances and friends. He was a young man of great promise."

Many years later, the Post Express, commenting on his death said: "He was a boy of mark in Rochester in 'old times,' was the first of those chosen from the public schools for a university scholarship. He learned a trade and became a marble cutter, and known as the best workman in the city." Thus before he had reached his majority he had earned the reputation of being the best workman in a community of about 60,000 people.

Spelling bees were very popular in the boyhood days of Colonel O'Rorke and his brothers, and it is related that whenever there was one in which his brothers were interested, they would pack him off to spell on their side of the contest. He rarely failed them, it is said, for he was one of the best spellers in the city.



Colonel O'Rorke as he looked when he was killed at the head of his regiment on July 2 1863. It is said that he grew the burnsides so that his men would think he was older than he was. He was 25.



Colonel O'Rorke's swords—one he wore at West Point, and the other he carried at the defense of Little Round Top, waving it as he led his regiment in its charge against Hood's Texans.

Miss Clara W. Bishop as she looked about the time she was married to Colonel O'Rorke

Batt. Totten
6w hand - 150 pgs + fuzes
4 10 in mortars - 330
24 Barrell powder -
No. 1 Platform - sunk in center
" 2 " " very much
" 3 " " " badly
" 4 " " not good

Battery McClelland
Expended 413 rounds 20 shell
Porter says Ammunition enough

Battery Sigel
no record kept
enough ammunition
No. 2 Platform Sprung up in
center

Battery Scott
Expended 175 4 in shell
Platform all right

Battery Halleck
Expended 120
want a manning
handspike for 13 in motor
Enough ammunition

Battery Sherman
Expended 132 rounds
No 3 - Bed of Platform carried
to the rear

Battery Buonside
Expended 81
Ammunition enough

Battery Lincoln
Expended 246 2 in
" 140 10 in
Ammunition enough
None of the fuzes are to be de-
pended upon. Same complaint
made by Sargt. Wilson.

Colonel O'Rourke's diary which he carried in the early days of the war. The pages contain notes as to the placement of batteries at Ft. Pulaski.

Rites Sunday FOR DR. OTIS, WAR VETERAN

Rochester Public Library
54 Court St.
Physician, Active in Fra-
ternal Circles, Dies of
Heart Attack While at
Convention in Cleveland

Funeral services will be con-
ducted Sunday at 3 p. m. for Dr.
W. Kirke Otis, 44, of 975 Main
Street East, a veteran of the World
War and widely known in fraternal
circles, who died unexpectedly
yesterday at the Shrine convention
in Cleveland.

Major Arthur T. Smith, in com-
mand of the Legion of Honor of
Damascus Temple, has directed all
members to report at Main Street
East Armory at 1:30 p. m. Sunday.
The legion will attend the funeral
at Honeoye Falls.

Dr. Otis was found dead in his
hotel room by George H. Jenkinson
of Rochester. Heart disease was
the cause of death. He left this

city Sunday with the Shrine dele-
gation of Damascus Temple. His
body was brought back last night
on the Shrine special train.

The funeral will be held from the
home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs.
Charles F. Otis of Honeoye Falls.
Dr. Otis was born in Honeoye
Falls. He was a graduate of the
University of Michigan Medical
School. Returning to Rochester,
he served his internship at High-
land Hospital and began private
practice with his father at 756
Main Street East.

During the war he served in the
Navy with the rank of lieutenant,
senior grade, being attached to the
Brooklyn Naval Hospital and the
U. S. S. Huntington.

Recently Dr. Otis moved his
office from Main Street East to
278 Alexander Street.

He was a past commander of
Rochester Post, Veterans of For-
eign Wars, and a member of Lewis
Post, American Legion; Union Star
Lodge, F. and A. M., Honeoye
Falls; The Shrine, Monroe County
Medical Society, American Insti-
tute of Homeopathy and Phi Alpha
Gamma, medical fraternity.

Besides his parents, he leaves
two brothers, Charles F. Otis Jr.,
and Donald H. Otis, both of Hone-
oye Falls.

Commander Harry Sprankle of
Rochester Post, Veterans of For-
eign Wars, today said the post
will furnish a firing squad and

conduct military rites at the fun-
eral. It will join Union Star Lodge,
F. and A. M., in the services.

National and state departments
of the Veterans of Foreign Wars
are to be represented. The West-
ern District, including Buffalo and
Jamestown, also will send repre-
sentatives, Commander Sprankle
said.

Members of Rochester Post are
to meet at the Powers Hotel Sun-
day noon, to leave at 1 o'clock for
the services.

The widow of Colonel
O'Rourke, wearing the habit
of a Lady of the Society of the
Sacred Heart, which she joined
after Colonel O'Rourke's death,
and of which she became a
mother superior. This picture
was taken about 1890.

DR. W. K. OTIS IS FOUND DEAD IN HOTEL ROOM

Heart Trouble Causes Death
in Cleveland; Attended
Shrine Convention

Dr. W. Kirke Otis, 44 years old,
a visitor to the Shrine Convention
in Cleveland, yesterday was found
dead in his room in the Hotel



Dies In Cleveland
Dec 7-17-31



DR. W. KIRKE OTIS
Cleveland by George H. Jenkinson,
of Rochester. Heart trouble, from
which Dr. Otis had been suffering
for sometime, was the cause of
death.

Dr. Otis left for Cleveland with
the Rochester delegation to the
Shrine convention Sunday night.
He had not drilled with the Legion
of Honor Patrol, of the Shrine, of
which he was a member, because
of his illness.

Born in Honeoye Falls, the son
of Dr. and Mrs. Charles F. Otis,
Mr. Otis received his early educa-
tion in that village. Later he
matriculated in the Medical School
of the University of Michigan,
from which he was graduated in
1911. At Michigan, Dr. Otis re-
ceived the Varsity letter in foot-
ball, playing under the famous
coach, "Hurry-up Yost."

Active in Legion

Dr. Otis served his internship at
the Highland Hospital, and began
private practice in association with
his father at 756 Main Street East.
At the outbreak of the World War

Dr. Otis enlisted in the Navy and
served with the rank of lieutenant
senior grade for more than two
years, part of this service being
performed on the U. S. S. Hunting-
ton and part in the Brooklyn Naval
Hospital.

Upon his discharge from the
Navy Dr. Otis resumed private
practice. Recently he moved his
office from Main Street East to 278
Alexander Street.

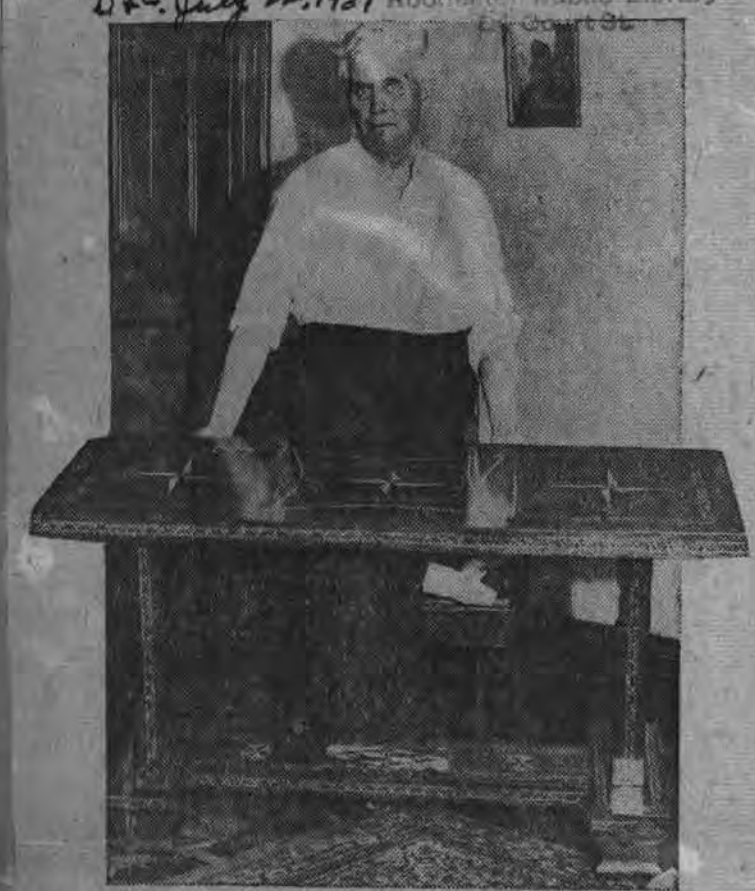
Dr. Otis was active in military
and fraternal circle. He was a
past commander of Rochester Post
and of the Lake Ontario Council
of Veterans of Foreign Wars. He
also served as department surgeon
of this organization. He was a
member of Lewis Post of the Amer-
ican Legion, Union Star Lodge, F.
and A. M. of Honeoye Falls, the
Rochester Consistory, Damascus
Temple of the Shrine; the Legion
of Honor Patrol, Monroe County
Medical Society, American Institute

Homeopathy and Phi Alpha Gamma, medical fraternity. Dr. Otis lived at 975 Main Street East. Besides his parents he is survived by two brothers: Charles F. Otis Jr. and Donald H. Otis,

both of Honeoye Falls. Funeral services for Dr. Otis will take place Sunday at 3 o'clock from the home of Mrs. M. J. and Mrs. Charles F. Otis, at Honeoye Falls.

Policeman at Night, Kindly Artist in the Daytime Is Charles Osborn

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More than 80,000 pieces of wood are incorporated in the table shown here with its designer and maker, Charles Osborn. It took him eleven months to make it, and he used more kinds of wood than there are flowers in the average garden.

Started Hobby of Delicate Inlay Work 30 Years Ago; Table Just Completed Contains 82,000 Bits of Imported Woods from 19 Kinds of Trees

Charles Osborn, 30 Winthrop Street, is a policeman by night. Day time sees him a quiet, kindly artist whose white head is bent over his work bench as he cuts rare little bits of wood and fits them into his own designs.

Yesterday Mr. Osborn brought forth from his workshop an inlaid table—the product of 11 months of patient, steady toil at his hobby. Some 82,000 pieces of wood formed the design. From 19 different kinds of trees which grow in African, Oriental, and South American forests these materials came. Honduras and Philippine mahog-

any, tulip, ebony, boxwood, amaranth, hurl walnut, white woods, pines, rosewood, and Caucasian walnut were brought to the policeman's workshop to be cut into miniature bits for his table.

His Hobby for 30 Years
This piece of furniture, of graceful proportions in keeping with the delicacy of inlay design, is so far Mr. Osborn's greatest achievement. On the mantle in his living room are a few picture frames inlaid of hundreds of splay timber fragments, but most of the products of his workshop he has given away to friends. To him their material

valuable only for the joy of fashioning them.
"I had no sooner laid eyes on that thing than I decided I wanted to make something like it," he said. Shortly thereafter he began a study of woods, and then he tried his hand at making designs into which to fit the materials. Since then he has handled a small fortune in these imported timbers. A closet in his room is stocked with a supply which he will use for the next masterpiece.

Take You FOR COUNCIL

CHARLES S. OWEN, Republican Organization candidate for councilman-at-large, was born in



Rochester, in the old Third Ward, Jan. 7, 1869. He was educated in the public schools and after graduating became identified with Moore and Belrs. In 1903 he was appointed supervisor of the Third Ward to succeed Willis K. Gillette who became clerk of the board. He served as a member and chairman of the board until Jan. 1, 1908, when he was appointed commissioner of public safety. In the county election of 1910 he was elected sheriff and assumed that office Jan. 1, 1911, serving three years. He later became a member of the Chapin-Owen Company. He retired in 1928. He resides at 1011 University Avenue and has one daughter. He is a member of Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Lalla Rookh Grotto, Elks, Rochester Ad and Erie Social clubs, is a past potentate of Damascus Temple and is commander of the Shrine Patrol.

6 Oct 26, 1928

General Otis, 40 Years in Army, Famous for Work in Philippines

Rochesterian Promoted From Ranks to High Position for Many Services to Government Had Estate Near 'Frankfort,' Now Lyell Avenue Section

P.C. Mar. 17, 1929

Beyond the settlement of Frankfort, adjoining the Whitney tract, was a farm, now in Lyell Avenue which was known as the Otis Estate and which will be remembered by many as the home of General Elwell Stephen Otis, whose faithfulness and ability won him many promotions during his army service and whose record as a soldier reflects credit and honor upon the military history of the state, and of Rochester.

General Otis was born March 25, 1838, in Frederick City, Md. The removal of his family to Rochester enabled him to pursue his studies in the University of Rochester, from which he was graduated in 1860. He then went to Harvard Law School and later took up the practise of law in Rochester.

Was in Army 40 Years
Joining the army shortly after the outbreak of the Civil War, General Otis devoted more than 40 years of his life to active military service. His meritorious conduct on the field of battle brought him repeated advancement until, on June 16, 1890, he was commissioned major-general of the United States army for "military skill and most distinguished service in the Philippine Islands."

In 1898 after the declaration of war with Spain, he was assigned to duty in San Francisco for the mobilization and shipment of troops to the Philippines. As commanding general of the United States forces he conducted operations against the insurgents and performed the duties of military governor until May 5, 1900, when he was relieved at his own request because of ill health. He retired at the age of 64.

June 15, 1900, will be long remembered as Otis Day, when the whole city turned out to welcome General Otis on his return from Manila.

Under the memorial arch which had been erected at Main Street and East Avenue passed a parade of great length in which there were many civic elements, but the war-like features predominated, making it, as a military display, probably the finest ever seen here. This was largely due to the presence in the line of march of the United States Marine Band which had been permitted, as a special favor, to come from Washington.

His Binoculars Used in '18

General Otis was married twice. He first married Louise Selden daughter of Henry R. Selden of Rochester. They had two children, Laura Lee and Mrs. M. L. Ishart of Chicago. For his second wife he chose Mrs. Louise Bowman Mc Alester of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., widow of an army officer. They had one daughter, Louise B. At the time of his death, Oct. 21, 1909, he was survived by his three daughters and his second wife. Mrs. Otis lived at the Otis Estate in Lyell Avenue until recently, when she went to live with one of her daughters in California.

During the World War when there was a call for volunteers to loan field glasses to the government for the use of the navy, Mrs. Otis brought to the U. S. marshal two very fine pairs of binoculars which had belonged to the general. The marshal suggested that because of the historical and sentimental value of the glasses she send only one, as they might be lost. She replied that if the general were alive he would be happy to have them used for this purpose.

It is a pleasing fact that after the close of the war both were returned to Mrs. Otis with a grateful letter from Franklin D. Roosevelt, present governor of New York state, who was then assistant secretary of the navy.

United States Marine Band and Passing Under Otis Arch

At Rochester History to East Avenue

RVP Rochester Biography

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The U.S. Marine Band at the Otis Arch - When Otis returned from the Philippines

The above photograph was taken in this city during the celebration of Major-General Elwell S. Otis' return to Rochester from his victorious campaign in the Philippine Islands in 1900. The photograph showing the U. S. Marine Band passing under the arch was secured by local members of the American Legion who have arranged the Marine Band concert at Convention Hall Saturday afternoon and evening of this week, tickets for which are now on sale at the Music Lovers' Shoppe in East Avenue.

Business and Politics Both Know Him



A. J. FIEDERMAN

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CHARLES S. OWEN

THE ROCHESTER JOURNAL HEREWITH PRESENTS THE THIRD OF A SERIES OF "THUMBNAIL" SKETCHES OF THE BACKGROUND OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICES IN THE FORTH-COMING PRIMARY FIGHT. CHARLES S. OWEN, NOW DESIGNATED FOR COUNCILMAN AT LARGE, IS THE SUBJECT.

For councilman at large.

Charles S. Owen, preference of regular Republicans.

Born in Rochester, January 17, 1869.

Schools—Public and business.

Business—Expert accountant and salesman and until recent retirement as general manager and director of Chapin-Owen Company.

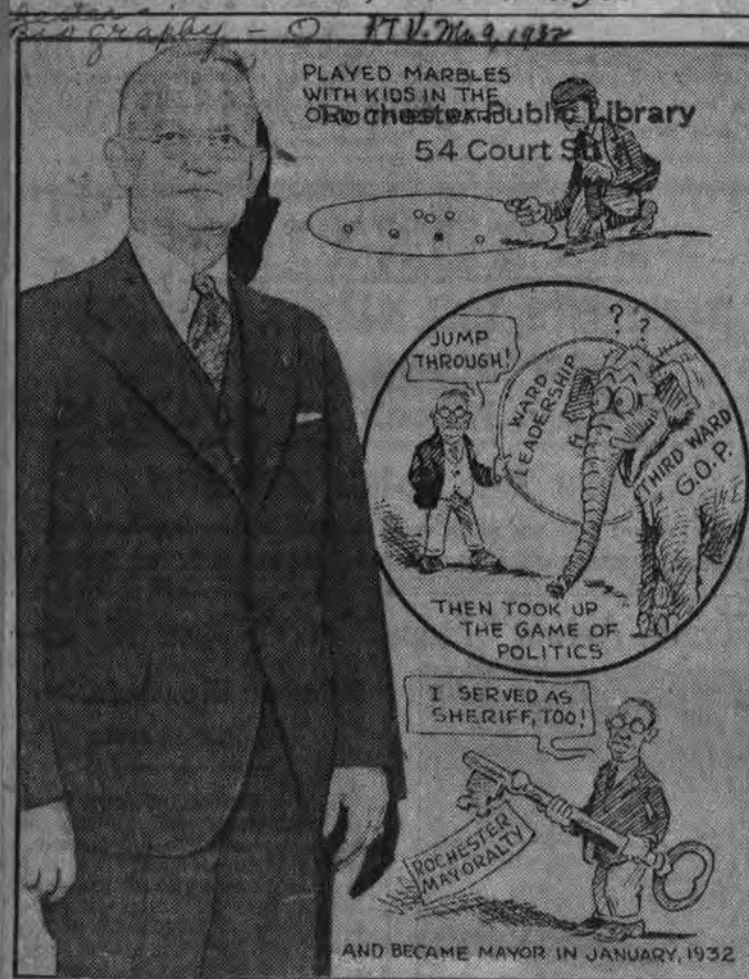
Public Service—Member from Third Ward and chairman of the Board of Supervisors; Public Safety Commissioner, and Monroe County Sheriff.

Family—One daughter.

Home—No. 1011 University Avenue.

Clubs—Damascus Temple, Grotto, Elks, Erie Social and Rochester Ad.

His Honor, the Mayor



Charles S. Owen

Mayor Charles Owen Boasts Long Record In Game of Politics

THIS is the first of a series of articles to be published in The Times-Union introducing new officials in the present City Hall administration.

By Charles E. Welch.

Charles S. Owen, Rochester hand-shaking, convention-welcoming mayor first the city has had in two years, is a native son and a home-bred product of the Third Ward, the home of the late George W. Aldridge.

The man who has followed into the office of mayor one of his closest friends and most intimate associates—the late Clarence D. Van Zandt—was born Jan. 7, 1869, went to school in the old Third Ward and played marbles with the kids in that ward, many of whom are now holding positions of responsibility in the professions and business.

It was only a step from the game of marbles to the game of politics and Charlie Owen took the step and soon found himself groomed as the Republican ward organization's candidate for supervisor. That was in 1902, at a time when he was on the payroll of Moore and Belts, a wholesale cloth firm in St. Paul Street. He was elected and Jan. 1, 1903, found him a full-fledged member of the county board. He served three terms of two years each and might have served a fourth term had George W. Aldridge not singled him out for appointment as commissioner of public safety.

He became safety commissioner Jan. 1, 1908. Owen was regarded as "tough" in an official and business sense. If a policeman or fireman transgressed the rules, the commissioner didn't rely on others to do the investigating for him. He went out and did it himself. But Commissioner Owen became popular.

Dec. 31, 1911, Owen became sheriff of Monroe County to which he had been elected in the preceding month. He retired from official office and the political limelight at midnight Dec. 31, 1913. Later he became a member of the firm of Chapin and Owen, remaining in business until 1928, when he retired from the firm.

However, in the years intervening between the time he retired as sheriff and severed his connection with Chapin-Owen Company, Rochester's present mayor did not entirely disassociate himself from political friends. He helped bring into public life a man who was destined to be the last mayor of Rochester under the old form of government, Clarence Van Zandt.

Mr. Owen took a very active interest in the campaign which landed Mr. Van Zandt in the mayor's chair and again in the campaign of 1925 in which his friend was re-elected in a three-cornered fight. This was the memorable Van Zandt-Wilson-Love fracas, which was precipitated by action of the late James L. Hotchkiss, who succeeded Mr. Aldridge as Republican leader, in discarding the mayor, the comptroller and the district attorney as aspiring candidates for redesignation.

But that ended Mayor Owen's political fighting days—until last fall when Harry J. Bareham, who had succeeded Mr. Hotchkiss as Republican leader, and other friends persuaded him to interest himself

two remaining years of the late Joseph C. Wilson's unexpired term. Following his selection by the voters he was elected by the City Council to fill the vacancy immediately, so that he took office in November instead of in January. When the organization meeting of the Council was held he was elected mayor.

Surrogate Candidate Ex-County Judge

R.J. Sept. 17, 1931



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J. STUART PAGE

THE ROCHESTER JOURNAL PRESENTS THE THIRTY-FIRST OF A SERIES OF "THUMB-NAIL" SKETCHES OF THE BACKGROUND OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE IN THE COMING ELECTION. J. STUART PAGE, DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR SURROGATE, IS THE SUBJECT.

For surrogate:

J. Stuart Page, candidate of the Democrats.

Born—Wolcott, July 27, 1870.

Schools—Public school No. 3 of Rochester, Rochester Free Academy, University of Rochester. Admitted to the bar in 1893.

Public Service—Appointed special county judge by former Governor Smith in 1920. Served for one year. Former member of Municipal Civil Service Commission.

Married—May 17, 1893 to Carolyn Gillette.

Children—One daughter.

Religion—Presbyterian.

Home—No. 85 Kenwood Avenue.

Clubs—Brook-Lea, Rochester Bar Association, Delta Upsilon, Phi Beta Kappa.



Born in Devonshire County, England, he came to America with his parents at the age of 3 and began his political career five years later when he ran away to Batavia to follow a political club. He received his education in Le Roy schools and worked for a time in his father's mill at Caledonia.

Mr. Page has been a delegate to every Democratic state convention for two decades and was delegate to Democratic national conventions in 1892, 1904 and 1912. He represented the town of Wheatland on the Board of Supervisors for three terms, and twice, in 1894 and again in 1919, he was chairman of the Democratic county committee.

Mr. Page owns property in Rochester and Wheatland, a farm in Riga and a flour mill in Pike, N. Y. He is a member of Rochester Lodge of Elks and of Wheatland Grange.

Dr. Myron Palmer Dies In Hospital

Dr. Myron B. Palmer, 58, died yesterday at the Strong Memorial Hospital after an illness of several weeks.

Dr. Palmer was a specialist in roentgenology, and as an interne at the General Hospital was one of the first to use the X-ray. He was born at Union Hill and took his preparatory course at Genesee Normal School and his medical degree at the University of Pennsylvania.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lucy Price Palmer; one son, Myron B. Jr., and one brother, Howard R. Palmer of Rochester.

Funeral services will be conducted at the family home in Webster, Wednesday at 2 p. m. Burial in Webster Rural Cemetery will be private.

At 90 Years, James Palmer Finds Life Still Zestful

Has Traveled by Land And Water, and Now Plans to Fly



JAMES PALMER

"My advice to young men: 'Don't look for the last \$1,000. Let someone else run after it.'"

"My father was the wisest man I ever knew. At 76 he turned his business over to his boys, and retired."

James Palmer, former president and general manager of the Rochester Fireworks Company, said this. He recently celebrated his 90th birthday, but he is still erect, alert and humorous, and converses like a man who has yet to grow old.

When he retired, some years ago, Mr. Palmer had lived in Rochester for 70 years. Now he makes his home on the Nine Mile Point Road. His hobbies have been buying first editions of new books, and watching things grow on his farm.

Mr. Palmer was born where the McCurdy & Company store now is, at Main and Elm streets. His father had come from London, England, but had lived elsewhere in America before coming to Rochester. The elder man, also James, conducted what then was known as Palmer's Gardens. Twice a week he would have an exhibition of fireworks on the grounds of his slightly location, with colored lighting effects. This was next door to the family home. That house, where the present James Palmer was born, still stands. Years ago it was moved from the former site to South Union Street, opposite the end of Gardiner Park. The business place was burned in May, 1867.

Built Palmer's Hall

Some time in the 1850's, the father had built a brick block which included an auditorium known as Palmer's Hall. An interesting recollection still lives in Mr. Palmer's memory. Before that hall, on the top floor, was finished, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thumb came to town, and their manager engaged the hall. The midgets brought their miniature coach and a team of black Shetland ponies. James Junior had a delightful time driving this coach and prancing pair about the Palmer gardens, accompanied by small guests.

"Main Street had cobble stones up to East Avenue and from here on was what I called 'a mud lane' to Gibbs Street," he related.

"All the way up to Franklin Street any one who rented a store on Main cleaned the street in front, and put the refuse and dirt in a pile, and on Saturday mornings the city wagons would come around and collect this discard."

Until 1867, the elder Mr. Palmer manufactured his own fireworks in the rear of his store. It has been said that wherever the Palmers went the city followed them. When the little city grew, moving eastward, there came a time when the business was moved to where the New York State Armory now is, in Main Street East. Their property comprised six and a half acres of land, their home being at one time near the factory. Again crowded by the expanding city, the business was moved to where the Beechnut factory now is. Later, when the Palmers had relinquished all ownership, their company's successor, the Rochester Fireworks Company, was pushed by the tide of trade out to East Rochester.

Saw Abraham Lincoln

In addition to driving Tom Thumb's small team, Mr. Palmer as a boy was in the historic gathering that met Abraham Lincoln when he stopped a few moments in Rochester, on his way eastward, for the boy had risen early in the morning to get a glimpse of Lincoln.

He also has the rare memory of hearing Jenny Lind sing. While, as he says, it was "on the outside," he clung to the outside of old Corinthian Hall, with other youthful inhabitants, and heard as well

as those in the best seats, probably, this "Swedish Nightingale's" voice through the open windows in the summer evening.

The old Sibley block erected by

Hiram Sibley, grandfather of Harper Sibley, was built when Mr. Palmer was young. He remembers how when it was partly up, "the plumb line wouldn't hang straight," so they had to tear part of it down, and built that portion again. Hiram Sibley the younger, father of Harper, was a schoolmate of Mr. Palmer's. They were both in St. Paul's Episcopal Church. They also were in the same school, one taught by Professor Peck, in the basement of the old Methodist Church, Main and Clinton Streets.

Mr. Palmer recalled that Nehemiah Osburn, builder of the first Osburn House, at Main and St. Paul Streets, had a home at East Avenue, Main and Elm Streets, and a sun dial in his yard. He was a contractor who erected buildings in all parts of the United States.

Mr. Palmer saw three different liberty poles at Main and Franklin streets, the last supplanted by a marker of the United States Geodetic survey. Goodman Street was then the city line on the east.

Mr. Palmer remembers when an eagle fell with a crippled wing in the heart of the city on the eve of a Fourth of July, and how, after the wing had been cared for while he was the city's guest, he was taken to the roof of the City Hall or Court House, and given freedom.

He recollects when there was a hill in Main Street, where the Lincoln-Alliance Bank now is, and how the boys would slide there in winter, and the momentum would carry them across Main Street.

Mr. Palmer tells that he has lived through four kinds of illumination, candles, whale oil, kerosene, gas, and now electricity. In his country home, he is beyond the limits for electricity. To supplement the table lamps, candles burn in quaint lanterns attached to the wall, a picturesque touch given by his daughter, Miss Helen L. Palmer.

Remembers Odd Character

Mr. Palmer says that when he was quite a small boy there was a character about town by the name of Joe Ruggs, a man about 6 feet, 6 inches tall, and nearly always under the influence of liquor. He was a white washer by trade. Whenever a child was lost, he would go up and down Main Street, ringing a large dinner bell, and crying, "Child lost!" until a crowd gathered. Then he would describe the child, and relate the circumstances.

One day recently Miss Palmer came home to find that her father had been sailing through the air in a plane. An aviator having trouble with his machine landed on the Palmer grounds and invited Mr. Palmer to ride.

Years ago Mr. Palmer went to New York by water, taking the once-popular packet boat on the Erie Canal to the Hudson River. Later he made the trip to New York in a single day by automobile. Now, he says, he is waiting the opportunity to go by air.

Life, at 90, he finds still interesting. Perhaps one reason is that he didn't "look for the last \$1,000" before he retired.

Scientist Passes



DR. MYRON B. PALMER

FUNERAL RITES TOMORROW FOR DR. M. B. PALMER

Roentgenologist Saw Military Service In World War

Preparations have been completed for the funeral services of Dr. Myron B. Palmer of Lake Road, Webster, which will be conducted at his home in Webster at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. There will be a private burial ceremony in Webster Rural Cemetery.

Dr. Palmer was graduated from the School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania in 1899, after which he took a postgraduate course there in bacteriology. Since 1901 Dr. Palmer has been a specialist in roentgenology. In this capacity he served as assistant roentgenologist at Rochester General Hospital from 1901 to 1909, and as roentgenologist from 1909 to 1926. He was consulting roentgenologist at the Monroe County Tuberculosis Sanatorium. At the time of his death he was on the staff at Strong Memorial Hospital.

Served in Army

During the war, Dr. Palmer served with the rank of captain. He enrolled for service on June 23, 1917, instructed in X-ray at Camp Greenleaf, and was finally called to the Surgeons General's Office at Washington as personnel officer.

Central Library of Rochester and Monroe County Historic Scrapbooks Collection

Dr. Palmer was a member of the American Roentgen Ray Society, the New York Roentgen Ray Society, the Rochester Pathological Society, Rochester Academy of Medicine, Monroe Medical Society, Rochester Roentgen Ray Society, Rochester Historical Society and the Pennsylvania Club. At one time he was vicepresident of the New York Medical Association.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Lucy Price Palmer; a son, Myron B. Palmer Jr., and a brother, Howard V. R. Palmer, all of Rochester.

Anthropologists Honor Director of Museum

Arthur C. Parker, director of the Rochester Municipal Museum, has been elected one of two representatives of the American Anthropological Association to the National Research Council, to meet later this month in St. Louis. Dr. Carl E. Guthe of the University of Michigan, who was a visitor yesterday at the Museum, says that the selection of Director Parker is recognition that ranks him in the forefront of America's anthropologists. Dr. Guthe came from Washington as the representative of the National Research Council to bring its request that Director Parker deliver one of the four major addresses at the St. Louis gathering of the council. In its deliberations on archaeological surveys. Scientists say that this conference will be the most important meeting of archaeological specialists ever conducted in America.

Three other leading scientists will present papers, among them, Dr. Clark Wissler of the American Museum. Mr. Parker's paper will be discussed by Glenn Frank, president of the University of Wisconsin and former editor of The Century. The address will concern the organization of state surveys and their supervision by state agencies. Mr. Parker is at present directing the Pennsylvania survey.

Promoting Of Hobbies In Others, Avocation Of Museum Director

Paradoxical as it may seem, there is a Rochesterian whose hobby is promoting hobbies.

He answers to the name, Dr. Arthur C. Parker and his job is directing activities at the Municipal Museum. His avocation is promoting avocations in others.

Dr. Parker's vocation and avocation are combined. His daily work affords him material for the promotion of his avocation. He has organized a number of clubs, such as the Numismatic Club, the Stamp Club, and the Indian Lore Club, as well as the Genesee Valley Hiking Club, an organization which visits sites of historical or scenic interest.

Dr. Parker is a recognized authority on the Indian lore of New York State and a founder of the New York Archeological Society. Before coming to Rochester in 1925 as curator of the museum, Dr. Parker was assistant in the American Museum of Natural History.

Promotes Hobbies



Dr. Arthur C. Parker

Seneca Tradition Reaches Out to Give Little Girl Clan Name

Daughter of Arthur C. Parker, Museum Director, To Be Known as Ga-wen-no-e; Title, Conferred at Tribal Rites, Inscribed on Birch Bark Certificate

By AUGUSTA G. ANDERSON

On Tuesday, a certificate inscribed on birch bark came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Parker, in Seneca Parkway, bringing the new name of their little daughter, Martha-Anne, related through her father to the Seneca Indians, in direct lineage from a chief.

To the ancients of the Land of the Genesee, who live on three small tracts in Western New York, a name is an important thing. Thus it came about that the Naming Council of the Clan of the Wolf sent an invitation to Martha-Anne Parker, to present herself at the conclave, a week ago last Saturday. Included in the invitation extended to Mrs. Parker and her baby was another, giving the privilege of bringing three "captives."

The three were Walter Weller, son of W. Earl Weller; Rodney Perry, son of Carlton Perry, and Clement L. Miner.

Log Cabin Restored

The ceremonial was conducted on the lawn of Shongo Farm, where the chief had set up and restored the log cabin once owned by Deerfoot, the celebrated Seneca runner. The officiating sachem was Sononkgais Crowe, and the adopting matron, Mrs. Shongo, mother of the chief. The clansmen and clanswomen were in full ceremonial regalia, and conducted the rites with picturesque exactitude. Chief Crowe's singing of the an-

dent tribal chants was especially noted. Chief Shongo, speaking in English explained the solemn nature of the occasion and expressed the hope that Americans of today might emulate the oldtime virtues of the Red men.

Mrs. Parker was given the name of Yewanote, and Martha-Anne was called "Ga-wen-no-e," both names being of the Wolf Clan, of which Mrs. Shongo is one of the principal matrons. Rodney Perry received the name, "The Runner," and "Billy" Weller, that of "Flying

Arrow." Mr. Miner, who had received a preliminary naming at the midwinter festival, was given an old Seneca name, meaning "Earth Traveler."

Certificates for these re-named persons have just reached Rochester. They are executed by hand and signed by Chief Crowe and Mrs. Shongo. With the scrolls were given silver insignia symbolizing the rank of the name-holder. These are ancient broaches, long held in the archives of the Shongo family.

King and Smoke, that they would have to go out and make their way among white people, and better have white men's names; so he gave them the names of William and Samuel. William Parker was the great-grandfather of Arthur C. Parker.

William Parker became the father of Nicholson H. Parker, who married the first white person to be brought directly into the family, Martha Hoyt, from an old New England family, related to the Sheldons of Deerfield, Massachusetts. Nicholson Parker was a civil engineer, educated at the Albany Normal School, before taking his course in engineering. He was secretary of the Seneca Nation from 1854 to 1890, 36 years, and served as a government interpreter.

Nicholson's son, Fred E. Parker, was a statistician of New York City. He married a Miss Griswold descended from the Earlys of Clarendon, England. They became the parents of Arthur C. Parker. This family on the Indian side is descended from Jigonsaseh, co-founder of the Six Nations, Iroquois Confederacy, first "league of nations" to abolish war in recorded history. Little Martha Anne's mother's New England ancestry dates back as far as 1639. Nine of her ancestors were in the Revolutionary War, including Daniel Hulett, of Rutland. She is a cousin of Dr. Albert Cooke, who gave his life to Serbia in the World War, while combating yellow fever.

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Bausch Pays Tribute

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PARKER TO AID INDIAN MAID

Rochester, March 26, 1930
Special to Rochester Journal

BUFFALO, Mar. 26.—Dr. Arthur C. Parker, director of the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, and national authority on Indian lore, is expected to be one of the star defense witnesses at the murder trial of Lila Jimerson in County Court here, it was learned today.

Doctor Parker, a direct descendant of the Senecas, will tell the jury that old Nancy Bowen followed the witchcraft cult in every detail when she battered Mrs. Clothilde Marchand to death with a heavy hammer.

Nancy used the hammer on Mrs. Marchand in the belief that she was driving a witch from her victim's body, according to Dr. Parker. The questions asked preceding the attack, the answers given and the actual attack all conformed to the catechism of witchcraft, Dr. Parker said.

Calling attention to old drawings depicting witches being flogged at a stake, Dr. Parker declared that only confessed witches could be punished for their witchery. He said:

"According to the belief, a witch is under the control of the Great Spirit, and has an order to tell the truth when challenged. Thus it is believed that if a witch is asked the question, 'Are you a witch?' she cannot deny it.

"It is required, accordingly, that question be asked by the one suspecting it. The question must be put directly to the suspect and must be repeated three times. If the persons is truly a witch, the belief is that she will admit it each time. Then and not until then, is punishment in order to drive out the evil spirit.

"The ancient device for banishing witches from those whom they inhabited was a miniature war club called the Gad-Jewa. The custom was to tap with this club on the brow of the person afflicted, to expel the spirit.

"Some time ago I asked an old Indian to draw me a picture of the Gad-Jewa. Instead of the old war-club I expected, he drew a picture of a hammer.

"I am satisfied as a result of this and other evidence, that Nancy's intention in employing the hammer was to expel the witch she believed had taken possession of the little gentlewoman and artist we knew as Mrs. Marchand."

Resident Only Short Time, Martha Has Unusual Claims as American

See Nov. 21, '29



Martha Anne Parker, daughter of Arthur C. Parker, director of Municipal Museum.

Maternal Family Tree Branches Through Revolution to England; Paternal Rooted Deep in Civilization of Six Nations Before Columbus Sailed

By AUGUSTA S. ANDERSON

Martha Anne has arrived at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Parker, in Seneca Parkway, having come to this planet by the way of the General Hospital.

This small miss had a long, interesting lineage in which is united the blood of Revolutionary ancestors with that of the "real" Americans, North American Indians. Long before her father, now director of the Municipal Museum, was dreamed of, his great-grandfather was a progressive chief, making friends with white men who have long since passed

into the country's history.

Martha Anne is named for two great-grandmothers. Before the Revolutionary War, the family name on Mr. Parker's side was not Parker, but King. Old King was chief of the Kanadesaga Seneca Indians, 1750 to 1792, and had many influential white friends, one being Sir William Johnson. Old King had the first house with glass windows in what is now Geneva, and later established a village on the present site of Buffalo. He captured an American officer named Parker. The captive and the chief's family became warm

BAUSCH CHIEF DIES AT WORK IN HIS OFFICE

—54 Years Old

William L. Patterson, Technical Director, Noted Scientist

Died Feb. 6, 1932

William L. Patterson, 58, director of the technical bureau of the Bausch & Lomb Optical Company and recognized as an outstanding designer and builder of microscopic and projection apparatus, died suddenly yesterday morning in his office at the company's plant. He had been a member of the firm's staff for 38 years.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home, 38 Lake View Park, Monday afternoon at 3

Dies at Work



WILLIAM L. PATTERSON

shown by the fact that many of the early projection outfits, that he fathered, have stood the test of time, being still sold in their original shape and successfully

DECEMBER 17, 1932

Saving Lives, Halting Runaways Once All in Day's Work for Him

Richard Patterson, Renowned for Exploits as Tender
Of Exchange Street Bridge Over Old Erie Canal,
Celebrates Eightieth Birthday Tomorrow

Richard (Capt. Dick)—Patterson expects to spend his 80th birthday quietly at his home at 66 Cady Street tomorrow. And when Capt. Dick plans to hide himself away on an occasion like this, that's news.

Probably the most decorated man in Rochester, time and an automobile accident a few years ago conspired to take much of the old energy out of him, and he is under the care of a physician, but he still carries himself erect much the same as in his heyday, when he was in the business of saving lives at the old Exchange Street lift bridge.

In those days his name was frequently blazed in big type, for he boasted both the life saving and runaway-catching laurels of this vicinity. He claims to have fished

no less than 28 persons out of the old Erie Canal with the aid of a spiked pole and as for runaways, well, he never kept any record, but it was so big no one would dispute his claim.

He earned his commission as "Captain" in the United States Volunteer Life Savers, a commission to which no pay was attached, and it was his boast that he had never received a penny for such service, which should place his record on the books of the A. A. U. without dissent.

Most of the 26 men and two women who were pulled from the canal or the Fitzhugh-Carroll race, Captain Patterson admits previous to their plunge had been patrons of what are now known as night clubs, but in those days were designated as saloons. Not a single

one had attempted suicide in his precinct, as his fame for snatching humans out of the water was too widely known, and any such try near the Exchange Street bridge was doomed to failure. There was something in the old canal water that was far more effective than tomato juice in restoring a man's equilibrium, and with the wetting, the victim returned home as sober as he had left in the morning.

Because of his prowess at pulling these unfortunates from the water, officers of the United States Volunteer Life Saving Corps of this city, which had such celebrities as Dr. James C. MacKenzie, a veterinary surgeon, and William Shay as commodores and William Briggs as lieutenant, Richard Patterson was named captain of the crew. A chest of gold medals for this service bears mute testimony to his ability.

Prior to making his numerous

W. L. PATTERSON, BAUSCH PLANT EXPERT, PASSES

Won Fame as Builder of
Microscopic and Pro-
jection Apparatus —
Stricken in His Office

Death today claimed a Rochester scientist, hailed as the world's premier builder of microscopic and projection apparatus.

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"No attempt will probably be made to accomplish the seemingly hopeless task of filling the definite vacancy made by his passing on. The work he has been doing must go on, but it will have to be handled in a different manner."

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COUNTY SEALER PAYNE IS DEAD; ILL 11 WEEKS

Held Official Post for 24
Years — Founded State
Association — Active in
Fraternal Groups

County Sealer William A. Payne, 56, died at 5 o'clock this morning at his home in Elmgrove, Greece.

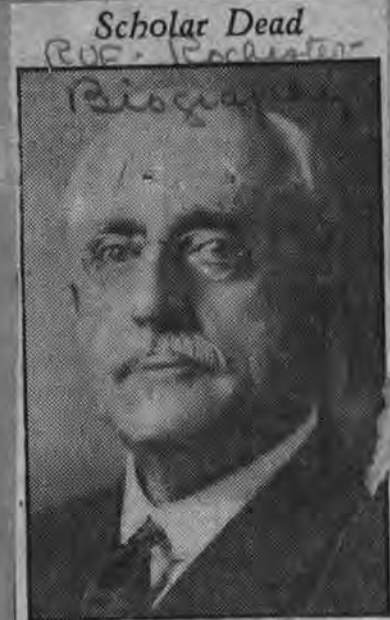
He had been ill 11 weeks. Surviving are his widow, Etta Keene Payne; a son and two daughters, Wayland H. and Marion R. Payne of Elmgrove, and Mrs. Lawrence Woolston of Spencerport; his mother, Mrs. Amy M. Payne; one brother, Fred L. Payne, and a sister, Mrs. Edna A. Wright, both of Rochester, and a granddaughter, Shirley Jeanne Payne.

William A. Payne was a son of Manley H. and Amy M. Payne. He was born in Greece Feb. 6, 1876, and had resided in the town all his life. He was appointed county sealer Dec. 30, 1908, and had been actively identified with the New York State Association of Sealers of Weights and Measures, of which he was one of the founders, a former president and a member of the executive committee.

With the advent of the gasoline service station and the rapid increase in gasoline and oil pumps, which added greatly to the sealer's task, he introduced many improvements into this branch of the county service.

He was a member of Lake Avenue Baptist Church, of Etolian Lodge 479, F. & A. M., of Spencerport, and of the Consistory and Shrine.

Funeral services will be held in the church Friday at 2:30 p. m. The body will repose in the church for 40 minutes prior to the time set for the services.



HENRY PEASE

HENRY PEASE, PRINCIPAL AND TUTOR, PASSES Man Widely Known for School Work Dies In 77th Year

Henry Pease, once active as a principal in many Western New York public schools and a versatile scholar who won a wide reputation for his work as a tutor of students preparing for colleges, died yesterday morning at his home, 206 Albemarle Street. He would have been 77 May 30.

His death followed an illness of nearly three weeks.

Mr. Pease was known as a "scholar of the old school," versed in Latin, Greek, mathematics, English and history, all of which he taught.

He was born at West Layden, Lewis County, May 30, 1856. After preparing for college at Brockport State Normal School, he entered the University of Rochester, from which he was graduated in 1887 with the degree of bachelor of arts, and in 1890 was awarded his master of arts degree.

From 1887 to 1889 Mr. Pease had

charge of the public schools at Holley; from 1889 to 1891 at Tonawanda, and from 1891 to 1897 at Medina. He then went to Titusville, Pa., where he remained as superintendent of schools from 1897 to 1922, and upon his retirement in that year moved from Titusville to Rochester.

Aside from his regular work as teacher and principal, Mr. Pease was busy in aiding many a promising young man to prepare for college. While living in retirement in Rochester he acquired a wide acquaintanceship through tutoring students who lacked a subject for college entrance or who were forced to make it up during vacations.

A young man whom he aided was Herbert S. Weet, now superintendent of schools in Rochester. The two met while Mr. Pease was principal in Medina, and Mr. Weet, a young country school teacher came to the Medina Academy for a term to prepare for the Regents' examinations. Interested in the younger man because of his apparent ability, Mr. Pease encouraged him to prepare for college, three times each week from the nearby town in which he taught, to take lessons in Latin, Greek and mathematics from Mr. Pease as preparation for the University of Rochester.

Of Wide Interests

Many other instances of similar generosity and interest on the part of Mr. Pease are known. He was regarded as a man of wide interests and a contagious sense of humor. He had a wide acquaintanceship among school men in Western New York and Pennsylvania, and was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity.

In 1888, the year after his graduation from the University, Mr. Pease married Miss Flora J. Owen of Randolph. She died in 1892. In 1908 he married Edna Mabel Kerr of Titusville, by whom he is survived, with a twin sister, Mrs. Henrietta P. Jenks of Utica, and a brother, Alphonse Pease of Buffalo.

Funeral services will take place at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning at the home. Burial will be in Randolph, N. Y.

Praise for Mr. Pease's ability and character and his influence on youth was given yesterday in a tribute by Mr. Weet, who declared: "Few men have served his generation as a teacher as well as did Henry Pease and none have surpassed him in wholesome and stimulating influence with boys and girls. He loved to teach. It was so much a part of his life that from the time he came to Rochester in 1922 up until a few weeks before his death he continued his teaching by private tutoring. No greater tribute can be paid this great teacher than the grief at his death shown by the boys who were shut off from his life a few weeks ago when he was forced to lay down his work."

Tribute to Character

"It is more than 40 years ago

now, while Mr. Pease was in charge of the schools in Medina, that our friendship began. He in culture and in character was privately and gratefully prepared to combine in him. More girls and me for college and he also secured my admission to the University of Rochester by vouching for my ability to do the work. He knew and I knew that if my admission depended upon my ability to pass the entrance examination I was lost. That friendship has deepened and ripened with the years. "He was the kind of man whom one could not disappoint if it was

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For City Councilman, South District.
Chester A. Peake, choice of the Lincoln Republicans and Democrats.
Born—April 14, 1876, at Rochester.
Schools—Public of Rochester and University of Cincinnati, graduating as a doctor of dentistry.
Public Service—Alderman of Third Ward one term and City Council representative from South District one term.
Married—To Bertha Wilson, 1905.
Children—Son and daughter.
Home—No. 166 Troup Street.
Clubs—Rochester Real Estate Board, Rochester Numismatic Society and Rochester Archeological Society.

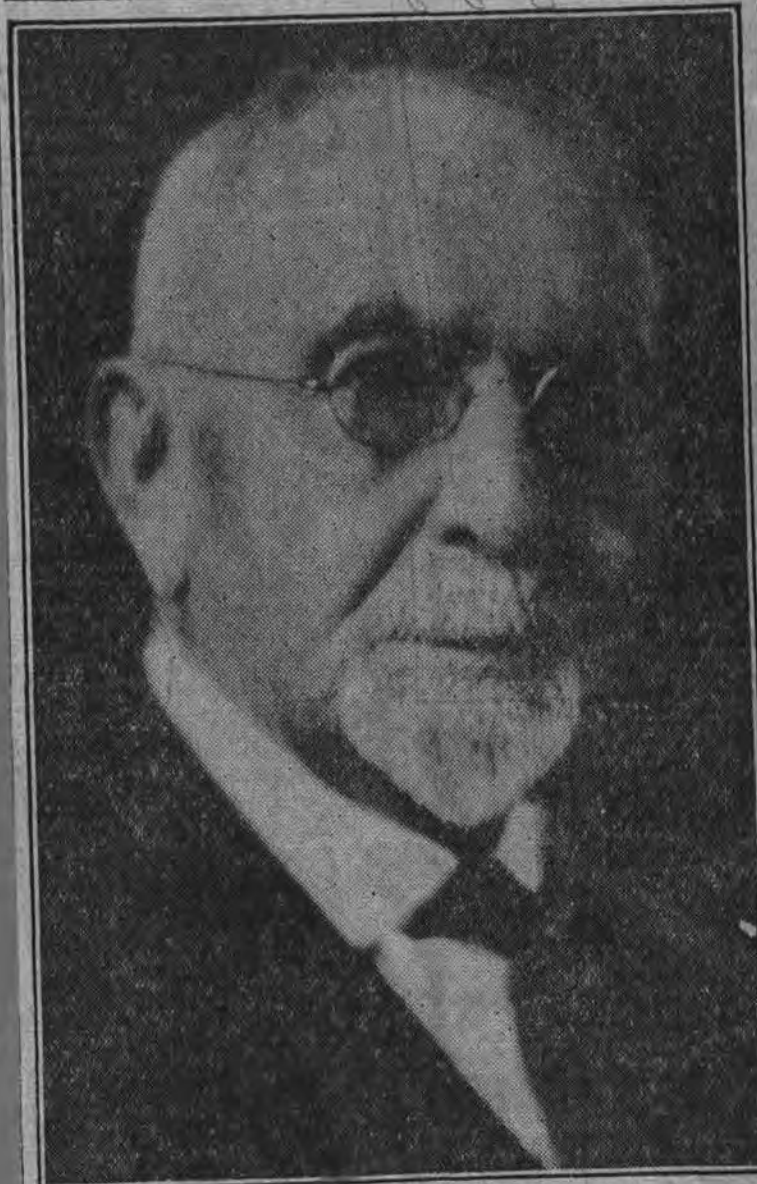
Councilman Seeks Re-election to Post



CHESTER A. PEAKE

THE ROCHESTER JOURNAL HERewith PRESENTS THE TWENTY-FIRST OF A SERIES OF "THUMBNAIL" SKETCHES OF THE BACKGROUND OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE IN THE COMING PRIMARY. CHESTER A. PEAKE, INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR COUNCILMAN IN THE SOUTH DISTRICT, WITH THE

1839---1931
RVP Rochester Biography - Peake



Henry J. Peck

R. J. W. Peck, 1931
Veteran Nurseryman,
Henry Peck, Dies At
Home In East Avenue

Dansville Schoolmates 82 Years Ago Live to Enjoy Reminiscences

D. C. Sept. 26, 1937 Rochester Public Library 84 Court St.



School days were recalled by Charles T. Peck, of Rochester, and Miss Nellie E. Pierson, of Dansville, as they sat on the steps of the house in which they went to school together at Dansville 82 years ago. The upper picture shows them standing before the house, and the lower seated on the porch.

Miss Nellie E. Pierson, 87. Still Lives Next Door To Old 'Select School,' Where Charles T. Peck, Now 91, Was Her Admirer and Champion

By JULIA M. TRAVER

To look back 82 years on one's school days and to be able to remember distinctly and accurately particulars of those glamorous days, is a distinction rarely attained. To live next door to the schoolhouse where one went to school and in the house where one went to live when only a few days old is another distinction rarely attained in this restless age. Yet such a distinction belongs to Miss Nellie E. Pierson of Dansville, who has lived in the same house most all of her 87 years, and all of that time next door to the house in which she attended school for several years.

Schoolboy Now Is 91

Charles T. Peck, of Rochester, commander of Myron T. Adams Post, 84, G. A. R., and for many years in charge of the Grand Army Relief Bureau, was a schoolmate and playmate of those days. Mr. Peck now is 91 years old, and as spry as many a man of 60. Only recently he returned from the Grand Army National Encampment at Des Moines, having participated in the deliberations and the big parade. Last winter, he went to Honolulu, where he passed his 90th birthday. A year ago, in company with another veteran and Theodore C. Cazeau, he made an automobile trip to the old battlefield of Antietam.

But that is getting away from this story, which is a tale of a friendship that began in infancy and has continued through all the years, with war and removal interrupting. Miss Pierson is a daughter of Dansville's first nurseryman, D. M. Pierson, and Mr. Peck is the son of a man who built up a reputation as a shoe merchant and manufacturer not only in Dansville but in Elmira, Philadelphia and several other communities in the days when shoemaking was passing from custom and individual shoemaker methods to factory production.

Attended 'Select School'

A few days before her birth, the parents of Miss Pierson moved into the house at Elizabeth and Main streets, Dansville, which then was so new, that the plaster was scarcely dry, and there she has lived ever since. About that time, Mrs. John Stanley, wife of the village miller, opened a select school in the parlor of her home next door to the Piersons. The structure stands today much as it was in those early days with the exception that a wing and porch have been added. Mrs. Stanley's school remained active and popular until the Dansville Academy was established, and the select schools began to disappear. To this school of Mrs. Stanley

came Charles T. Peck, who also lived in the neighborhood, and he became something of a special guardian of little Nellie Pierson. He was just as chivalrous in those days as he is today, and he used to take the little girl by the hand and lead her about the dangerous crossings in the neighborhood in their play and in their excursions into the neighbor's yards.

After he left the army, Mr. Peck came to Rochester and began to get a business education. He attended a business school conducted in the Reynolds Arcade by George Eastman's father, Morton W. Rundel was then a teacher of book-keeping and penmanship in the school, and Mr. Peck remembers him as a refined and interesting man. Mr. Peck says that Mr. Rundel was his instructor for nearly three years.

Mr. Peck afterward was engaged in the shoe manufacturing business for many years, in Elmira, New Jersey and Philadelphia. He came to Rochester in 1880 and set up a plant for the making of shoe uppers for the Cross Brothers.

But in all the years that Mr. Peck has been away from Dansville he has kept up his association with those connected with his boyhood and young manhood, a number of whom remained in the village until quite recently. So vigorous is he that the exertion of a trip to Dansville and back seems to affect him less physically than a trip about Rochester affects a good many people far younger than he. Recently he made two such trips to Dansville and back in as many days, and then went right back to his desk in the City Hall Annex.

Has Date for 100th Birthday

He was the only man from the Genesee Country at the National Encampment of the Grand Army last month, and upon his arrival home he went about his usual program of activities, which are many for a man approaching the century mark. And, by the way, he has a dinner engagement in Honolulu for his 100th birthday in 1940, which he expects to keep.

Miss Pierson doesn't make any predictions about her own future, but as in vigor of mind and body she would put many a woman of 50 or 60 to shame, she also undoubtedly is looking forward to a centenary celebration, if not something even beyond that.

Henry J. Peck, 91, veteran nurseryman and fruit grower, died at his home, 1555 East Avenue, at 10:30 this morning after an illness of three days.

Funeral services will be held at the home Monday at 3:30 p. m. with the Rev. Dr. John W. Laird of Brighton Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will be made in Brighton Cemetery.

Born in Elmwood Avenue, Brighton, Sept. 12, 1839, Mr. Peck spent his life in that vicinity and took an active interest in the affairs of the village of Brighton, serving as president of the village board for two years, and later as the first alderman of the 21st Ward, when that part of Brighton was annexed to Rochester. He was a Republican in politics.

About 55 years ago, following his marriage to Amelia S. Hart of Brighton, he moved to the home in which he died. His memory went back to the days when a stage-coach connected Rochester and Pittsford and there were but three or four houses in East Avenue.

For more than a half century Mr. Peck was connected with the Chase Brothers Nursery Company and was an officer in the company for many years. Following his retirement from active service in the company, he busied himself superintending the care of his several farms in Brighton and his garden at home. Horticulture was his life-long interest.

His family were among the first settlers in this section, coming to Brighton from Lennox, Mass., and clearing the ground for their homestead in 1812. Some of the original homestead land was in the possession of Mr. Peck at the time of his death.

Mr. Peck was educated in the old Clover Street Seminary and later attended the old Peck School in Rochester.

He is survived by two sons, Henry C. Peck of 32 Audubon Street and Robert P. Peck of 1555 East Avenue, and by six grandchildren.

ROCHESTER TEACHER AWARDED FELLOWSHIP

Miss Ruth Perego, visiting teacher at Hendrick Hudson School, No. 28, is one of eight persons awarded a Commonwealth fellowship at Smith College School for Social Work. The fellowship provides for two seasons of summer study at the school and training in psychiatric social work in a leading clinic. The degree of master of social sciences is awarded, if the course is successfully completed.

Veteran, 91, Still Spry

Quartermaster of Welfare Bureau Hopes to See Honolulu at 100.

There's a rainbow 'round Charles T. Peck's shoulder and a carnation pinned to his coat.

He's ninety-one, at work as quartermaster of the Welfare Bureau of the G. A. R., a Civil War veteran and a boy when it comes to enjoying birthdays. Celebration which started Wednesday night with a reception by members of Anna P. Cleary Tent, No. 19, Daughters of Union Veterans, was to continue Friday.

On his birthday eve he was a guest of honor at a table of Civil War veterans, entertained at the Chamber of Commerce dinner by Theodore Cazeau, former national commander-in-chief of the Sons of Veterans.

A past senior vice-commander of the G. A. R. Department of New York, Mr. Peck gets much enjoyment from traveling on steamships, in airplanes and even trains. He



CHARLES T. PECK

remembers one time he boarded a submarine. He expects to sail for Honolulu for his 100th birthday.

Former Rochesterian Tells Of Lost Youth

Hugh Pendexter, known to Rochesterians of a generation ago as court reporter for the old Post Express and to the present generation throughout the United States as a successful short story writer, author of many historical novels, and a funny man who landed in Mark Twain's "Library of Humors," has been talking about his lost youth in the "80s" and his Rochester job to Kiwanians at the Westbrook Club in Maine.

Mr. Pendexter was born in Maine, and before entering newspaper work taught Latin and Greek in Maine high schools. He quit Bates College in his freshman year to join the high school faculty at Norway, Me., where he now resides. After covering the trial of three defendants charged with the murder of a night watchman at Sodas some 20 years ago, Pendexter quit reporting in Rochester and went back to Maine. En route he stopped off at Boston and signed a contract to write two 90,000-word books a year for five years, and in addition to write two boys' serials a year.

G. N. PERKINS, LONG RESIDENT OF CITY, DIES

Descendent of Pioneer Family and Country Club Founder

Gilman Nichols Perkins, retired real estate man, former banker and descendant of pioneer Rochester families, died yesterday at his home, 474 East Avenue. He was 68 and had been ill since Thursday.

Mr. Perkins was born in Rochester, the son of Gilman H. and Caroline Erickson Perkins. He entered St. Paul's School at Concord, N. H., and graduated from Harvard University in 1886.

Entering business in Rochester, he was for a time connected with the old Union Bank. In the real estate business he was treasurer of the City Realty Company for a number of years. He retired several years ago.

He was one of the founders of the Country Club of Rochester in 1895. He was its first treasurer and served in that capacity until recently. He also was a member of the University Club of New York and the Harvard Club of that city and St. Paul's Episcopal

C. J. PEMBROKE RITES TO TAKE PLACE MONDAY

Funeral services for Charles J. Pembroke, vicepresident of Kee-Lox Manufacturing Company, who died early Saturday morning at his home, 75 Grosvenor Road, Brighton, will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence.

Mr. Pembroke was born July 11, 1874, in Penn Yan. The family moved to Rochester when Mr. Pembroke was a small boy, where his education was obtained in the Rochester public schools and he was graduated from the Rochester Free Academy.

In 1900, when the Kee-Lox Company was formed to manufacture carbon papers, typewriter supplies and a patented ink or coating used in multi-copy work, Mr. Pembroke was made vicepresident. He retained that office until his death. His brother, Winfield P. Pembroke, co-organizer, was and is president.

It was the inventive genius of the two brothers that developed the special ink to coat carbon papers and typewriter ribbons that made the name "Kee-Lox" known throughout the business world. An active yachtsman, Charles Pembroke began sailing in Rochester in 1900. Together with his brother he built the Kee-Lox II in 1905 to compete in the trials for the Canada's Cup. Later power boats captured their interest, various craft, christened Kee-Lox, having graced the Yacht Club basin over a period of many years.

Besides his widow, Ida Schulz Pembroke, he is survived by two daughters, Ethel A. Pembroke and Alice E. Whitmore; two sons, Charles Winfield and Frederick Pembroke; two sisters, Mrs. Fanny Watson and Mrs. Hatti Sonneman; two brothers, Winfield P. and George H. Pembroke; a grandchild and nieces and nephews.

Church.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Jessie Powers Perkins; a son, Gilman C. Perkins; two grandsons, Gilman Perkins IV and Craig Powers Perkins; a brother, Erickson Perkins, and two sisters, Mrs. John Craig Powers and Mrs. H. Van Wyck Wickes of Rye, N. Y.

Funeral services will be conducted at the convenience of the family.

Funeral Saturday



J. H. Perkins

SERVICES FOR J. H. PERKINS TO BE SATURDAY

Funeral for Supreme Court Clerk Who Died Yesterday To Be in Charge of Masons.

Masonic funeral services for Joseph H. Perkins, 69, Supreme Court clerk for the last 25 years, who died yesterday, will be conducted Saturday at 2:30 p. m. at the home, 71 Shelter Street. Burial in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Mr. Perkins' death occurred in Strong Memorial Hospital. He was an accomplished pianist and leader of Perkins' Orchestra before he entered the court.

He was a member of the Musicians' Protective Association, Lalla Rookh Grotto, the Rochester Consistory, Ancient Accepted Order Scottish Rite, and a life member of Rochester Lodge, 660, Masons.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. May C. Perkins; a son, J. Carter Perkins; four daughters, Dorothy L. Meryl A., Mildred E., and Kathryn E. Perkins, and a sister, Cora Perkins Klubertanz.

W. L. PERRIN, OIL PIONEER, DIES AGED 91

Native of Conesus, He Aided in Olean and Titusville Booms

William L. Perrin, oldest special agent of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company in Rochester and a pioneer in developing the oil fields of Southern New York State and Pennsylvania, died yesterday at his home, 69 Avondale Park after a brief illness. He was 91 years old.

Mr. Perrin was born in Conesus Jan. 25, 1842, and as a young man went to Titusville, Pa., where he engaged in the oil business, being a pioneer in developing the fields there. Later he did similar work in Olean, N. Y. In 1887 he went to Louisville, Ky., and worked in the installation of natural gas for that city. He had been engaged in the insurance business at Rochester since 1889.

He married Miss Sallie Foote in Louisville in 1873, after her death he married Lillian Drake of Buffalo in 1909.

Mr. Perrin for many years had been a member of the Park Avenue Baptist Church, and was a Mason.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Dr. William Perrin of Rochester; two daughters, Mrs. Thurlow W. Buxton of Brooklyn and Mrs. John R. Booth of Rochester; two nephews, William A. Perrin of Tacoma, Wash., and Charles N. Perrin of Buffalo, and three nieces, Mrs. Mortimore E. Ross of Geneseo, Mrs. Henry F. Burton of Rochester and Mrs. Edward C. Atwater of Batavia. Another son, Arthur F. Perrin, died in 1917.

Funeral services will take place at 2 p. m. tomorrow at the home. Burial will be in South Livonia Cemetery.

George H. Perkins Dies at Home, Smith Perkins Company Official and Former Postmaster of City DoC June 25, 1927

George Hamilton Perkins, vice-president of Smith, Perkins & Company, and one of the city's earlier postmasters, died early yesterday morning at his home, at No. 111 Westminster road, aged 76 years. Mr. Perkins was born in Rochester, the son of William H. Perkins, who at one time was city treasurer.

Mr. Perkins was graduated from the old Rochester Free Academy in 1868, and from the University of Rochester with the class of 1872. He entered the wholesale grocery house of Smith, Perkins & Company in 1875 in a clerical capacity. In 1880 he became a member of the firm.

In 1893 Mr. Perkins was appointed postmaster by President Cleveland to succeed John A. Reynolds. Mr. Perkins was always a warm admirer of President Cleveland. In the campaign of 1884 he was a member of

the Young Men's Democratic Club, which did much work for President Cleveland in that year. In 1888, when the club was merged with the Iroquois into the Senecas, he was again an active supporter. In 1890, when the Flower City Democracy was organized, Mr. Perkins was chosen a member of the organization's first Executive Committee.

He served in that capacity throughout the campaign of 1892 and after retiring from the committee, he continued his interest in the club. Mr. Perkins was for a number of years a trustee of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany and a director of the Merchants Bank.

He leaves two brothers, Gilman N. Perkins and Erickson Perkins, and a sister, Mrs. William Averill.

Funeral services will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Church of the Epiphany.

Biography Praises Rochesterian's Work DoC Nov. 17, 1930

Ernest Petry Leader in
Optometry Field
Rochester Public Library

Love of his profession, loyalty to it and supreme confidence in its future are among the factors that have made Ernest Petry an important figure in optometric advancement.

This quotation is taken from a biography in the Optical Journal and Review, published in New York City and having a nationwide circulation. The article deals with Mr. Petry in his capacity as the newest member of the New York State Optometry Board.

The article relates that Mr. Petry, whose work includes lecturing at the School of Optometry of the University of Rochester, was born in Newark, N. J., Nov. 21 1881, of German parents; that he began to earn his living as a young man in the office of an architect, that he later became a traveling salesman for a jewelry house and in that capacity became interested in optometry; that he gave up a \$5,000 a year job to devote himself to the profession of optometry, that he became dean of the old Rochester School of Optometry at a salary of \$7 a week and that he remained as dean until the school was discontinued about the time the new school of optometry was started as a part of the Institute of Optics of the University.

"For twenty years," says the article, "Mr. Petry has been in the forefront of the fight to bring recognition to optometry and to make it deserving of the place in the sun he believes it should have."

Herman Pfaefflin, Former Editor of Abendpost, Dies

Passes Away at Home
in Niagara Falls;
Ill 3 Weeks

NOTED AS AUTHOR,
POET AND EDITOR

Former Head of Turn-
Verein, Leader in
Civic Affairs

Herman Pfaefflin, former editor of the Daily Abendpost, of this city, died at 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning at his home in La Salle, now a part of Niagara Falls. He was 80 years old and had been ill for three weeks.

The body will be brought to this city to-day and funeral services will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. George M. Saegmuller, of No. 72 Huntington park.

Mr. Pfaefflin was born September 18, 1846, in Wuerttemberg, Germany. He studied philology at the University of Tuebingen. In 1866 he came to New York city, where he became a teacher at the German-American Institute of Theodore Heidenfeldt. He settled in Rochester in 1870 and became assistant to Dr. Rudolph Dulon, principal of the Rochester Realschule. This was a German private school conducted in a four-story brick building on the site of the new Keith Theater in Mortimer street, where many of the men of Rochester who afterward became prominent in the affairs of the city, studied. The curriculum covered public school and high school subjects. Mr. Pfaefflin's wife, who died in 1913, taught German and French at the school, the last owner of which was the late John Meinhard, Mr. Pfaefflin's brother-in-law. After Mr. Dulon's death, Mr. Pfaefflin was chosen as his successor.

Leader in Civic Affairs

For many years Mr. Pfaefflin was editor of the Rochester Abendpost and was recognized as one of the leaders of the German-American citizenry of Rochester. At one time he was presi-



HERMANN PFAEFFLIN

dent of the Rochester Turnverein.

During the first part of the World war, the Post Express published articles in fourteen languages about the war, and Mr. Pfaefflin was editor of those in the German language.

For a period Mr. Pfaefflin taught at Mechanics Institute, and in addition instructed many private pupils in Greek, Latin, English, French and German.

Mr. Pfaefflin became greatly interested in the history of Rochester and wrote a history of the city and its development and of the activities of its citizens of German descent. He also was a poet, "Hailan", a German poem with an Indian legend of the Genesee Valley as its basis, being written by him. A second poem by Mr. Pfaefflin of the same character was finished after he had removed from Rochester to La Salle. According to a promise made by him, the manuscript of this poem will become the property of the library of Yale University.

Left City 4 Years Ago

Herman Pfaefflin was one of the lifelong friends of the late Captain Henry Lomb and the late John J. Bausch, founders of the Bausch & Lomb Optical Company, and at the request of the family was the German speaker at the public funeral of Captain Lomb at Convention Hall in May, 1908.

Mr. Pfaefflin left Rochester about four years ago to make his home in

La Salle with his daughter, Mrs. Rosa Willimek, who is the widow of the late Fedor Willimek, many years cashier of Mechanics Savings Bank. Besides his daughter, he leaves two granddaughters, Mrs. John Roblin, of LaSalle, and Mrs. George M. Saegmuller, of this city.

R. U. - Feb. 17, '28 Birthday Greetings To Rochesterians

The Times-Union congratulates Oscar H. Pieper on his birthday anniversary. Rochester - DoC.

Oscar H. Pieper, vice-president of the Ritter Dental Manufacturing Company, was born



in San Jose, Cal., Feb. 17, 1870. Upon completion of his school career on the west coast he began the successful manufacture of an electrically driven dental engine. The Ritter Dental Manufacturing Company expressed

an interest in the device and Mr. Pieper moved to Rochester. All the electrical apparatus for dentists manufactured by the company to-day are the inventions of Mr. Pieper and his brother. During the last year Mr. Pieper went to Germany and spent considerable time in the continental plant of his company which employs 800 people.

The Pieper home is at 43 Appleton Street. Mr. Pieper is a member of the Oak Hill Country Club, the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and the Rochester Engineering Society.

Mrs. Mona D. Phelan

Her Death Is Distinct Loss to Rochester.

11 A.M. June 26, 1931

A REMARKABLE woman was lost to the city in the death of Mona Doehler Phelan. She was a Joan of Arc to the playground world—a commander unexcelled.

Public playgrounds have supervisors, directors, scene painters and scene shifters, but Rochester in all its history of municipal recreation has known but one director of the courage, vigorous physique and energy of Mona Doehler. It was as Mona Doehler that she served for more than twelve years.

When other supervisors, men as well as women, failed; yes, when policemen despaired just short of resorting to the nightstick, Mona Doehler, could command. She feared neither size nor age. She ruled the rough spots. And her subjects feared and loved her.

With the better part of her years spent in romping with the children of others, her life was sacrificed in presenting the world a child of heart.

Ellis Laurimore Phillips

June 1, 1928

AMONG the boys who left the farm to seek their fortunes in the city, quite some years ago, was Mr. Ellis Laurimore Phillips, the Company's new owner, whose photograph is reproduced on the opposite page. Like many men who have climbed the ladder of success, round by round, until they have reached the pinnacle of prosperity through service to others, Mr. Phillips began his education at a little red school house. It was near Naples, N. Y. There he received his early education, among the beautiful hills and lakes that were to figure in his visionary plans for public service, in years to come.

Later, Mr. Phillips attended the Naples Academy and, in 1895, he was graduated from Cornell University as an electrical and mechanical engineer. Seeking a great variety of technical experience, Mr. Phillips obtained work with the Otis Elevator Company, the Sprague Electric Company, the De Laval Company, the Westinghouse Electric Company and various telephone and railroad companies. At one time he worked on designs for the elevators of the London tubes.

Keenly interested in Western New York and the Genesee Valley, as well as the Finger Lakes region, Mr. Phillips formed his own company, in 1905. This company still is operating and has the staunch support of over 3,000 faithful employees.

Mr. Phillips' recent acquisition of Rochester and other nearby utility properties is in line with his desire to

multiply the advantages of utility service, through coalition, with its economies due to centralized management and interconnection.

At Plandome, Long Island, the Phillips home, Mrs. Phillips and a son and daughter make Mr. Phillips' life a happy one and give him surcease from the great responsibilities which he has ever chosen to bring upon himself, for the common good.

He sometimes plays golf, but does not tout himself especially high in this activity, although he is said to drive the ball with the same virility and uncanny sense of direction with which he analyzes the problems which confront him.

Mr. Phillips also has considerable legal ability; is a member of the Methodist Church and is active in many clubs. Work, however, is his hobby and he is happiest when he has a job capable of trying his mettle.

Mr. Phillips is responsible for holdings estimated at \$300,000,000, yet he is unusually friendly and unassuming in demeanor. His cheerful smile seems to carry with it the force of a charming, likable personality.

We welcome Mr. Phillips. We pledge to him our very best efforts. We feel that he has given us an especially worthy example to follow; one, however, that will tax our capabilities to the utmost. It is safe to assume, however, that every one of his new employees will do his best to assist him in maintaining the excellent record for satisfaction and service which his properties have ever enjoyed.

Old U. Of R. Librarian, Although Ill Now, Will Be Back Soon, He Says

The familiar figure of Herman Kent Phinney, 77-year-old assistant librarian of Sibley Hall Library, University of Rochester, has not been seen mounting the steps of the college library for quite a time and many queries were reported today to have been received by library officials as to the cause of the absence of the old librarian. Truth to tell, the librarian, known to all students of the university for

the past 50 years, is not in the best of health and has been confined to his home during the past few weeks. But will he be back at his old desk in Sibley shortly? "Yes sir. There's a lot of work to be done and I'll be right back on the old job soon," Mr. Phinney answers.

The story of Mr. Phinney's service with the University of Rochester offers one of the most unusual tales of faithfulness that has ever been recorded at the University. Graduated with the class of 1877 with the degree of A. B. Mr. Phinney has from that time on been affiliated with the university.

Upon his graduation in 1877 Mr. Phinney took a position as teacher of natural science and English at the Academic Institute in Le Roy. After a year's service here Mr. Phinney became associated for two years with his brother in the printing business. In 1880 Mr. Phinney was appointed assistant librarian of the University of Rochester, which position he holds today.

Although in the actual employ of the university since 1880 Mr. Phinney dates his association with the university to still earlier times. As a youth he assisted his father, a cabinet maker, in the construction of cases for Professor Ward's Natural Science Museum which has now been taken as a part of the university. During his freshmen year at the university Mr. Phinney also was in the employ of the university, assisting in the mailing and wrapping of the 1873 Alumni catalog during his summer vacation.

When Mr. Phinney was appointed assistant librarian at Sibley Hall the library consisted of 12,000 volumes. Today it has grown to over 100,000 volumes. Upon the graduation of Mr. Phinney from college, the library was still housed in Anderson Hall, the only building on the university campus. Mr. Phinney assisted in 1887 in moving the books from Anderson Hall to the newly-completed Sibley Hall. Now Mr. Phinney is assisting in moving the books from Sibley Hall to the new Oak Hill library.

Commissioner Phillips Hikes For Happiness And Health; Takes Wife

June 14, '30

Hiking.

That's the hobby of U. S. Commissioner Cyrus W. Phillips.

It's a healthful, enjoyable hobby, the commissioner believes, and on his long walks he is always accompanied by Mrs. Cyrus W., who enjoys hiking as much as her husband.

Commissioner Phillips, who finds time to practise law in addition to issuing search and seizure warrants on "blind pigs" and arraigning dry law violators, took to hiking many years ago when a member of the state Legislature. He says he would rather have the use of his two legs than to own the best auto.

"Walking is good for you," he says; "any doctor will tell you that. An auto is a great convenience, but has a tendency to make you lazy—I mean so far as walking is concerned."

So Commissioner Phillips walks and walks and walks. He thinks nothing of walking to Pittsford and back on a bright, brisk Sunday. A walk from his home at 6 Fairview Heights to the lake and back is easy, and a steady hike through the dugway to Webster and back home is just so much play.

Likes To Walk

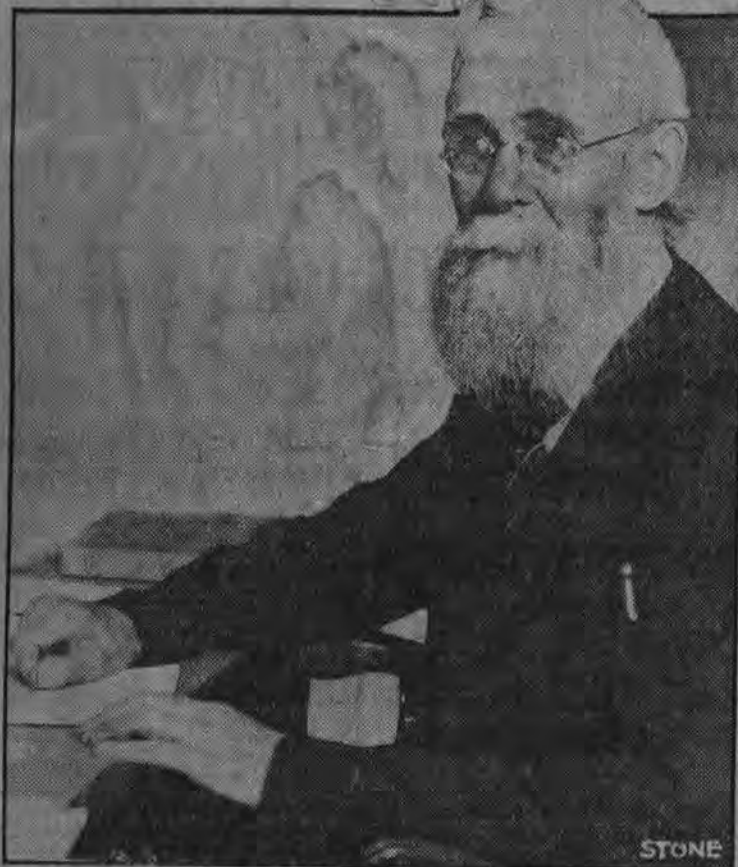


Cyrus W. Phillips

"It's great exercise and gives you a chance to see amusing things you couldn't appreciate if you were riding in an auto," he says.

'Grand Old Man' of U. of R. Library In His Fiftieth Year of Service

RVP Rochester-Biography



Herman K. Phinney at his desk in the University of Rochester library.

Herman K. Phinney Recalls Men and Changes He Has Seen at College Since He First Stamped Catalogs in 1873; Assistant Librarian Since 1880

Fifty years of faithful and continuous service to one institution, is a record that did not seem to weigh heavily on Herman K. Phinney as he sat in his office at the University of Rochester Library yesterday and looked back over all the years he has served the library, and forward to future service.

Mr. Phinney has been assistant librarian since 1880, and next June he will have completed his fiftieth year in that position. He has met and served many of the founders of the University, first professors, beloved teachers now dead, and many men now active in the work of the University.

Under Three Presidents

He has worked under the three presidents, Dr. Martin B. Anderson, Dr. David Jayne Hill, and Dr. Rush Rhees.

More than two thousand alumni and former students remember Mr. Phinney for the kindly help he has

given them. He has seen scores of men grow from bashful freshmen into leading citizens and scholars. A dozen are now professors at the University.

"My first service to the University came in 1873," says Mr. Phinney, "when my brother, Frank D. Phinney, and I addressed, stamped, and mailed copies of the General Catalogue of the University. We worked at the office of the printer, E. R. Andrews, in Aqueduct Street.

"My first contact with the University came even earlier, when our family lived for a time in part of the old United States Hotel building, in West Main Street, then called Buffalo Street, just after the University had moved to its new campus. The Rochester Theological Seminary still held classes there, and I remember being gravely warned not to play down the long halls that were so inviting and mysterious, and disturb the classes

Mr. Phinney entered the University in 1877, and was graduated in 1880. He was a member of the honorary scholastic society. Among his classmates were Adelbert Cronise, Rochester lawyer, Charles E. Darrow, Rochester physician, who died in 1928, and Edmond Lyon, Rochester lawyer noted for his work for the deaf, who died in 1920.

"I first served the library in the Summer of 1877, when, under the direction of Dr. Otis H. Robinson, professor of mathematics and librarian, I helped to move the library and its books from its room in Anderson Hall to the newly completed Sibley Hall, the second fire-proof building in Rochester. There were only 12,000 of them, and they were wheeled over in a hand cart. Sibley Hall had no galleries then, and cases were only arranged around the walls. Now there are ten times that many books in the library of the College of Arts alone, and four times as many in the medical and musical libraries. Galleries have been erected in Sibley Hall, and half of the main floor is given over to stacks. Branch libraries are maintained in each building on the campus. Soon the new library, to hold a million volumes, will be opened on the new campus.

"After teaching for a year, tutoring for the University, studying, and helping my brother with his printing business (I set the type for the General Catalogue of the University for 1879), I came to the library as the first full assistant librarian. The library was open then from 9:30 to 4 o'clock for the use of students, faculty and citizens all the year. Fines were two cents a day, and 'sub-coat-tailing' under the copious clothes of the day was quite an art, though the library lost only an average of ten books a year.

Pioneer Card Catalog

"A card catalog, indexing books in the library, something unusual for the day, was part of the equipment. Dr. Robinson, the librarian, was a pioneer in this, and it is he who made possible the modern catalog by inserting rods through the cards to keep them in order. I did all of the work, except the choice of books, some of which came on approval from local stores, and others were bought in New York by Dr. Anderson, and Dr. Kendrick. The first trained librarian, Lois A. Reed, came as cataloger in 1910. Since then the staff has grown to nearly thirty persons."

Mr. Phinney is at present engaged sorting old papers formerly the property of Dr. Anderson, and in compiling bibliographies of publications of alumni and faculty.

Half Century After His Graduation, H. K. Phinney Continues Work at U. of R.

W. C. June 26-27

His life spanning all but six years of the life of his alma mater, in whose service as either a student or worker he has spent nearly a half century of continuous service. Herman Kent Phinney, assistant librarian of the University of Rochester, this month observes the fiftieth anniversary of his graduation from that institution. Mr. Phinney's son, Smedley K., and his daughter, Mrs. Louise Phinney Woodcock, also are graduates of the University, the former of the class of 1912 and the latter, 1914.

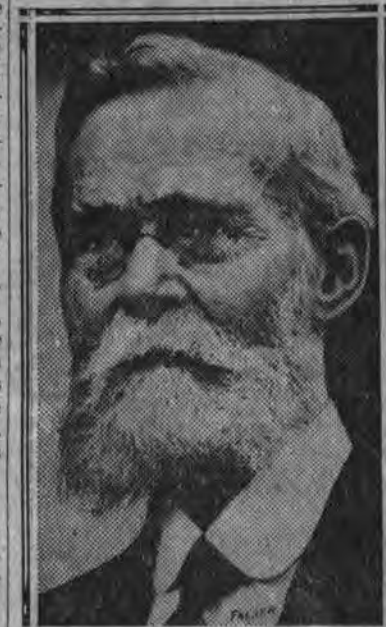
Graduated with the Class of 1877 with the degree A. B., Mr. Phinney, who has been traditional with the library in Sibley Hall for generation after generation of Rochester students as the dusty tomes it houses, became affiliated as assistant librarian in 1880, just after he had taken his master's degree from the college.

Worked on 1873 Catalogue

While he has been continuously on the payroll of the University for forty-seven years, his service as an employee of the college antedates that by several years, Mr. Phinney recalled this week. In 1873, when he was a freshman at the college, and his brother spent the summer vacation in the employ of the University, addressing and wrapping for mailing the 1873 alumni catalogue, prepared by the late Professor William C. Morey as the first alumni catalogue in English, previous ones having been in Latin, following the New England college custom.

Nor was that all of Mr. Phinney's service to the college preceding his official appointment to the post of assistant librarian. When in college as a student, the entire college was housed in Anderson Hall, Sibley Library not being completed until 1877, the year of his graduation. That summer following graduation, Mr. Phinney spent in moving the University library from its quarters in Anderson Hall to Sibley Hall. The work of moving was under general direction of Professor Otis Hall Robinson, until then acting librarian besides his teaching duties. Isaac deMallie, janitor of the University, wheeled the two-wheeled cart in which the 12,000 volumes then owned by the college were moved. To-day, Mr. Phinney added, the library of the University houses more than 100,000 volumes.

The fall following graduation, Mr. Phinney took a position as teacher of natural science and English at the Academic Institute of LeRoy. After a year's service there, he returned to Rochester to become associated with his brother in the printing business, continuing for two years, until 1880; when he received appointment as assistant librarian of the University, a position he holds to-day.



HERMAN KENT PHINNEY

Helped Make Cabinets

Seventy-one years old this next month, Mr. Phinney says virtually all his life has been associated with the University of Rochester. His father, a cabinet maker, made many of the cases which Professor Ward used for his Natural Science Museum collection, which later became the property of the University. Some of the work on these cabinets was done by Mr. Phinney as a youth, which was spent in the general vicinity of Anderson Hall, then the college. It was always understood, from his earliest memory, the librarian recalls, that he would become a student at the college.

The Class of 1877, with which he graduated, contained thirty-five members, thirty-three of whom had taken the entire course. Two others who received their degrees had prepared elsewhere, meeting the requirements for a degree at the U. of R. Mr. Phinney recalls but little of those two, never having known one of them at all. Of the remaining thirty-three who constituted the regular class, seventeen are still living, five of whom, including Mr. Phinney, are Rochesterians.

The Rochester members besides Mr. Phinney, are: Dr. E. V. Angell, Dr. Charles G. Darrow, Adelbert Cronise, and George H. Hollister, now a trustee of the University.

The class, which was the largest to graduate by the university in its then twenty-seven years existence, conducted its commencement exercises in old Corinthian Hall. The academic process-

tion, as usual, Mr. Phinney recalled, formed at the old Second Baptist Church in North street, whence it proceeded, led by a Scotch military band along the sidewalk of Main street to Reynolds' Arcade and the hall.

Dr. Martin Brewer Anderson, first president of the University, led the procession, the only person in the line to wear cap and gown. Rather than a commencement speaker, the seniors delivered original orations in English, the New England custom of having Latin and Greek orations, a salutatory and valedictory having recently been abandoned here. While honorary degrees conferred were announced, the recipients did not appear to receive insignia. Mr. Phinney, who took his A. B. degree at this commencement, also was a Phi Beta Kappa man, one of fourteen in the class so honored for scholarship records.

The difference most apparent to Mr. Phinney in the college of to-day from the routine of his own undergraduate day lies in the organized athletic program now a feature of college life. Athletics, at least in organized form for colleges, were almost undreamed of at that time, and there was no gymnasium in which the men could "take a turn," if they were so inclined.

Classes, because they were comparatively few relative to the large curriculum offered to-day, were conducted only in the morning, the student being left to his own devices in the afternoon and evening. College opened in the morning with chapel, after which there were three recitations of one hour each with five minutes intermission between. The library, presided over by Professor Robinson and a student assistant, was open one-half hour before chapel and one-half hour after the third recitation. On Saturday, when there was only one hour recitation, the library remained open until noon.

Students Were Lamplighters
While he cannot remember students earning part of their expense via the ice wagon as early as his undergraduate day, lighting of the Rochester city lamps were equally as popular, and probably as relatively remunerative. In the spring months this task of lighting and extinguishing the lights, which were oil-burners generally in the residential sections, was something of a chore, necessitating arising at dawn many hours before classes. In the winter, when dawn didn't precede the opening of college by so much time, the task was comparatively easy.

The college year in that day was divided into three terms, the student each term taking three five-hour courses and one one-hour course. Forty-eight courses were required for graduation, and while some electives were offered, there weren't any more than a half hundred different courses in all. A faculty of seven teachers, including the president, Martin Anderson, gave all the instruction.

With the college day ending at noon, the entire organization of student life was different than to-day, and it was not until the reign of Dr. David Jayne Hill as president that the modern college began to emerge. Dr. Hill, Mr. Phinney remembers, began introducing many

new courses, some of them running into afternoon sessions. In Mr. Phinney's undergraduate days, the first organized club of the college was organized by William S. Stickney, '75, of Washington, D. C., and was distinguished from the clubs of to-day by the fact that it attempted "no opera, or even classical music," confining its efforts to rollicking student songs, which were more or less spontaneously generated every time a fair share of the club got together. "Said the Monkey to the Owl," and a special song about all of the faculty members were two of the most popular and typical of the favorites. They had also a more individual and personal tone, even the janitor figuring by name in one verse.

Free from Rheumatism

Having served under all presidents of the University from Dr. Anderson to Dr. Rhees, Mr. Phinney has been an eyewitness of the tremendous growth of his alma mater. Full of reminiscences, which on certain occasions he is not loath to recount, the traditional Sibley Hall figure has long served as a veritable walking encyclopedia of University knowledge for student editors of college publications. At least once each year, under each new editor of "The Campus," Mr. Phinney figures in a reminiscent interview.

Commenting on his long standing reputation as a source of "copy" for the student editors, Mr. Phinney affirmed that the two weaknesses of old age are rheumatism and reminiscences, adding that he has never been troubled by the former.

Col. Pierce Ninety-one

Today
No exercises—just a little family party and congratulations!

If Col. Samuel C. Pierce's ninety-first birthday party tonight is what he wants it to be, there won't be any trimmings. All this veteran of Civil War battles and past department commander asks is "a little family party" at his home, No. 49 Greig Street.

A guest of honor will be a youngster four score years behind Colonel Pierce, when it comes to birthday celebrations. He is Luther M. Dey, son of the former meteorologist of Rochester, who observed his eleventh birthday yesterday.

One of the three oldest living graduates of the University of Rochester is Colonel Pierce, who received his diploma in 1860. A bronze tablet memorializes the scene of his studies at the old building in Main Street West, once the United States Hotel.

Colonel Pierce was principal of Whitney School No. 17 as a young man and afterwards was head of Genesee School No. 4. He is a member of New York Commandery,

Peppy at 91
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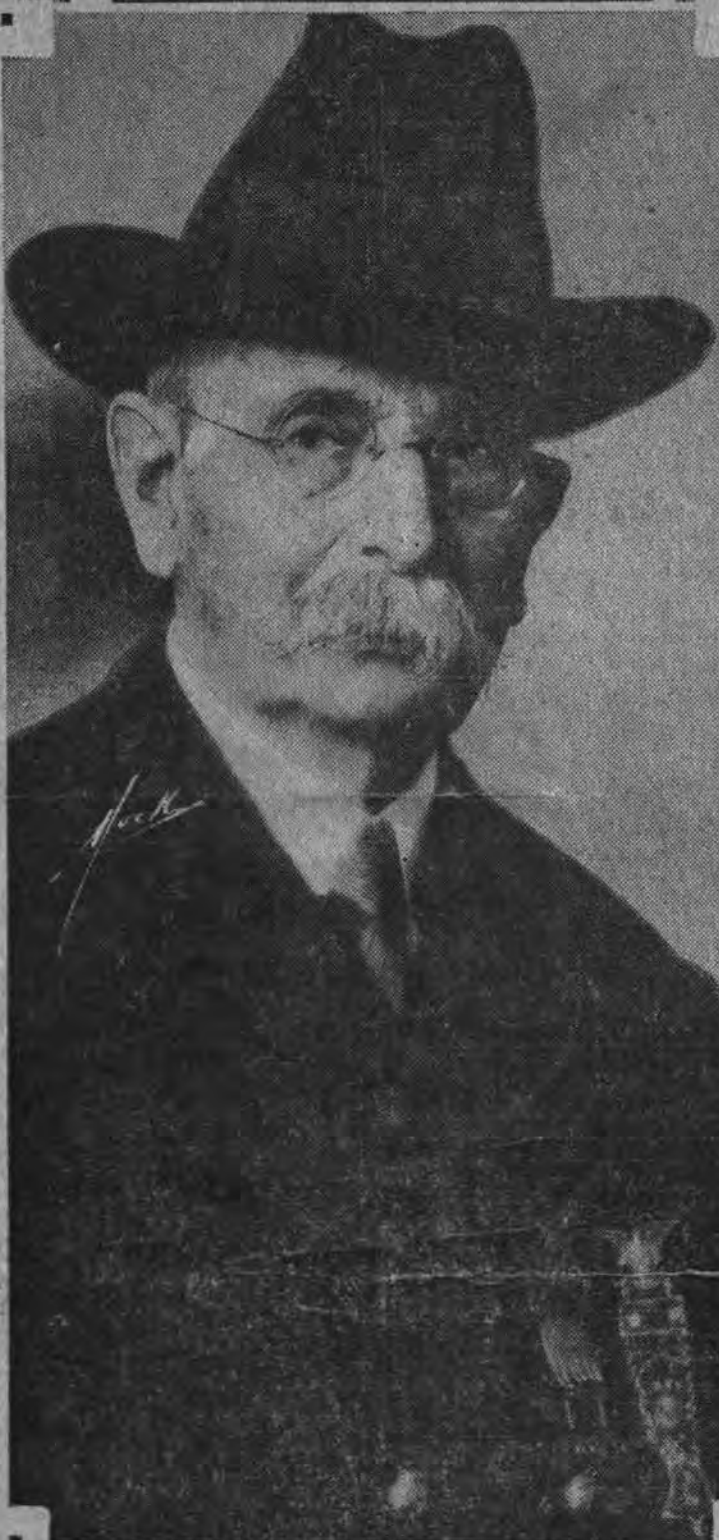


COL. SAMUEL C. PIERCE
This G. A. R. leader, city Civil Service commissioner and former school principal, today was celebrating his ninety-first birthday.

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Noted Soldier Marches On

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COL. SAMUEL C. PIERCE
One of the two oldest alumni of the University of Rochester and an ex-soldier, prominent in veteran circles here, Colonel Pierce is dead at his home today. He was ninety-one.

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