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MOTHER LEFT HALF ESTATE TO DE VALERA

T. U. 7. 29. 32
President of Irish Free State Shares Property Equally with Brother—Valued Not Estimated—Document Probated

Eamon de Valera, president of the Irish Free State, and Thomas J. Wheelwright, will share equally in the estate left by their mother, Mrs. Catherine T. Wheelwright.

Mrs. Wheelwright, who lived at 18 Brighton Street, died June 12. Her will, disposing of real estate of undetermined value and personal property estimated at \$500, was admitted to probate today in Monroe County Surrogate's Court.

After directing that all "just debts and funeral expenses be paid," the will, dated Feb. 21, 1928, reads:

"All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate I give unto Eamon de Valera, and Thomas J. Wheelwright, my beloved sons, to be divided equally between them. If my son Eamon de Valera predecease me, his share is to be divided equally among his children."

Probably unique in the annals of court history here is the fact that the president of a sister republic's name is affixed to a document filed in Surrogate's Court. De Valera's signature is written on a waiver consenting to probate of the will. It was mailed to the Irish president and signed by him July 4. Bearing the seal of the American consulate general at Dublin, Ireland, it was returned here.

Mr. Wheelwright's home is at West End, Bergen County, New Jersey. James E. Cuff is attorney for the estate, the exact value of which will be determined in a transfer tax appraisal.

Irish Government Represented At Rites for De Valera's Mother



Catherine Wheelwright's Other Son Chants Mass At Simple Services

The final chapter in the life of a quiet Catholic mother, who gave one son to the world of politics and one to the church, was enacted yesterday morning in funeral services for Mrs. Catherine T. Wheelwright, mother of President Eamon de Valera of the Irish Free State and of the Rev. Thomas J. Wheelwright, C. S.S.R.

Services at Blessed Sacrament Church in Oxford Street were characterized by unusual simplicity, despite the presence of dignitaries of church and state. No eulogies were spoken, no eulogies were needed. In the requiem music of the Mass there was only benediction.

Simplicity that marked her life characterized funeral services for Mrs. Catherine Wheelwright, mother of President Eamon de Valera of the Irish Free State. Upper picture shows the simple casket as it was carried from Blessed Sacrament Church Below, Michael MacWhite, envoy to the United States from the Irish Free State, who attended the funeral as the official representative of President de Valera

Father Wheelwright celebrated the Mass, assisted by the Rev. Thomas F. Connors, pastor of the church in which Mrs. Wheelwright worshiped for more than 30 years. The Rev. Patrick Leonard, C.S.S.R. of North East, Pa., was sub-deacon.

Irish Government Represented

Michael MacWhite of Washington, D. C., minister plenipotentiary of the Irish Free State, represented his government at the services. Mrs. Michael O'Connor of New York City was present as representative of the Fianna Fail, the party which Mr. de Valera heads. Chicago Irish organizations were represented by Dennis Maloy.

Several clerical friends of Father Wheelwright were present. Among those who attended were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter Quealy of Rockville Center, Long Island; the Rev. Francis Kelly, C. S.S.R. of North East, Pa.; the Rev. Charles V. Bruton of St. Margaret Mary's Church, who represented Bishop John Francis O'Hern, the Rev. Charles Gallagher, the Rev. John Crotty, the Rev. Alphonse Funk, the Rev. Joseph Rodig, and the Rev. William J. Ayers.

Bearers were Leo A. MacSweeney, welfare commissioner, and Michael Ryan, personal friends of Eamon de Valera; John Sullivan, Howard Johnson, Harry E. Miller, and John Curtin.

Burial was made in Holy Sepulcher Cemetery. The last blessing was given by Father Wheelwright, assisted by Father Connors and the Rev. John Hogan, chaplain of St. Ann's Home.

IRISH LEADER'S MOTHER DIES AT HOME HERE

R. T. U. June 13, 1932
Catherine Wheelwright,
Last Visited by De Valera in 1929, Will Be Buried Wednesday

Death had closed the career today of Mrs. Catherine T. Wheelwright, 74, mother of Eamon de Valera, president of the Irish Free State.

The end came quietly yesterday morning in the modest home she had occupied at 18 Brighton Street

for the past 37 years. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 9 a. m. at the home and at 9:30 at Blessed Sacrament Church. Burial will be in Holy Sepulcher Cemetery.

Life of Quiet

In contrast to the stormy career of her son, Mrs. Wheelwright's life was one of quiet and seclusion. On the occasion of her son's visits to Rochester she came unwillingly into the limelight.

Mrs. Wheelwright was born in Bruree, County Limerick, Ireland in 1858 and came to this country in 1876. As Catherine Coll, she became the bride in 1880 of Vivian de Valera, Spanish sculptor and musician. Their only son, Eamon, was born Oct. 14, 1882. Her husband died in 1883 and she sent her young son to Ireland to be reared and educated.

In 1887 she was married in New York to Charles E. Wheelwright. Eight years later they moved to Rochester. Two children were born of this second marriage, Annie, who died in 1897, and the Rev. Thomas J. Wheelwright of West End, N. J. Mr. Wheelwright died here in 1927.

Father Wheelwright came to Rochester last week to administer the last rites of the church to his mother.

Visited Here 1929

President de Valera was informed by cable yesterday of his mother's death. His last visit with her was in 1929, when he arrived for the Christmas holidays. He had been here in 1927.

Bishop John Francis O'Hern, Rochester Catholic Diocese, speaking at the first solemn high mass of his nephew, the Rev. Philip O'Hern, at St. Patrick's Cathedral yesterday, instructed the pastor, the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Charles F. Shay, to convey his sympathy to Mr. De Valera.

Monsignor Shay is heading Rochester's delegation to the Eucharistic Congress in Dublin.



Mrs. C. T. Wheelwright

Mother of De Valera Gladdened at News of Son's Proposed Visit

11-5-18-32

News that her statesman son may cross the Atlantic in July and perhaps pay her a flying visit today gladdened Mrs. Catherine T. Wheelwright, mother of Eamon de Valera, president of the Irish Free State. "I thank you very much," she responded when The Times-Union called at her home, 18 Brighton Street, to read her an Associated Press dispatch from Dublin announcing De Valera's intention of attending the Imperial Economic Conference in Ottawa unless pressure of government business interferes.

Mrs. Wheelwright, ill for some months, expressed doubt that her health would be sufficiently recovered to permit her to go to Ottawa. She was convalescent enough, however, to come to the telephone herself today.

As to the likelihood of her son making the short trip from Ottawa to Rochester to visit her, Mrs. Wheelwright declined to commit herself.

May See Son



Mrs. Catherine T. Wheelwright

LAST SERVICES CONDUCTED FOR MRS. WHITBECK

*Rochester Public Library
Dec 28 1932*

Was Widow of Former Owner of Laundry— Native of Oswego

Funeral services for Mrs. Jean McNair Whitbeck, who died Sunday in her apartment at the Sagamore, aged 81 years, were conducted yesterday afternoon at Mount Hope Chapel, the Rev. George E. Norton, D. D., rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, officiating. Burial was in the family lot at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Mrs. Whitbeck was the widow of J. DuFray Whitbeck, former owner of the Star Palace Laundry, and the mother of Ernest C. and Arthur S. Whitbeck, Rochester lawyer and civil engineer, respectively.

She was born in Oswego, the daughter of John J. McNair, civil engineer who supervised the construction of the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg Railroad, and had made her residence in Rochester since 1888. Her husband died eight years ago and since that time she has been in ill health. Death came after a serious illness of three months.

Bearers included five grandsons, John M., Ernest C. Jr., and Philip F. Whitbeck of Rochester, Donald M. and Gordon E. Whitbeck of Buffalo, and Merton Lewis.

Besides her two sons in Rochester Mrs. Whitbeck leaves a third son, William T. of Buffalo, her grandsons and two great-grandchildren.

DEATH CLAIMS WHITMAN, KIN IN HOME HERE

*Rochester Public Library
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Last Rites Today for Grandniece of Man Who Saved Oregon

Rochester - Biographical - Women

One of Rochester's links with Marcus Whitman, famous missionary to Oregon credited by many with having saved the Northwest for the United States, was severed Monday night in the death of Mrs. Antoinette Crittenden Myers, grandniece of Whitman.

Mrs. Myers, who had been ill for several months, lived in Rochester more than 50 years. Her funeral will be conducted at the residence, 15 Selye Terrace, at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Mrs. Myers was the daughter of William T. Crittenden, a Canadian merchant about a half-century ago, whose mother was a daughter of Augustus Whitman, brother of Marcus. In her childhood tales of the feats of her granduncle and the hardships he experienced in breaking trails in the Northwest were common fire-side stories to her.

Shortly after her marriage Mrs. Myers came to Rochester, where she has resided ever since. For years she displayed a keen interest in the life and experience of Marcus Whitman and was well versed in the details of his history.

She is survived by a sister, Miss Harriett Crittenden; two daughters, the Misses Eunice L. and Antoinette C. Myers; two sons, George and Frederick R.; six grandchildren and a great-grandchild, all of Rochester.

BLANCA WILL'S BRONZES SOUGHT

Rochester - Biographical - Women

Sculptor Invited to Show

Them at Art Alliance

Dec 21-22

Miss Blanca Will of Rochester, sculptor and painter, and teacher of the children's classes in sculpture at the Memorial Art Gallery, has been invited by R. Tait McKenzie, the American sculptor to send the two bronzes which she now has on view at the annual exhibition of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia to the coming exhibition of the Philadelphia Art Alliance. The new headquarters of the Art Alliance in South Eighteenth street are to be opened with an important commemorative exhibition of sculpture and the work of the American Institute of Architecture in April. The invitation to Miss Will is an important tribute, coming in terms of discriminating praise from one of America's foremost sculptors, the teacher of sculpture at the University of Pennsylvania.

"Peacock," with a pompous holding of his head and fling of his tail, is Miss Will's rendering of the "blatant male." Her conception of the self-effacing mother-gesture is given the form of a monkey-mother and young.

Miss Will, who has recently returned to Rochester after a number of years in Europe and the large American art-centers, studied under Herbert Adams, one of America's best known monumental sculptors, who made the bronze doors for the Library of Congress, under James Fraser, George Gray Barnard, Sonia Rosenthal, Dwight Tryon, and John Alexander. She was a pupil of Tyron in Karlsruhe, and Tuh-rig in Dresden.

Her work with the children in the sculpture classes at the Memorial Art Gallery is entirely from the life, with the aim of freedom of self-expression and creative feeling toward form always uppermost. The children of the members of the gallery and groups of specially selected children from the Junior High and Senior High Schools are doing interesting work under her guidance.

MRS. WILTSIE DIES, ACTIVE IN WIDE FIELD

*Rochester Public Library
64 Court St.*

Native of Rochester, Granddaughter of Famous Citizens

Mrs. Harriet Hart Wiltsie, wife of Charles H. Wiltsie, died suddenly yesterday morning at the family home, 123 Plymouth Avenue South. Death was attributed to heart failure.

Leader in many social and philanthropic activities, Mrs. Wiltsie long had been identified with the city's life. For many years she served on the board of managers of the Friendly Home and was active in support of the Rochester General Hospital. Since childhood she had been a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Wiltsie was a member of a pioneer Monroe County family. Born in Rochester, the daughter of Charles E. and Mary Elizabeth Potter Hart, Mrs. Wiltsie came to live in the Plymouth Avenue home with her parents in 1866. Her grandfather, Romanta Hart, was a prominent merchant and real estate owner in the city. On her mother's side she was a granddaughter of Henry S. Potter, first president of the Western Union Telegraph Company and later one of the organizers and owners of the Flower City National Bank and the Traders National Bank.

Surviving Mrs. Wiltsie is her husband, Charles H. Wiltsie, chairman of the Rochester Public Library board and president of the Rochester Historical Society; one daughter, Mrs. Harold Lovasso Field, and two grandsons, Charles Wiltsie Field and Harold Potter Field.

Funeral services will be at the Plymouth Avenue residence tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

MRS. WILLIAMS
R.V.F. Rochester - Biography
DIES, AGED 87
TU - Jan 23 1933

Mrs. Arabelle Sanford Williams, 87, widow of the late Oscar F. Williams, died today at her home, 280 Wellington Avenue.

Her husband served as consul general to the Philippine Islands in the Spanish American War and was of material aid to Admiral Dewey. He was also instrumental in securing for Highland Park the cannon that has had a prominent place there for many years.

Mrs. Williams is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Louis F. Garrard of Columbus, Ga.; Mrs. Edgar F. Lewis of Rochester, Mrs. Valentine H. Seaman of Brooklyn; two sons, John M. of Livonia, Walter L. of Rochester; a brother, Charles S. Sanford of Greigsville; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday at 2:30 p. m. at the home. Burial will be private.

Mrs. Lillie Woelfkin
Rochester - Biography
Dies in New York City
TU - Dec 12 1932

The death of Mrs. Lillie D. Woelfkin, widow of the Rev. Cornelius Woelfkin, D. D., formerly of Rochester, which occurred Thursday in New York, was reported in yesterday's news dispatches.

Doctor Woelfkin for some time was a professor at the Rochester Theological Seminary, now Colgate-Rochester Divinity School.

Funeral services for Mrs. Woelfkin will be conducted Monday afternoon in the Riverside Baptist Church, successor to the Park Avenue Baptist Church, of which the Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick is minister. Doctor Woelfkin was minister of the church for several years before its removal to its present site.

At her marriage in 1882 Mrs. Woelfkin was Miss Lillie S. Distler of Brooklyn. Her husband, then 23 years old, was earning his living as a sign painter. He was a New York boy, born of German parents in 46th Street, near Eighth Avenue, in the same cross street as the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, where he later succeeded the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Acker as minister. Four years after their marriage Doctor Woelfkin was ordained to the Baptist ministry.

MRS. WILTSIE
Rochester - Biography
DIES SUDDENLY
TU - Nov 6 - 33

AT HER HOME
Leader in Many Social and Philanthropic Activities — Granddaughter of Noted Citizens

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Mrs. Wiltsie was a member of a pioneer Monroe County family. Born in Rochester, the daughter of Charles E. and Mary Elizabeth Potter Hart, Mrs. Wiltsie came to live in the Plymouth Avenue home with her parents in 1866. Her grandfather, Romanta Hart, was a prominent merchant and real estate owner in the city. On her mother's side she was a granddaughter of Henry S. Potter, first president of the Western Union Telegraph Company and later one of the organizers and owners of the Flower City National Bank and the Traders National Bank.

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Proletarian Scores

DEATH CLAIMS
Rochester - Biography - Women
MRS. JENNIE S. WOLFF, AGED 60
Dec. - Dec 5, 1932
Widow of Martin Wolff Directing Head of Lyceum 12 Years

Mrs. Jennie Stein Wolff, widow of Martin E. Wolff, former owner of the Lyceum Theater, died yesterday afternoon at her home, 25 Portsmouth Terrace, after an illness of several months.

Since the death of her husband 12 years ago Mrs. Wolff had been the directing head of the Lyceum. She was born in Rochester 60 years ago, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Stein.

Her son, Dr. Nathan S. Wolff, and her daughter, Mrs. Donna Margaret Riccio, both of Paris, have been in Rochester since she was stricken with her last illness. She also leaves a brother, Simon N. Stein, president of the Stein-Block Company, and three sisters, Mrs. Molly Garson and Mrs. Samuel Weill, both of Rochester, and Mrs. L. E. Kirstein of Boston.

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

Mother Seeks Post on School Board
R. J. Wood Wynd Sept 1, 1931
Rochester Public Library 54 Court St.



ALICE E. K. WOOD WYND
THE ROCHESTER JOURNAL HEREWITH PRESENTS THE TWENTY-FIFTH OF A SERIES OF "THUMBNAIL" SKETCHES OF THE BACKGROUND OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE IN THE COMING PRIMARY. ALICE WOOD WYND, CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WITH THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE LINCOLN CLUB AND DEMOCRATS, IS THE SUBJECT.

For member of the Board of Education.
Alice E. K. Wood Wynd, designee of Democrats and Lincoln Republicans.
Born—Rochester.
Schools—No. 23 and East High of Rochester and Wellesley College.
Married—To Clarence Wynd, July 8, 1929.
Family—One son.
Religion—Presbyterian.
Home—No. 150 Pinnacle Road.
Clubs—Women's City, League of Women Voters, League of Nations Association and Foreign Policy Association.

USEFUL LIFE OF VIRGINIA YATES ENDED

Widow of Former Rail President Dies at Old 3d Ward Home

Mrs. Virginia Louise Holden Yates, widow of the late Arthur G. Yates, died suddenly yesterday at her home at 130 South Fitzhugh Street.

Mrs. Yates was born in Lansing, Tompkins County, the daughter of Roswell and Mary Ann Heggie Holden. She married Arthur G. Yates Dec. 26, 1866, and they decided to settle in Rochester, and were among the early settlers in the fashionable Third Ward. The family has occupied the homestead in South Fitzhugh Street for the last 58 years.

Mr. Yates' business career was highly successful. He established the Yates Coal Company and afterward was president of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway. He died Feb. 9, 1909, in New York City.

They had four children. The only daughter, Mrs. Florence Yates Ward, died about a year ago. Three surviving sons are Frederick W. and Russell P. Yates of this city and Harry Yates of Buffalo. Mrs. Yates also leaves 17 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Noted for Benefactions

A leader in her set, Mrs. Yates also contributed freely to many institutions. Among those to benefit by her philanthropy in Rochester were the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School; University of Rochester and St. Paul's and St. Thomas Episcopal Churches. She was a member of St. Paul's Church for many years. Hobart College of Geneva also benefited by her gifts.

She was a member of the Country Club of Rochester and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Funeral Tomorrow

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home with the Rev. George E. Norton, rector of St. Paul's Church, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Murray Bartlett, president of Hobart College, officiating.

The bearers, all grandchildren, will be Walter A., Richard C., Harry D., Robert L., Frederick L. and Arthur Yates. Burial will be made in Mount Hope Cemetery.

RITES PLANNED FOR MRS. YATES

Rochester Public Library 54 Court St.

The Rev. Dr. Murray Bartlett, president of Hobart College will assist at funeral services tomorrow for Mrs. Virginia Louise Holden Yates, early settler of the Third Ward and philanthropist.

Mrs. Yates died suddenly yesterday at her home, No. 130 South Fitzhugh Street, the homestead her family had occupied for fifty-eight years.

She was born in Lansing, Tompkins County, the daughter of Roswell and Mary Ann Heggie Holden. She married Arthur G. Yates, December 26, 1866 and they came to Rochester to live, making their home in the Third Ward. Mr. Yates established the Yates Coal Company. Later he was president of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway. He died February 9, 1909.

Among institutions which benefitted by Mrs. Yates' philanthropies were Hobart College, Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, University of Rochester and St. Paul's and St. Thomas Episcopal Churches. She was a member of the Country Club of Rochester and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Yates leaves three sons, Frederick W. and Russell P. Yates of this city, and Harry Yates of Buffalo. She also leaves seventeen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

The Rev. Dr. George E. Norton, rector of St. Paul's Church, will officiate at services at 3 p. m. at her home, assisted by Doctor Bartlett. Bearers will be six grandchildren, Walter A., Richard C., Harry D., Robert L., Frederick L. and Arthur Yates. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery.

VIRGINIA YATES FUNERAL WILL BE TOMORROW

Rev. G. E. Norton Will Officiate at Services, Assisted by President of Hobart College

TO 4/14/32

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The Rev. George E. Norton, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, will officiate, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Murray Bartlett, president of Hobart College.

Native of Lansing

Mrs. Yates died unexpectedly at her home, yesterday. She was a native of Lansing, Tompkins County, a daughter of Roswell and Mary Ann Heggie Holden. She was married to Arthur G. Yates, Dec. 26, 1866, and they came to Rochester to reside, being among the early settlers of the Third Ward.

The family has occupied the South Fitzhugh Street home 58 years. Mr. Yates, who established the Yates Coal Company and afterward became president of the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Railway died in New York City Feb. 9, 1909. Of their four children, three survive, Frederick W. and Russell P. Yates of Rochester and Harry Yates of Buffalo. An only daughter, Mrs. Florence Yates Ward, died about a year ago. Mrs. Yates is survived by 17 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Gave to Institutions

Mrs. Yates was a contributor to various Rochester institutions, including Colgate-Rochester Divinity school, University of Rochester and St. Paul's and St. Thomas' Episcopal churches, as well as Hobart College in Geneva. She was a member of St. Paul's Church many years, and also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Six grandchildren will serve as bearers at the funeral tomorrow afternoon, Walter A., Richard C., Harry D., Robert L., Frederick L. and Arthur Yates. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Mrs. Anah Babcock Yates

The death of Mrs. Anah Babcock Yates, wife of Frederick W. Yates of this city, removes from numerous activities a woman of remarkable talent and high ideals. Her interests were manifold and her devotion to the causes that have made America great brought her into contact with many of the nation's outstanding historians, genealogists and scholars. In her turn, she became recognized as an authority on American history and genealogy.

As one of the founders of the Rochester Historical Society, Mrs. Yates performed a service that is certain to be of increasing value as decades pass and the materials from which the life of the early city can be reconstructed disappear under the hammering of time. As state genealogist of the New York Genealogical Society, she did invaluable work in the preservation of those fragments of family history which count for more than gold to those who seek to clear up the records of early America. But Mrs. Yates by no means lived in the past. Her interest in the welfare of others less fortunate than herself was keen and practical. She was a member of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union and active in its welfare work. She made a notable record during the World War as organizer of welfare activities. She was instrumental in the acquisition of the former State Industrial School site by the city and its conversion into a park and community center, now known as Edgerton Park. As with others of Rochester's outstanding women, she performed many kindly acts of which there is no record save in the memory of those who benefitted by her assistance in a time of need.

Mrs. Yates gave generously of her time and talents to every good work which she undertook. The memory of her life will endure long, not only in her home city, but in many distant places where her efforts were known and keenly appreciated.

Society Woman Dies



for many years. Also a member of the New York Genealogical Society, she served as state genealogist for the society for a number of years, and was one of the founders of the Rochester Historical Society.

Born at Millport, the daughter of the Rev. DeGrand and Harriet Babcock, Mrs. Yates came to Rochester with her parents when she was a child. She married Mr. Yates in 1890.

Established First Canteen

During the World War Mrs. Yates established the first truck canteen to minister to the comfort of soldiers and was active in organizing war mothers for war work. She also played a large part in having Edgerton Park made a city park.

Other organizations of which Mrs. Yates was a member were the New England Genealogical Society of Boston; Rochester Branch of the French Alliance; Society of Colonial Dames, Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Holland Dame Society of New York, Daughters of 1812 National Society, Women's National Press Association, Women's Educational and Industrial Union and the Fourth Twig. She was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

**Mrs. Frederick W. Yates,
Prominent Club Woman, Dies**



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MRS. FREDERICK W. YATES

**Widely Known for Her Work in Genealogical
And Patriotic Societies; For Many
Years Was Active in D. A. R.**

Mrs. Anah Babcock Yates, prominent society and club woman, died yesterday at her home, 1040 East Avenue, after an extended illness. She was the wife of Frederick W. Yates.

Mrs. Yates was born at Millport, the daughter of the Rev. DeGrand and Harriett Babcock, descendants of pioneer stock, and came to Rochester with her parents when she was a child. She was educated in Rochester schools. In 1890 she married Mr. Yates.

Besides her husband she leaves three sons, Arthur (Ducky) Yates, well-known amateur golf player, and John H. Yates, both of Rochester, and Frederick L. Yates, of Sheridan, Wyo., and three grandchildren.

Funeral to Be Tomorrow

Funeral services will be conducted at the home tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Mrs. Yates was best known for her work in patriotic and genealog-

ical societies and as a collector of antiques, on which she was a recognized authority. She also was active in many charitable and philanthropic enterprises.

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and active in its affairs for many years. She also was a mem-

ber of the New York Genealogical Society and served as state genealogist for that organization for a number of years. She was one of the founders of the Rochester Historical Society, in which she took an active interest.

Active in Societies

Other organizations, all more or less connected with her patriotic and genealogical work, with which she was affiliated were the New England Genealogical Society of Boston, the Rochester Branch of the French Alliance of the United States and Canada, the Society of Colonial Dames, the Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Holland Dame Society of New York, Daughters of 1812 National Society, Women's National Press Association, Women's Educational and Industrial Union and the Fourth Twig. She attended St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Yates was largely instrumental in having Edgerton Park acquired and made a city park and community center. During the World War she established the first truck canteen to minister to the comfort of the soldiers. Also during that struggle she was active in organizing war mothers for war work and contributed much toward other war activities among women.

Rochester Babcock Yates
54 Court St.

**FUNERAL RITES
TOMORROW FOR
MRS. F. W. YATES**

Death Claims Society and Club Woman—Was Active in Charitable and Other Enterprises

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Mrs. Yates leaves her husband, Frederick W. Yates; three sons, Arthur Yates and John H. Yates, both of Rochester, and Frederick L. Yates of Sheridan, Wyo., and three grandsons.

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Active D. A. R. Worker

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and one of its most active workers

Bellamy Sisters, Rochester Dancers Who Found Fame on Broadway, Back Home Once More To Spend Their Vacation with Parents

Ida Got Start in Show Business by Winning Journal Contest

Two girls whose twinkling toes took them from Rochester to Broadway are home again to spend a vacation with their parents.

They are Ida and Leta Bellamy, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Robert

Journal AUG 28 1934

Leta Follows in Sister's Footsteps; Both Girls Plan Return to Art

hundreds of girls who entered the contest. Her sister, Leta, followed in her footsteps. Both girls have appeared in a number of musical comedies and Broadway revue. Ida expects to leave for Hollywood for work in a screen musical this



IDA AND LETA BELLAMY

Bellamy, No. 30 Beaufort Street. Both are planing to leave soon to resume their dancing careers.

Ida got her start in "show business" by winning the Chatterbox Dance Contest sponsored by the

Rochester Journal-American in 1927. Ned Wayburn, famous dancing teacher, chose her from

Fall. Her sister intends to go back to the glittering lights of Broadway.

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Mrs. Barbara Blatau

Mrs. Blatau Rites Set for Tomorrow

Funeral services for Mrs. Barbara Blatau, 79, widow of the late Carl Blatau, who died in 1934, will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Bender parlors, 301 Alexander Street.

Mrs. Blatau died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Agnes Kalofski, 284 Rosewood Terrace, Sunday.

Mrs. Blatau was born in Germany Jan. 2, 1854, came to Rochester in 1872 and with her husband opened the first cracker factory and model steam bakery on Pinnacle Avenue and conducted the business there for 42 years.

She is survived by two sons, Carl and Emil; two daughters, Mrs. Kalofski and Mrs. Sophis Couch, and seven grandchildren.

She was a life member of Germania Chapter, O. E. S.

MRS. F. G. BEACH, DESCENDANT OF PIONEERS, DIES

Wife of First Head of D & C Advertising Department

Mrs. Frederick G. Beach, a descendant of three Revolutionary ancestors and a member of several Rochester women's organizations, died yesterday at her home, 46 Nunda Boulevard. She was 77.

Surviving are her husband, a son, George K. Beach; three daughters, Mrs. George Leader, Mrs. Leon D. Lewis and Miss Ruth K. Beach, all of this city; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Beach was the first advertising manager of The Democrat and Chronicle and recently marked his 50th anniversary with the newspaper.

Mrs. Beach was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the National Society of New England Women and the Daughters of 1812. She was a communicant of St. Mathews Episcopal Church.

Private funeral services will be Tuesday in Albion. Burial will be in Mount Albion Cemetery.

Along the Promenade

By
MILDRED
BOND

Wife and Mother, but Mrs. Berentsen Has Time for Stage

WITH the dismantling of the Lyceum Theater flood of memories has been loosed, the general sentiment being tinged with melancholy if not genuine despair. The Lyceum Theater has outlived its usefulness. That means the end of the drama in Rochester, for a time at least.

Well it may be so, says Mrs. Robert Berentsen, who distinctly is not given to melancholy and whose appetite for the theater and all it has to offer has yet to be satisfied. Although she has had many a happy experience both in the audience of the Lyceum and behind the curtain, she is not going to despair. Rather, she is going to start the dramatic season off with enthusiasm, for she is already studying the script preparatory to taking a leading role in the Community Players' first presentation of the season.

Mrs. Berentsen, who likes to laugh and who delights in making other people laugh, has appeared in the Lyceum with the Lyceum Players and the Cukor-Kondolf Company. She has appeared with the Auditorium Players in the Masonic Temple, with the Cameron-Matthews Repertory Company and over and over with the Community Players.

Many of the players with whom she played are successful Hollywood stars and are frequently seen here on the screen.

"Let me think," said Mrs. Berentsen, "there was Ralph Bellamy, Peggy Shannon, Henry Wadsworth, Dorothy Tree, Edward Van Sloan and Helen Hayes. If I enjoyed playing one show any more than another that one show was "Coquette" with Helen Hayes, that gifted and unusual actress who seems to be as successful on the screen as on the stage. The association with such a charming person is not easily forgotten."

Mrs. Berentsen said she was playing the role of the colored mammy, Julie in "Coquette".

"At one juncture Helen Hayes sat on my lap while I tried to soothe and comfort the poor, tragic little figure" she said. "She put her cheek against mine for a moment. It was one of the saddest moments of the show, but when she arose, people in the first few rows began to titter and laugh. Helen Hayes was astounded and perplexed and began to think her Rochester audience just another of those audiences



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that always laugh at the wrong time in any good play, until looking in her dressing room mirror later she ascertained the cause. A smudge of black was plainly visible on her cheek.

"Then, to continue the anecdotes, there was the hectic opening of "Subway Express," that tensely exciting mystery play, in which, the problem consists of tracing the murderer of a man who is electrocuted while a passenger on the subway. The cast rehearsed Sunday until 2 o'clock in the morning and all day Monday, except for a few minutes respite for lunch and dinner. After the audience began to arrive the cast was still rehearsing, in whispers behind the curtain and the scenery was not yet all in place. Despite this, the curtain went up on time and the performance was a success."

Mrs. Berentsen's father was a clergyman living next door to

the late President Harding in Marion, Ohio. She attended the Marlborough School in Los Angeles. She was badly stage-struck when she was still very young and obtained a job in Cleveland with the Vaughn Glaser Stock Company. He was charming and helpful to the young actress and Fay Courtney was a delightful companion, she said.

Boldly striking out for New York and a job on the stage, she met Robert Berentsen, the organist, just returning from Europe. The matter of going on the stage was once more postponed by matrimony.

Mrs. Berentsen studied painting for a year and a half in Paris and Rome. Soon the couple came to Rochester, where Mr. Berentsen was the organist at the Eastman Theater and taught motion picture accompanying. This

fall Mrs. Berentsen's son, Robert Jr., entered the freshman class of the University of Rochester.

Although Mrs. Berentsen leads a busy life and plays the role of mother at home seven days a week, she still finds time to play a role over the radio and to appear often in amateur theatricals.

In "Blessed Event" she enacted the role of the mother of the reporter. In "Little Accident" she was the boarding house keeper. In that rollicking farce, "The Show Off," she played a mother part. In "Street Scene" she made her appearance as a German woman.

One experience she does not care to repeat occurred when she was playing with the Cameron-Matthews Repertory Company. The leading lady, who was from New York, could not assume her role and Mrs. Berentsen had to play the part on short notice. She said she does not suffer from stage fright, but she had enough of that kind of experience then and there.

12,000 Looking to Laura Comstock for Good Health

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EVERY good Englishman has his 4 o'clock tea, whether he be in his drawing room or in his place of business, but here in the Eastman Kodak Company's plant, 10 o'clock in the morning, and 3 o'clock in the afternoon mean, not tea time, but cod liver oil and milk time.

In the affections of Miss Laura Comstock, nutrition adviser in the medical department and only woman in the country to hold such a position with an industrial organization, there are two groups of persons at the Kodak plant, the cod liver oil group and others. The cod liver oil movement began several years ago when a study of the re-examination records of some 3,000 employees made by the directors of the medical and personnel departments showed that 55 per cent had nutritional defects which accounted for most of the short time absences.

Miss Comstock was called upon to attempt to correct these deficiencies. She did even better than that, according to the workers' reports, for after the experiment marked improvement was shown in the health and health habits, proficiency ratings and even dispositions of the workers. The experimental stage has long been passed and so satisfactory were the results of those early efforts that the work is now carried on for disease prevention and educational purposes.

"I have tried to present fundamental nutrition facts with simplicity, attractiveness and such force as to change the dietary habits of 12,000 men and women of varying types," said Miss Comstock. Exhibits and posters have been used effectively, but purely personal consultations following examination by the physician have proved most satisfactory."

Miss Comstock is a sympathetic, friendly woman who might easily encourage confidences, and when a patient comes to her recommended by the physician, she makes out a diet sheet, recording the diet reported by the patient. She then recommends a diet. She also has prepared mimeographed copies of certain diets recommended for certain ailments and including a list of new habits to be formed. The underweight or overtired worker is weighed every month and individual weight charts kept. A "food guide" has been printed and distributed and each worker learns the types, amounts and calorie values of foods to be taken daily, which are to be supplemented by milk between meals and ice-cold cod liver oil rations twice a day.

The survey was begun with a group of 24 undernourished girls in the main office, whose medical records were examined previous to personal consultations and the recommendations made were based on the findings, as well as the symptoms described by the patients. The doctor previously had advised milk between meals for the girls and all consented to take it at 10 o'clock in the morning and 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Milk serving was supervised personally, weights taken weekly, individual weight charts taken, consultations held frequently and a food exhibit set up to show comparative calorie values of foods. At the end of six months there were 80 girls in the group who were taking extra nourishment and many of whom had gained sufficient weight and shown physical improvement and were practicing better food and health habits so that they were "graduated."

The movement spread so that it included not only workers in the office, but in the factory as well, both men and women.

Groups that have gained weight and shown higher production ratings during one winter have followed the same course again the next winter, always being checked for improvement. Workers who are overweight, but who are under par physically, take the cod liver oil without gaining weight, for their food is regulated. At least one pint of milk, fresh vegetables, fruit and cheese is the dietary rule, and in addition, cod liver oil is stressed as a food, not a medicine. Ultraviolet rays sometimes are recommended by the physician.

Miss Comstock did a clever piece of advertising by means of exhibits, which appealed force-

fully to the workers. She capitalized on the popular interest in Gene Tunney and Charles Lindbergh through the exhibit. The title of one exhibit was "The Chemist Takes Gene Tunney Apart" and showed the content of a human body as a chemist sees it, the daily needs and the foods that supply the needs. A four-page pamphlet was printed explaining what the exhibit was about and giving essentials of an adequate diet.

The exhibits were placed in conspicuous places near or in the cafeterias and kept there for several days at a time. Two persons were stationed there to answer questions and distribute pamphlets.

Water color posters illustrating nutritional needs also were displayed with gratifying results.

Miss Comstock is president-elect of the American District Association, a national organization, and she suspects that her hobby in the near future is going to be the work of that association. She has been active in the nutrition group in Rochester welfare work in an advisory capacity. She is a member of the Tuberculosis and Health Association of Monroe County, the Women's Group of the Chamber of Commerce, the College Women's Club, the Rochester Dietetic Association, the Home Economics Association and since 1909 a member of the American Home Economics Association.

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Along the Promenade

By
MILDRED BOND

C. Oct 25 1934
**Mary T. L. Gannett
 A Liberal Champion
 For 45 Years**

JUST off East Avenue is a pleasantly quiet and conservative street with a landscaped garden in the center at the end of which is a sign that reads "Dead End."

That sign is misleading, for there is nothing "dead" about the "end" of this street. Here, at 15 Sibley Place, lives a woman known probably by thousands for her militant spirit, her untiring energy and her ceaseless efforts in the behalf of many liberal movements in this city throughout the last 45 years or more. Among those movements were woman suffrage, co-education, peace and the advancement of the colored race.

She is Mrs. Mary T. Lewis Gannett. She was born in Altoona, Pa., in a Quaker family. She was brought up in the Unitarian Church and came to Rochester as the wife of the late Rev. William Channing Gannett, former minister of First Unitarian Church, whose name is perpetuated in the Gannett House, Rochester's liberal community center. Although she still attends the Unitarian Church, she also retains her membership in the Society of Friends.

She spends her summers in the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania near her Quaker friends and attends the meetings in the old meeting house. Nearby is an International House, to which come students from far and wide for conferences. Last summer she entertained colored folks, a couple from China and an Italian girl. And young people have to be sharp and well informed to follow Mrs. Gannett's thoughts.

"I admit I am partial to the colored people. Many of my white friends envy my friendships with members of the colored race," said Mrs. Gannett. "The colored race has made such remarkable progress that it is the white people who are not acquainted with them who are the losers.

"Why do they so unhesitatingly accept my hospitality? Well, I presume it is because they know my affection for them is genuine. I really love them."

Genuine is a good word with which to describe Mrs. Gannett. She thinks any prejudice against color or nationality is mere ignorance, and ignorance to her is one of the major sins. She is



MRS. MARY T. LEWIS GANNETT

serenely tolerant, has a decided sense of humor and loves to laugh and she hasn't time to think of growing old. Friends last winter let the cat out of the bag as to her age. They just couldn't stifle a spontaneous desire to give her a surprise civic birthday celebration on her 80th birthday.

She keeps young by surrounding herself with books and magazines and people. Conspicuously within her reach was the New York Herald Tribune for which her extensive reading she keeps merly an editor of the Nation, is book columnist. Partly through here extensive reading she keeps in touch with the affairs of the entire world.

Years ago she heard an old man who had linked his life with the cause of abolition say the way to keep happy was to "link your life with some good cause not your own." She liked that phrase and has made it her life-long motto. Of course she is still a member of the minority, but she says "I wouldn't change. You meet such nice people—in the minority, I mean."

Her latest peace activity—she is always connected with some peace movement—is "Peace through Politics," or working up sufficient public opinion for peace to bring pressure on government officials and political candidates to work for the entrance of the United States into the World Court, to promise personally to work for peace and to seek to halt the manufacture of munitions.

International relations clubs and liberal unions organized on the campus of the University of Rochester please her. She believes young people of the country are of the opinion present conditions are a result of the world's participation in the war. Young people are rebelling and taking a positive stand for peace.

Her participation in the movement to enroll women at the University of Rochester is well known. Susan B. Anthony, with whom she was associated in the pioneer woman suffrage cause, led and won this battle against great opposition and through a last minute coup a handful of women, of which she was one, raised the \$50,000 required by the

then trustees of the college and in 1900 women were received on equal terms with men at the university.

Mrs. Gannett was one of the founders of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union and long a member of its executive board. She was early associated with the suffrage cause, the Women's Ethical Club, and the Women's City Club and is active in the Rochester Council of Church Women. Her first organization work was done for the Working Girls' Club and the New Century Club in Philadelphia.

A "back to the kitchen" movement amuses Mrs. Gannett. She said that with so many modern conveniences she cannot see why women have to remain in their kitchens too much. They should be able, for the most part, to take care of their families and still take an active interest in social welfare and a advancement, she said. As for women holding office, she isn't particularly excited about that. The women will have to do the work of their particular offices better than a man could if they hold office, she said. Still, she pointed out, there are more women in responsible posts now than ever.

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DESCENDANT OF
CITY PIONEERS
Rochester Public Library
54 Court St.
Mrs. K. S. Kavanaugh
Granddaughter of
Early Mayor
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Descendant of a pioneer Western New York family and granddaughter of Rochester's first people-elected mayor, Mrs. Kathrine S. Kavanaugh, widow of John Kavanaugh, once a prominent Rochester insurance man, died yesterday morning in her home, 34 Thayer Street.

Mrs. Kavanaugh's grandfather was Elijah Frederick Smith, elected mayor in 1840 by citizenry; before then, mayors had been appointed by the Common Council. Mr. Smith was cofounder of the old Smith-Perkins Grocery Company in Exchange Street.

Mrs. Kavanaugh always lived in Rochester. Long known for her philanthropy, she also was a board member of the Children's Shelter and took lifelong interest in chil-

dren. She was one of the original members of the Century Club.

The only surviving relative is a brother, Fred Smith of Dayton, Ohio. She had no children.

The funeral will be conducted tomorrow at 3:30 p. m. from the home, with Rev. Phillip Mosher of Niagara Falls officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Active bearers will be Moreau Smith, Eric B. Hoard, Harold E. Akerley, Harold Dugan, Andrew R. Sutherland and Sidney S. Greenwood. Honorary bearers will be Arthur E. Sutherland Sr., Irving S. Robeson, Alfred H. Swan, Dr. Louis T. Waldo, John Wright, Lee Richmond, Dr. Llewelyn J. Sanders, Dr. John W. McCauley, Charles H. Carson and Stephen G. Hall.

Organizations Here Also Given \$62,000 Under Terms of Will

Bequests to More Than 80 Beneficiaries Total
Over \$455,000 From Estate of Mrs.

Helen Barrett Montgomery,
Leader in Church Work

Bequests of \$180,000 to the Baptist Church and its auxiliary organizations and \$62,000 to Rochester institutions were made in the will of Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery church leader, writer and philanthropist, of 144 Dartmouth Street.

Mrs. Montgomery died Oct. 19 at the age of 73 while she was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Edith M. Simson of Summit, N. J. She was the widow of the late William A. Montgomery, former president of the North East Electric Company.

Under terms of the will admitted to probate in Surrogate's Court today, the entire estate is valued at "more than \$100,000." More than 80 beneficiaries named in the will are to receive bequests totaling more than \$455,000.

Residuary legatee of the estate is Mrs. Montgomery's daughter, Mrs. Edith M. Simson, who was bequeathed a residence in St. Petersburg, Fla. All stock in the Electromatic Typewriters Inc., and Montgomery Securities Inc. was bequeathed jointly to the daughter and her husband, George F. Simson. The will was executed Sept. 30, 1932, and as Electromatic Typewriters was acquired by International Business Machines in July, 1933, a codicil, dated July 14, 1933, bequeathes stock in the International Business Machines to Mr. and Mrs. Simson.

Residence Given to Church

Bequests to the Baptist Church and its allied organizations were: Residence at 144 Dartmouth Street

to Lake Avenue Baptist Church; Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society of New York, \$30,000 with a \$10,000 annuity to a sister-in-law, Mrs. Seeley A. Montgomery of Rochester, and a \$20,000 annuity to a cousin, Miss Persilene Covell of Grand Rapids, Mich. American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, \$25,00, with annuity to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Covell of Grand Rapids, Mich.; National Baptist Board of Education, \$15,000 with annuity to Mr. and Mrs. William Roegneh of Rochester; American Baptist Publication Society of Philadelphia, Pa., \$10,000; Minis- ters' and Missionaries' Benefit Board of Northern Baptist Convention, New York City, \$15,000. Colgate - Rochester Divinity School, \$25,00 for erection of apartments for foreign missionaries in this country on frulough, to be a "memorial to my father, Adoniram Judson Barrett, and my mother, Emily Barrows Barrett."

National Baptist Board of Education, \$25,000; Baptist Union of Rochester and Monroe County, \$15,000; Baptist Home of Monroe County, Fairport, \$10,000; Students' Aid Fund of Lake Avenue Baptist Church, \$5,000, and Immanuel Baptist Church of Rochester, \$5,000.

Gift Already Made

A clause in the will states: "The reason why I have made no further provision for the Women's American Baptist Mission Society is that I have already made a suitable gift to this society." Mrs. Montgomery turned over \$100,000 to the society, of which she had been for many years president, three years ago.

Rochester institutions were bequeathed the following amounts: Community Chest, \$10,000; Mechanics Institute, \$5,000; Rochester Historical Society, \$1,000; Woman's Educational and Industrial Union, \$5,000; Memorial Art Gallery, \$5,000.

Genesee Hospital \$10,000; Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, \$1,000; Association for the Blind of Rochester, \$5,000; Y. W. C. A., \$10,000, to be spent within 25 years in the interest of young Negro women in Rochester, and Y. M. C. A., a like amount for the benefit of young Rochester Negro men.

Wellesley Gets \$25,000

Other public bequests were: Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass., \$25,000 for a graduate scholarship in music as a memorial to Mrs. Montgomery's sister, Anne Louise Barrett, of the class of 1886; Students' Aid Society of Wellesley College, \$5,000; American Waldensian Aid Society, New York, \$1,000; Crossnore School, Crossnore, N. C., \$5,000.

Keuka College, Keuka Park, \$10,000 for its Student's Aid Society, preference to be shown to students from Lake Avenue Baptist Church; American McAll Association of New York, \$1,000; American Bible Society, New York, \$5,000; Utica Normal and Industrial Institute of Utica, Miss., \$5,000; National Trade School for Women, Washington, D. C., \$10,000.

International Save the Children of America, Inc., \$25,000 to be known as "Helen Barrett Montgomery Christian Literature Endowment Fund."

Under terms of the will five persons were appointed to a "Christian Literature Committee" to be in charge of the fund. They are: Mrs. F. I. Johnson of New York, Miss Clementina Butler of Boston, Mrs. Henry W. Peabody of Mass.; Mrs. Orlando, Fla.; Mrs. Storrs B. Barrett of Williams Bay, Wis., and Mrs. Wil-H. E. Goodman of Chicago, Ill.

Other Bequests

Executors and relatives of Mrs. Montgomery were bequeathed the following: Sister-in-law, Mrs. Hugh Montgomery, of Boston, Mass., \$20,000; sister-in-law, Mrs. Clair L. Montgomery, of Detroit, Mich., \$20,000; cousin, Mrs. Alvarado Stevens, of Rochester, \$500; friend, Miss Jessie Bell, of Rochester, \$1,000; the Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Beaven, jointly or the survivor of them, \$10,000.

The Rev. W. H. K. Yeaple, of Rochester, \$5,000; friends, Dexter M. F. Leavenworth and his wife, Elizabeth Stillman Leavenworth, of Rochester, \$2,000 jointly; Marien E. Case, of Rochester, \$1,000; Clara Parsons Fisher, of Rochester, \$2,000; nephew, Robert Montgomery, of Detroit, Mich., \$2,000.

Nephew, Russell Montgomery, of Detroit, Mich., \$2,000; nephew, Gardner Montgomery, of Detroit, Mich., \$2,000; nephew, Hugh Montgomery Jr., of Boston, Mass., \$2,000; niece, Priscilla Montgomery, of Boston, Mass., \$2,000; niece, Laura Barrett, of Williams Bay, Wis., \$2,000.

Niece, Emily Barrett of Williams Bay, Wis., \$2,000; nephew, John Harley Warner Hughes of Alameda, Calif., \$2,000; nephew, Judson Barrett Hughes of Glendale, Calif., \$2,000; namesake, Helen Barrett Robertson (Mrs. R. P. Wright) of New York City, \$1,000; namesake, Helen Barrett Darrow of Maulmein, Burma, \$1,000; namesake, Helen Barrett Laushey (now Mrs. Theodore Kuhn) of Rochester, \$1,000.

Husband's namesake, William Halbleib of Rochester, \$1,000; husband's namesake, William C. Fisher of Rochester, \$1,000; friend, Miss Betty Fisher of Rochester, \$1,000; friend, Judson Barrett Glen Jr. of Rochester, \$1,000; Sophie Bastman of Rochester, \$500.

Executors appointed were Mrs. Montgomery's brother, Storrs B. Barrett, and her attorney, J. Sawyer Fitch. By codicil as son-in-law, Mr. Simson, was named to fill any vacancy caused by the death or inability of the appointed executors.

Widow of Attorney Passes After Illness

Funeral services for Mrs. Agnes E. O'Brien, 86, widow of John C. O'Brien, first Catholic attorney in Rochester, and mother of Hugh J. O'Brien, former United States Commissioner, will be at 9 a. m. tomorrow in St. John's Church, Humboldt and Floverton streets, with the rector, Rev. John E. Sullivan, officiating. Burial will be in Holy Sepulcher Cemetery.

Mrs. O'Brien, ill for a number of years, died yesterday at the home of another son, James C. O'Brien, 3 Elmwood Avenue, Brighton. Until her illness she had regularly attended services at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Besides her two sons, Mrs. O'Brien leaves another, Francis J. of Rochester; a daughter, Agnes Conly of New York; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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Rochesterian to Share Credit for Discovering Five Uncharted Islands

If, in years to come, navigation maps of the South Seas include five goodsized islands hitherto un-

recognized and uncharted, a Rochester woman will share the credit for adding them to the possessions of the United States.

Electa Search Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bertram L. Search of 2 Portsmouth Terrace, is aboard the schooner, "Yankee," with her husband, Capt. Irving Johnson, and other guests.

Word was received from them recently by cablegram dispatch to Captain Johnson's brother in Springfield, Mass., that the islands were discovered by them during their round-the-world cruise through



Mrs. Johnson

waters of the South Seas.

The cablegram was received from Sandakan, North Borneo, and the location of the islands is believed to be between the Solomon Islands and this point. Should investigation show that these islands are outside the mandated district of other nations, they would become American property by right of discovery, and might prove valuable resources for the nation, small as they are, for copra, ivory nuts and pearl shells are exports of nearby islands. Coconut oil is a product of copra, the dried meat of coconuts.

Full details of the discovery are expected in a future travel article by Mrs. Johnson, who is the author of a series of descriptive commentaries on their travels under sail which appears at intervals in The Times-Union. She will no doubt make reference to the islands at an early date, and this information will be brought to readers of The Times-Union as soon as the ocean-crossing mails reach this paper.

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REV. PHOEBE A. HANAFORD,
Pioneer in Women's Movement, Died
To-day.

WAS PIONEER IN WOMAN'S MOVEMENT

Rev. Phoebe A. Hanaford Dies at Home
of Granddaughter in This City
To-day.

One of the last of the pioneers of the woman's movement and one of the last of the pioneer women ministers of the country passed away to-day when Rev. Phoebe A. Hanaford, died at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. E. H. Santee, 380 Pullman avenue. Mrs. Hanaford came to Rochester with Mr. and Mrs. Santee about two years ago for North Tonawanda, where she had lived with them for some years. She was a direct descendant of Gregory Priest, the pilot of the Mayflower. She was a cousin of Lucretia Mott, noted suffragist and a cousin of Maria Mitchell, the noted astronomer, long time head of the astronomical department at Vassar college.

Mrs. Hanaford was born on Nantucket Island, May 6, 1829, of a seafaring race of men, her father and grandfather and their fathers before them having followed the sea. Her father was Captain George W. Coffin and her mother, Phebe Ann Barnard. She was married to Dr. Joseph H. Hanaford, of Cape Cod, December 2, 1849, who was a teacher in the Nan-

tucket school. Mrs. Hanaford herself began her career as a school teacher. Then she became a writer, editor, lecturer and minister and for many years was among the women doing yeoman service in the cause of temperance and the enfranchisement of women. In 1866-8 she edited the "Ladies' Repository" and "The Myrtle," women's publications of their day found in every home that pretended to any culture at all. In 1868 she was ordained to the ministry of the Universalist church and regularly licensed to preach. She held pastorates at Hingham and Waltham, Mass., New Haven, Conn., and Jersey City. Rev. Olympia Brown, another pioneer minister, now living in Wisconsin, gave the charge at the ordination of Mrs. Hanaford, and the new minister's first pastorate in Hingham, was occupied ten years later by Anna Howard Shaw, for many years leader of the suffragist movement.

Mrs. Hanaford was a member of many literary organizations, officer in some and founder of others. In the hey-day of her career she wrote many books, among them biographies of Lucretia Mott, George Peabody, the philanthropist, and Charles Dickens. She also wrote a life of Lincoln, and was the author of poems and several books of fiction and books of adventure, the latter telling of experiences in the Civil war and on vessels at sea.

In 1868 she was chaplain of both houses of the Connecticut legislature, the first woman to hold the office.

Mrs. Hanaford was the second president of the New York Women's Press club, having followed Mrs. David Croley, its founder, in that office. On Mrs. Croley's death Mrs. Hanaford succeeded to the presidency, and she always wore the little gold button, and esteemed it as one of her priceless possessions. At the end of her service as president, she was made honorary president for life.

Last year, the Press club, to show its appreciation for her long service as its chief and of her work for women in general, made her the joint beneficiary together with the Press club scholarship in the Pulitzer School of Journalism, of a benefit held in the Waldorf-Astoria hotel. Ruth B. Chamberlain, of this city, a graduate of the University of Rochester, was the holder of the first Press club scholarship. Last Thanksgiving day, Mrs. Haryot Holt Dey, president of the Press club, visited Mrs. Hanaford and talked over club affairs with her, bringing along expressions of good will and affection from its members.

Mrs. Hanaford was a member of Sorosis, the New England society, the New Century Study club, the Medico-Legal society and the Philiteipoma, a society whose name she coined—made up as follows: Phil, philosophy; lit, literature; sci, science; poma, poetry, oratory, music and art, the club covering all these fields.

Mrs. Hanaford had close relations with all of the leading suffragists of the period when the movement was being pushed forward slowly from one outpost to another. Among them were Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady

Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Mary A. Livermore, Julia Ward Howe, Frances Willard, Isabel Beecher Hooker, Anna Howard Shaw, Lucy Stone.

Until recently Mrs. Hanaford was in good health for a woman past ninety, her mind keenly sensitive to passing events and her memory usually retentive. She read much and was very fond of reciting poetry, which she did in an unusually clear and musical voice. In April she was seriously ill, but recovered.

She is survived by her granddaughter, with whom she lived. Her last years were made peculiarly comfortable and happy by the ministrations of Mr. and Mrs. Santee. One of the last times she attended a public gathering was in Lake Avenue Baptist church last June, on the occasion of a special service. It became an event in her shadowland months.

Besides Mrs. Santee, Mrs. Hanaford leaves one other granddaughter, Mrs. Fred Feasel, of Henrietta, and a grandson, Charles L. Hanaford, of Gardner, Mass., her only son and only daughter having died some years ago. Besides these she leaves a niece, Phoebe Ann Small, of Nantucket, and two great-grandchildren, Helen Feasel and William Feasel, children of Mrs. Fred Feasel. There is also surviving her son-in-law, Thomas E. Warner, of Canandaigua.

Burial will be in Orleans, but the time of the funeral has not been set.

JAMES H. QUINLAN.

with it. She was an officer in many literary societies and continues a member of some of them. She wrote lives of Lincoln, of George Peabody, of Lucretia Mott, of Dickens, a book on the Bible called "The Best of Books and Its History," and is the author of a considerable number of books of juvenile fiction. She also wrote many poems.

TO GIVE BENEFIT FOR PHOEBE A. HANAFORD

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The Woman's Press club of New York state has undertaken to raise a fund for Rev. Phoebe A. Hanaford, now a resident of this city, and for this purpose will hold a benefit in the Waldorf-Astoria in New York city, December 28th. The need of the fund was brought to the attention of the club by Mrs. Haryot Holt Dey, its president.

Mrs. Hanaford was a pioneer among the women in the ministry and was among the early suffragists, being an associate of Susan B. Anthony and Lucretia Mott. She has spent her life in writing and lecturing on subjects far from remunerative and now at 91 is without means.

She was born on the island of Nantucket May 6, 1829, the daughter of Captain George W. and Phoebe Ann Coffin. She taught school, and later edited the "Ladies' Repository," one of the pioneer women's magazines, now considered a treasure by collectors of early American magazines. She was also editor of "The Myrtle," another paper of similar type. In the fifties she became fired with enthusiasm for the woman movement and spent all of the years of her active life in promoting it.

In 1868 Mrs. Hanaford was ordained in the Universalist church and was the first woman minister in New England. She held pastorates in several New England communities, notably in New Haven, from which she went to a

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Donation from Former
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Mrs. Henry Alvah Strong of Washington, widow of the former president of Eastman Kodak Company, is the donor of a gift to George Washington University for building a hall to house 200 women students, it was announced yesterday by President Cloyd H. Marvin.

The gift, President Marvin said, fills a long-felt need, and makes possible the University's development in a direction in which hitherto it has been hampered by limited facilities. Mrs. Strong specified that the amount remain secret.

Work will begin at once on plans for the building and construction will be completed before the academic year opens next fall.

Mrs. Strong has been a trustee of George Washington University since 1931. Known internationally for philanthropies, she has been particularly interested in education and in 1928 founded the Hattie M. Strong Foundation for student loans.

Mrs. Strong has lived in Washington since 1926. Her humanitarian activities have brought her the Cross of the Legion of Honor bestowed by the French Republic in recognition of her gift of a chateau for crippled veterans. She has likewise been decorated by the government of Jugoslavia with the Cross of the Order of St. Sava for her generosity to Jugoslavia students.

Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Rat? Lady Biologist Certainly Isn't, as Her Girls at U of R Find Out

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Doctor Clausen's Secret Light Ray Experiments Secret No Longer

For five years the mystery of a closed door has piqued curiosity of students at the University of Rochester's College for Women. Occasionally as a figure slipped quietly through the door into the little laboratory in Eastman Building they caught glimpses of an elaborate array of test tubes, huge bottles, scales and other paraphernalia. Lights burned for long hours in the little room and tantalizing squeals drifted out over the transom.

Now the mystery has been solved for science students who are carrying on in biology with Dr. Ethel Luce Clausen as instructor.

Unheralded and unsung, Doctor Clausen has been carrying on intensive research on the problem of the effects of radiation. Day after day she has been experimenting with "measured light," exposing white rats to filtered rays of the sun and tabulating their growth and development.

This year she was urged by Dr. William Merrill, head of the botany department, and Dr. Helen Dalton Bragdon, dean, to take over a class in biology.

Teaching Biology Class

"We felt it would be an excellent thing for freshman, new to the realm of science, to make lecture and laboratory contacts with a person with Doctor Clausen's background of research and her interest in all things scientific," said Dean Bragdon. "Success of the class is justifying our decision in asking Doctor Clausen to spare some of her time to teaching."

Doctor Clausen is carrying on her study under a grant of the National Research Council. Coming to Rochester in 1926 from Yale, where she worked for two years in the department of pediatrics, she began her scientific work in Strong Memorial Hospital and later took over a laboratory on the campus of the College for Women.

A native of England, she was graduated from Trinity College, Dublin. This college, founded by Queen Elizabeth, was the first in the British Isles to open its doors



Rats! But they're useful to Dr. Ethel L. Clausen, biology instructor at the University of Rochester, who uses the rodents to measure the effect of light upon growth.

to women, admitting them in 1900. "I am intensely proud to be a graduate of Trinity," said Doctor Clausen. "The place has a standard of real co-education. Men and women students at Trinity meet on an equal footing; they hear the same lectures and sit for the same examinations. As is rarely the case in co-educational institutions, women are accepted as real students."

Enthusiasm Infectious
Doctor Clausen, whose vitality and interest in all phases of scientific work inspire beginners with eagerness to learn the "whys and wherefores" of biology, worked for six years in Lister Institute, London. It was there that she first became interested in the problems of light

and the effects of the sun's rays on living things. "I was working at the time with Dr. V. Koronchevsky, experimenting on the causes of rickets," Doctor Clausen related. "It was then that, at the same time in about six different laboratories throughout the world, the marvelous discovery of the curing effect of ultra-violet light on the disease of rickets was made. Then and there I decided that I wanted to know more about the sun's rays and their effects." Doctor Clausen is much interested in the possibilities of women in science and has addressed students on the subject of women in science. She is the wife of Dr. S. W. Clausen, professor of pediatrics at the School of Medicine of the University of Rochester.

DOCTORS' LIVES AFTER 50 YEARS STILL APPEAL

Sisters Honored by Woman Physicians of Vicinity
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After 50 years of medical practice, Dr. Marion Craig Potter of 561 University Avenue and Dr. Sara Craig Buckley of Chicago regard theirs as a grand profession.

The sisters, graduated from the University of Michigan in 1884, were reminiscing yesterday. They were recalling their first contact with medicine when they rode in their father's carriage as he made the rounds of the village of Churchville in his capacity of country doctor. Dr. James W. Craig had been disappointed that his three children were all girls for he wanted a son to succeed to his practice. But Anna, now deceased, Marion, and Sara acquired their ideals of the profession from their father and elected to follow in his footsteps. Marion and Sara entered the same class at the University of Michigan from which they were graduated in 1884, although Doctor Marion's diploma was held up three months because she was not yet old enough to qualify for the degree.

Both Married
Both Doctor Marion and Doctor Sara have combined their medical careers with the job of wife and mother and they do much less talking about it than do the moderns. Says Doctor Marion:

"We never found any prejudice against us as women. When we entered Michigan we and the other women in the class found only helpfulness and co-operation. After we had our degrees, Sara was unusually fortunate in being allowed to do interne work in Detroit. Few hospitals would accept women internes in those days."

A little later when Doctor Sara married and accompanied her husband, Edward Buckley to Kioto, Japan, where he taught comparative religions, she went on with her work. It was in Japan that their only child, Dorothy, was born. She is now Mrs. Ethan Clark of Caledonia.

Doctor Marion married a physician, the late Dr. Ezra B. Potter,

and the two practiced medicine in Rochester. Their son, Dr. Craig Potter, is the third generation in direct line to practice. If one counts his great great uncle, Dr. John Reid Craig of Mumford, he is of the fourth generation.

Active After 50 Years
Both Doctor Marion and Doctor Sara rejoice that after a half century they are still able to continue their work. Doctor Sara is resident physician at the Chicago Woman's Club. Saturday evening when they were guests of honor at the Century Club of Dr. M. Louise Hurrell and some 50 woman physicians of Rochester and Western New York, they told many stories on themselves and each other. They spoke also of the new helps the modern physician has in laboratory aids, x-ray, and the like. In the old days, they said, the physician had to depend on his medical knowledge and powers of observation entirely. Surgery for appendicitis was not developed until after their graduation from medical school, diphtheria has been checked within their own experience, new cures have been discovered for many diseases, hitherto regarded as incurable.

TRIBUTE PAID TO LEADER IN CHURCH WORK

Many Creeds Represented at Final Services for Mrs. Helen Montgomery—Body Lies in State
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An unusual tribute today headed the funeral services for Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery, 73, who died Oct. 18 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George F. Simpson, in Summit, N. J.

Long identified with and active in the affairs of Lake Avenue Baptist Church, much of the observance naturally was connected with that congregation. She was active, too, in many other lines of endeavor affecting the commonwealth and men and women of other creeds united in the tribute to her.

The Rev. Whitney S. K. Yeaple, D.D., minister of the church, and the Rev. Albert W. Beaven, D.D., president of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, shared the services. Among the highlights of the service was a message from the Rev. Clarence A. Barbour, former minister of the church, now president of Brown University.

Doctor Barbour, long associated with Mrs. Montgomery in the con-

duct of the church's affairs had hoped to attend the service but was prevented by unforeseen circumstances.

Body Lies in State

The body was taken to the church to lie in state in Barrett Parlor, where Mrs. Montgomery had taught Barrett Memorial Class for many years. Officials of the church groups, both men and women, formed guard of honor.

Through her long and active life, the daughter of one of the early ministers of that church, she had been associated closely with its affairs and intimately with many of its parishioners and their tribute was heartfelt. Her husband, William B. Montgomery, too, through most of his years had been closely affiliated with that church.

Active bearers were: Clarence A. Macy, William R. Gordon, G. Fred Laube, Charles A. Carpenter, Claude L. Darling, and Arthur C. Durfee.

Honorary Bearers

The list of honorary bearers included Dr. Arthur H. Norton, president of Keuka College, of which Mrs. Montgomery was a trustee; William B. Hale, president of the board of trustees of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School; James M. Spinning, superintendent of Rochester schools; Mrs. Howard Wayne Smith of Philadelphia, president of Women's American Foreign Missionary Society; Mrs. Mary T. L. Gannett, associate of Mrs. Montgomery in world-wide relation to women's interests; Mrs. Granger Hollister, lifelong friend; Kendall B. Castle, treasurer of New York Baptist Education Society; J. Sawyer Fitch, personal attorney; Joseph T. Alling, business associate of Mr. Montgomery, and Judge Harvey F. Remington, president of the board of trustees of Keuka College.

Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Helen Fagan Dies; Mother of Band Leader Born Here 90 Years Ago

Mrs. Helen Fagan, 90, widow of Thomas Fagan and mother of Raymond Fagan, the orchestra leader, died today at her home, 47 Pembroke Street.

Mrs. Fagan was born in Caledonia Avenue, known at the time of her birth as High Street, in 1843, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Yawman. Her father was a cooper in Scottsville, where the family removed in 1848 and where Mrs. Fagan received her education.

She married Thomas Fagan in 1865 and moved to Rush, where the couple lived until the death of Mr. Fagan, 22 years ago. She then moved to Rochester.

Mrs. Fagan had often said she had been a reader of The Times-Union and its predecessors, The Evening Times and The Union and Advertiser, "as long as I can remember." She enjoyed the radio and was specially interested in church programs.

Mrs. Fagan is survived by five sons, Raymond, William, Richard, John, and Daniel; three daughters, Mrs. George Knapp, Mrs. James Gleason, and Mrs. John Rossiter; 28 grandchildren, and eight grand-grandchildren, all of Rochester.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock from the home and at 9 o'clock from Blessed Sacrament Church. Burial will be in Holy Angles Cemetery, Scottsville.

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Mrs. Helen Fagan

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14-Hour Work Day One of Pleasure to Big Sister Director

ARE you worrying about the 30-hour week or are you quietly putting in 14 hours a day without a murmur?

You are? Perhaps you are an executive secretary of a social service. Social service workers are not watching the clock these days, if ever they did. There is too much to be done and too few people to do it.

Miss Elizabeth Mertz comes under the 14-hour class. Coming from nearby Palmyra, she attended Syracuse University and became the head of the foreign language department of the Freedom State Normal School. Through a friend she came in close contact with the County Agency of Dependent, Neglected and Delinquent Children and after six years' service in the normal school she became county agent for the State Charity Aid Association. After three years she was given the opportunity to study social case work at the New York School of Social Service.

In 1913 she received an A. M. degree in political and social science from Columbia University and a diploma from the School of Social Service. She received an offer to come to Rochester as executive secretary of the Rochester Girls' Service and Big Sister Council. The council is supported by the Community Chest and is affiliated with the Big Sister and Big Brother Federation. It is governed by an executive committee and directed by an executive secretary.

The council is doing protective work, not believing in "locking the barn after the horse has been stolen," said Miss Mertz. A training course is held twice a month. With the work being mostly preventive it is had to estimate the success of its workers, Miss Mertz said.

The Big Sister Council in Rochester is now 11 years old. It has followed the principle of personal service or case work by carefully selected women who interests themselves in girls who need or ask for careful study or help.

"Big Sister work is a service that may be extended to any individual girl who needs an intelligent study made of her personality and her environment and an understanding friend who may



MISS ELIZABETH MERTZ

help her to develop her own abilities and utilize her own opportunities," said Miss Mertz.

In the last 11 years more than 1,000 Rochester girls have been assisted through Big Sister Council and 515 representative women in the city have taken the required training, and supervised by the council, have given their services in helping girls to solve problems of personality, health, recreation, education or unhappy home conditions.

One of the joys of an executive secretary, said Miss Mertz, is seeing the development of the Big Sister herself who learns the fundamentals of social service case work and who, although unpaid for her services, gives herself in service. Generally she becomes interested in community conditions. The Big Sister usually is eager to help in the community in other ways, Miss Mertz said.

A Big Sister is not a girl's friend for a matter of a few months, but is still a Big Sister and a personal friend several years after she is no longer needed. Sometimes lifelong

friendships are founded. The work is not charity, probation or forced supervision, but it is truly a consecrated effort on the part of women to serve as best they can. It is not a sentimentality either, but an earnest effort through uplifting companionship and intelligent study of girls' problems to help them to be better prepared to meet modern life, Miss Mertz said.

The Big Sister work was begun here, by Mrs. Henry Stern and Mrs. Theodore Steinhausen with a small group of Jewish girls of the Berith Kodesh Sisterhood. Little sisters showed such obvious and marked improvement from their association with their Big Sisters that the Catholic and Protestant women asked that the service be extended to their faiths. The Rochester Big Sister Council Inc., with a board consisting of equal representation from each faith, was formed.

By MILDRED BOND

Public Library Court St.

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Girl Scouts Found a Pioneer Helper in Mrs. Buell Mills

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WHERE are the grand-daughters and the great grand-daughters of the pioneer Jonathans and Nathaniels, the Delias and the Sebas, about whom Elizabeth Hollister Blair told in her Centennial poem "Revolving June" and to whom we were so dramatically introduced in the historical pageant celebrating Rochester's first 100 years? What part in the life of the community are they taking today?

For the most part, we suspect, they are carrying on the work begun by their mothers, their grandmothers and their great grandmothers and they, too, are doing pioneer work when some worthy cause makes its call felt.

The day was brightly blue, as October weather is reputed to be. The Girl Scout bulletin had just arrived as the Buell Mills residence and on its cover was a line by Edna St. Vincent Millay.

Oh world, I cannot hold thee close enough
This Autumn day.

"Woofie," the white sealyham, a most important member of the Mills household and his mistress, Mrs. Mills, were both sharing Miss Millay's sentiments, and perhaps Mrs. Mills also was remembering other beautiful days spent possibly in camp with her young friends of the different Scout troupes. The Girl Scout activities have had Mrs. Mills support and active interest since the movement was first considered here and it was in this field that Mrs. Mills did real pioneer work.

A descendant of Dr. Levi Ward, and the grand-daughter of Freeman Clarke, member of Congress and founder of several banks, she has followed in footsteps of her mother, grandmother and grandfather. Both Mrs. Clarke, her grandmother, and Mrs. Fred Allen, her mother, were members of the board of General Hospital. So is she. She also is interested in the Children's Nursery and the Social Workers' Club and is a member of Woman's Auxillary of the Salvation Army.

Mrs. Mills' mother was a charter member of the Tuesday Musicale Society, which a few years ago not only fostered local musical talent, but was the means of bringing to the city many of the finest musicians of the country and many of the greatest musical organizations, such as the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Mrs. Mills was particularly in-



MRS. BUELL MILLS

terested in building up a strong Student Club, the younger musicians who would soon become active senior members.

Her fondness for music was demonstrated early in her life. She attended a private school in Rochester, then she was sent to Boston, where she studied music. Later she continued her study abroad. She since has studied in the Eastman School of Music. Mrs. Mills is a member of the woman's Educational Committee of the Civic Music Association which is sponsoring a program of

children's plays and puppet shows at the Eastman Theater.

When a small group of girls met in Brick Presbyterian Church to discuss the organization of Girl Scout troop in Rochester, she offered her organizing efforts. From that time she has supported the movement whole heartedly.

First she was a captain of a troupe, then a member of the Council, and for the last four years she was the commissioner in charge of Rochester Girl Scout work. That position she

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relinquished this spring to Mrs. Edward Harris and she is now a district commissioner in charge of the Maplewood district.

It has been said that Girl Scouting is like the measles—it is catching. Certainly it has spread rapidly in a few years until there are now in Rochester 3,000 Girl Scouts. As district commissioner Mrs. Mills said there are still spots on their Scout map where new troupes with new leaders are desirable. Classes in leadership training will open Oct. 15 and 16 and young women of executive ability with some native talent and an understanding of or fondness for girls are being urged by Scout officials to train for leadership.

Girl Scouts, said Mrs. Mills, take their scouting seriously and at the same time have fun. The program, including nature study,

handicraft, first aid, health, service, child care and home making, camping, swimming and life saving and woodcraft, provides a chance for every girl to do something, she said.

Mrs. Mills was impressed by the immensity of the movement when about six years ago she attended the international meeting at the Edith Macy National Camp. There were representatives there from 39 countries. There were no barriers, no differences except in speech.

"One could not help but think of the possibility for friendship and peace with all the countries in the world," she said. "That is the thing I like about scouting the most. It is a friendly organization."

After Mrs. Mills relinquished the position of commissioner girls of the Rochester Council at the annual June Court of Awards in Highland Park presented her a blue thanks award in tribute to her service. That particularly moved Mrs. Mills, for only the girls themselves may decide to whom they wish to give such an award and they bring their pennies to their own Scout leader, who turns them over to the headquarters.

700 PAY TRIBUTE AT FUNERAL OF CHURCH WOMAN

Helen B. Montgomery
Praised for Life
Of Unselfishness
OCT 21 1934

Mourning the loss of a religious teacher, scholar and leader of the church, 700 men and women paid honor to Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery at funeral services in Lake Avenue Baptist Church yesterday.

For more than two hours before the funeral rites in Lake Avenue Baptist Church, mourners filed past the bier in the room in which Mrs. Montgomery for years taught the Barrett Memorial Class. Former pupils and the Board of Deaconesses stood guard.

"The most unselfish person I ever knew," were the words in which Rev. Albert W. Beaven, D.D., president of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, characterized the woman leader in the service. She was a lifelong member of Lake Avenue Church, Doctor Beaven's former parish and her father, the late Rev. Adoniram Judson Barrett was minister there for 13 years.

Mrs. Montgomery died Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George F. Simpson of Summit, N. J. Only her daughter and a brother, Prof. B. Storrs Barrett of William Bay, Wis., survive her.

Rev. Whitney S. K. Yeaple, D.D., pastor of Lake Avenue Church, officiated with Doctor Beaven. Several hundred followed the funeral cortege to the grave in Riverside Cemetery.

Active bearers were William R. Gordon, Clarence A. Macy, G. Fred Laube, Charles A. Carpenter, Claude L. Darling and Arthur G. Durfee.

Honorary Bearers

Honorary bearers were Dr. Arthur H. Norton, president of Keuka College; William B. Hale, president of the board of trustees of Colgate Rochester Divinity School; Superintendent of Schools James M. Spinning, Mrs. Howard W. Smith of Philadelphia, president of the Women's American Foreign Missionary Society; Mrs. Mary T. L. Gannett, Mrs. Granger Hollister, Kendall B. Castle, J. Sawyer Fitch, Joseph T. Alling and Judge Harvey F. Remington.

Rev. Clarence A. Barbour, D. D., president of Brown University and former minister of Lake Avenue Church in a brief message read at

the funeral said that Mrs. Montgomery's contributions to society would be recorded in an article which he is now writing.

Mrs. Montgomery, the first woman member of the Rochester Board of Education, devoted much of her life to writing and was the author of many textbooks used in mission study. She was the only woman to be president of the Northern Baptist Convention and was past president of the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs.

Last Rites Conducted For Harry Maurer

Last rites were conducted for Henry W. Maurer, 73, pioneer in the thermometer industry and vice-president of Taylor Instrument Company, at his home, 261 Warwick Avenue, yesterday afternoon.

Rev. W. H. English of Elmira, former pastor of West Avenue Methodist Church, officiated and active bearers were Anthony J. Schatzlien, George Arend, George H. Heimbold and Charles De Groot.

Honorary bearers were E. A. Linder, Frederick Stolz, Jacob Fox, Henry W. Kimmel, P. Richard Jameson, Lewis B. Swift, Fred K. Taylor, Harry Y. Norwood, George H. Taylor, Herbert J. Winn, Edward Bausch, Arthur F. Reed, James Ely and T. M. Stewart.

Mr. Maurer died Thursday in a Syracuse hospital following an automobile accident while on his way to Rochester from his summer home at Cape Cod.

Rites Tomorrow for Aged Rochesterian

Born in a log cabin 92 years ago in East River Road near Ballantyne Bridge, Mrs. Sarah Corbin Baker, 1413 Lake Avenue, died Friday night in her home. With the exception of seven years in California, she had lived all her life in Rochester.

Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at 137 Chestnut Street. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

In 1961 when 19, she married Rev. A. S. Baker, who had a parish in California. When her husband died in 1868, Mrs. Baker returned to this city.

Only surviving relative is a daughter, Miss Susie Baker.

Poetry and Teaching Is Life to Blanche Thompson, Author

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SURROUNDED by the warmth and color of gay India prints, colorful treasures brought back from Europe, Mexico and the West Indies and her beloved books, Miss Blanche Thompson, herself a colorful figure in a blue gown decorated by bright peasant embroidery, sits at her desk writing charming verse and plays for children.

Miss Thompson is a versatile person, for she is not only an author and radio story teller, but a teacher, traveler and informal lecturer. She insists upon the word "informal."

As an authoress perhaps she is best known for her book "Silver Pennies," an anthology of poems that has been used in schools and has done as much or more traveling than its author. It was one of 150 representative American books to be sent by the American Library Association to the International Bureau of Education meeting at Geneva, Switzerland. It has reached schools throughout the country and the author has received many letters from children everywhere who have enjoyed the poems in their classrooms. Children from a school in Dallas, Tex., paid her the compliment of publishing a book of their own poems and dedicating it to her.

Among other children's books written by Miss Thompson are "The Golden Trumpet," a book of fairy tales; two plays, a fantasia with music called "The Dream Maker" and its sequel, "The Sister of Pierrot," and two children's operettas, "On the Road to Romany" and "At the Sign of the Bumblebee."

When Miss Thompson was about 10 years old she submitted two poems in a prize contest to a Rochester newspaper and received as a prize two books which she still values. Since then she has never lost her desire to write poetry.

Geneseo is Miss Thompson's home town. She was graduated from Geneseo Normal School and later obtained an AB degree from Columbia College and an MA from the University of Rochester. She is now teaching English in Benjamin Franklin High School.

When she was a member of the faculty of the City Normal School she taught reading methods and wrote plays, stories, poems and

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MISS BLANCHE THOMPSON

articles that were sent to educational magazines. Then she branched out and began writing still other types of articles and other magazines began to ask for her work. She has revised a series of textbooks called "Modern English" used in the schools.

One of the satisfying features of being an author is the interesting correspondence that often follows the publication of a book, Miss Thompson said.

"I treasure letters from such poets as Sara Teasdale and many other writers and educators, but the letters of appreciation I received from small children, which often include poems of their own making, some very funny, but all very precious.

The authoress, who said she always has been a nonconformist,

casts. In 1931 she broadcast a series of evening programs on children's literature for parents under the sponsorship of the university. To provide stories for children of the fourth, fifth and sixth grades, Miss Thompson was asked to read stories over the air every Monday for the School of the Air program. These the children receive over loudspeakers in classrooms. Shut-ins send Miss Thompson letters of appreciation.

Beginning next week, librarians, Sunday school teachers, parents, anyone interested in literature for children can be found in Miss Thompson's class in the extension department of the university.

Words are things to be handled carefully and reverently, she said, expressing alarm at the rapid spread of slang phrases and jargon among people of all ages and all types.

Although believing that if a teacher has enough enthusiasm for a given subject she can successfully teach it to another, Miss Thompson admitted she did not think that holds true of writing. One must have a natural talent to succeed as a writer, she said. Her own pupils have

ranged in age from the tiny children in the first grade to adults in the university and she has found that the small child can be taught the best literature if properly presented and older persons equally enjoy the children's poems and stories.

Miss Thompson is a member of the Catholic Women's Club and is the leader of the poetry group that meets informally to read poetry and discuss it and the authors and to write original poems submitted anonymously to the leader for criticism and discussion.

When Miss Thompson finds herself faced with a tedious wait she is sure to be found reading biography, essays or poetry covering pages of whatever paper is handy with writings or surprisingly good pencil drawings of her favorite authors or artists. She has many hobbies. Any kind of art interests her, music, amateur theatricals, pictures, travel. She likes to travel and prowl about in strange places alone observing human nature at odd moments in odd places.

has written an article for the American Traveler, "Traveling Alone," in which she maintains the only satisfactory way to travel is alone. She likes to spend an hour before one picture in an art gallery or a day absorbing the beauty, air and atmosphere peculiar to one far away spot, while traveling companions insist on "doing" the entire gallery or visiting a half-dozen cathedrals, museums or towns, she said.

A keen enjoyment for interesting poetry has opened the way for Miss Thompson's major activities besides her teaching and writing. She is asked to give about 30 informal lectures a season, reading and interpreting poems and telling of her travels. Then there are her radio broad-

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Blanca Will Creating
Live Interest for
Art by Children

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Miss Mary Sullivan, whose smile greeted callers at Democratic headquarters in the Seneca Hotel during the year, has just been installed as secretary to the city welfare department. She is liaison officer between the Welfare Department Re-employment Bureau, the U. S. Re-employment Agency and the Work Relief Bureau.

UNDER the subtle guidance of of Miss Blanca Will a group of children ranging from 6 to 13 years old are doing an astonishing bit of creative work in sculpture daily at the Memorial Art Gallery and a smaller group of older and more advanced pupils has been organized as the Sunday and Wednesday evening Fellowship Group from which Miss Will has developed leaders and assistants.

The smaller children have done creatively small figures of deer aided by visual study at Durand-Eastman Park, actual character studies of horses, cows and their own pet dogs from life and even Sally the elephant at the Seneca Park zoo. They use plaster.

Saturday mornings children of members of the gallery attend classes. In the afternoon children recommended by the public schools as having shown art ability are there, while older pupils meet in the late afternoon and evenings. There are 175 pupils in the modeling classes. No charge is made by the gallery.

"Only the inventive mind with imagination, visual faculty and power to use that faculty creatively or dynamically through scientific knowledge developed through study of the facts of growth and structure, observation and sense of life attains leadership in human progress," Miss Will said. She has stressed the development of the creative or inventive faculties of her smaller pupils first.

Life classes for older pupils have been established, the Fellowship Group furnishing its own model. The sculptress teaches her youthful pupils it is a spiritual law toward which the human race tends. As their motto she has given them:

As thou seest man
Become thou must.
God if thou seest God,
Dust, if thou seest dust.

The Fellowship Group has been in existence four years and already members have received commissions and are working in New York and elsewhere.

Exhibits held in the art gallery and the Eastman School of Music brought forth favorable comment. The exhibits included portrait heads, figures, some satiric or whimsical and some purely idealistic compositions, such as a figure called "The Spirit of Flight."



MISS BLANCA WILL

Miss Will has loved sculpture ever since her kindergarten days. She studied painting in Germany and Paris and sculpture in New York and she has roamed through Italy, Greece and Egypt studying the works of the great master artists and painting in oil and water color. She said she is in complete sympathy with the theories of Hans Hoffmann, the famous Viennese artist who recently opened a school of modern art in New York. He considers her especially capable both in painting and sculpture and has expressed pleasure at the creative work done here with the children.

Before coming to the art gallery here Miss Will taught and exhibited her work in California. She was commissioned to do a portrait study of Prof. Thorstein Veblen, going to the new School for Social Research in New York to accomplish it. She did a portrait of Rev. John Haynes Holmes and also a head of Professor Marx of Stanford University. In exhibits held in the art gallery of work done by Rochester artists and craftsmen Miss Will not only has received the Fairchild award for sculpture, but a first award for painting

as well. Miss Will's philosophy of art also is her philosophy of life.

"When we learn not only to work, but live creatively, to live the principles of art, the world will be revolutionized into a spontaneous co-operative unity based on natural law," Miss Will said. Kahlil Gibran expresses my thoughts:

I say that life is indeed darkness save when there is urge,
And all urge is blind save when there is knowledge,
And all knowledge is in vain save where there is work,
And all work is empty save when there is love.

"Art and Life are one with the cosmic order, hence the greater the human and his cosmic awareness suitably expressed, the greater the art and the greatest art is that which is happily done with the greatest suitability to fill a real human need," she said.

War has no justification, Miss Will thinks and she has written and published articles denouncing it. She always has been actively interested in any movement for world peace.

"We do not pretend to present finished work," she said of the work she is directing at the gal-

lery, "but we believe we present a principle of growth in developing the spirit of free creativeness based on sound visual faculty. The artist must see unity and see whole that which he creates and the artist in life does the same. He sees the world, mankind, the universe as one and calls out the creative spirit in each human being, for harmony, for peace, for beauty, for joy in creativeness fitting his utmost conviction for good at any cost. He should receive great joy in giving himself to perfecting the world."

Rochester Biography Woman
Mrs. Helen Montgomery
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A life woven securely into the character of Rochester is ended in the passing of Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery, one of the truly eminent women who have reflected distinction upon this region. For two generations and more she had been an influence felt throughout the city. In her more active years she was a powerful voice calling the city to its best ideals, and a voice eloquently persuasive, cultured by education, backed by a keen and vigorous intellect.

Mrs. Montgomery's friendships radiated so far in every direction that her death brings personal sorrow to a multitude both in and out of the city. These remember her for her practical, yet earnest religious faith, her devotion to clean citizenship, her tireless support of the prohibition movement, her genuine friendliness and broad sympathies. Beyond that closer circle, her name stands for a kind of feminine leadership not unlike that of Susan B. Anthony or Frances Willard, other distinguished representatives of this section. She was an ordained Baptist minister, she had been honored by degrees from universities, as a writer, lecturer and religious advocate she had a national name.

It will be hard for many to realize that the place so long filled by this distinguished member of the Rochester family is vacant. To these at least the impress left upon the community will be a continuing reminder of the ideals which she so long and usefully served.

Along the Promenade

By
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No Desire for Honors In Dr. Robbins' Life Of Long Research

It was a gracious gesture on the part of Dr. George H. Whipple, dean of the University of Rochester Medical School and professor of pathology, to lead forth his associate, Mrs. Frieda S. Robbins, Ph. D., that she too might take a bow when he found himself taking curtain calls for a Nobel prize for his achievements in that constant drama, the conflict between man and disease.

A scientist never seeks publicity and expects no reward. Doctor Robbins insists, nevertheless, she is proud to have been associated with Doctor Whipple in his experimental work and to have had a hand in so important a therapeutic discovery as that which won for Doctor Whipple, Dr. George Minot and Dr. William J. Murphy the Nobel prize in medicine.

"Basing your scientific experiment on definite ideas," Doctor Robbins said, "you make certain conjectures that lead through byways, one to another, until at last you become possessed of a magnificent obsession and determination to learn the truth of your scientific theory if it takes 16 years or many times 16. If you are successful you really deserve no great credit, for by that time experiment has become the only thing in life you care to do."

Knowing that loss of blood makes for anemia and that this blood loss can be made up by the type of food eaten, it was discovered that liver repaired the blood loss most rapidly. Having isolated from liver its active therapeutic principle and observing its therapeutic effects upon anemic dogs, it was found to be a cure for a certain type of pernicious anemia. But there are many types of anemia and many types of people, Mrs. Robbins pointed out, so Doctor Whipple and his associates will continue the work of studying the effects of foods in various pathological conditions in animals.

In order to obtain uniform results, the pathologists themselves raised the animals used in the experiment and thus they were able to follow the same blood type from generation to generation. Doctor Minot and Doctor Murphy of the Harvard Medical School used Doctor Whipple's theoretical findings to develop a method of treating humans suffering from pernicious anemia.



MRS. FRIEDA S. ROBBINS, Ph.D.

"How did I become interested in pathology?" she asked. "Well I had male relatives and their friends who were either chemists or physicians and I, too, became interested in laboratory work and medicine. At one time I thought I wanted to become a doctor of medicine."

Mrs. Robbins was born in Germany and as a child was educated in Germany and France. Coming to this country when a young girl, she received her major education here, studying in the University of Chicago and the University of California. She was a guest student in the Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research in New York City and a volunteer assistant in the Univer-

doing medical research. The woman who wishes a scientific career must have a definite aptitude for such work, which no amount of plodding will replace, she said. She must be prepared to work hard, sacrifice much, and realize that other fields are more remunerative and that she will have a long volunteer study ahead of her, possibly under a fellowship or grant. She must be observing down to the minutest detail.

"It will keep you alert for the scientist must not only keep up with the progress of science, but must keep one step ahead and be ready to blaze new trails," she said. "It has been my experience to have found my surroundings always pleasant and the people with whom I have come in contact in the hospitals, schools and laboratories here and elsewhere most helpful and kind. I desire no other fate than that which has been mine."

organized that Mrs. Robbins shipped the animals here and came East.

Real pioneer work was done, beginning on a small scale and gradually expanding until it reached its present magnitude. The opportunities for doing research work today are much greater here than abroad due to economic conditions, Mrs. Robbins said, and the excellent resources the scientists have at their disposal in the Rochester Medical School are fully appreciated. There are three clinicians and a chemist associated with her in her study.

A tall, slender, golden haired woman, the mother of a young daughter in high school, Mrs. Robbins offsets the long hours spent in the laboratory by spending equally long hours out of doors. She likes to play golf and is particularly fond of swimming. Her repeated trips abroad have helped her to master French, German and Italian languages. A good reading knowledge of languages is desirable she said, so one may read the scientific news from foreign nations. She has been both a student and a teacher in the extension department of the University of Rochester and has

sity of California Medical School before her appointment as associate to Doctor Whipple there. The study of anemia was begun in California in 1917 and continued in Rochester.

When Doctor Whipple came to Rochester the Medical School still was incomplete, yet there was no interruption in the work. The University of California gave Mrs. Robbins space in that school for two years and it was not until the school here was lectured in Rochester, New York, California and elsewhere.

Mrs. Robbins said there are many women in science, the greater number doing nutritional work or working in the field of biochemistry and physiology. There are not so many women

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Preparation for Life Harley Director's Goal for Pupils

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A CHANCE remark made by a fellow educator is at least indirectly responsible for the presence in our midst of Miss Louise M. Sumner, director of Harley School.

While touring a large industrial plant a group of teachers watched with interest the smooth and efficient movement of huge bales and boxes as they slid by on belts, one process after another being accomplished until the finished product was completed and ready to leave the factory. The fellow educator, stirred with the idea of efficiency and sound organization, was moved by admiration to exclaim:

Miss Sumner, a member of the group, was shocked by a mental picture of masses of helpless children being carried from kindergarten to college via some huge belt system, just another traffic problem. Then and there she revolted and determined to try out her own theories of individual and not mass education.

She had received her A. B. and A. M. degrees from the University of Minnesota, and had taught in a day school in Columbus, Ohio, and in a public high school in Evanston, Ill. For a year she was a fellow in the graduate school at Bryn Mawr. Finding herself becoming more and more engrossed in books, she left Bryn Mawr to try out her educational theories in summer camps.

At first she conducted co-operatively with another woman teacher a camp in Michigan in which there were enrolled about 60 girls, most of them 7 or older. Later she organized and conducted her own camp in the Adirondacks, where she she accepted children 4 and 5 years old. She said she found she could accomplish more in two months in camp than in a year in school, and proved to herself that her ideas were practical and not just idealistic.

She became associated with the Columbia School here for a year, then became director of Harley School, a post she has held for the last 10 years.

Harley School, an incorporated nonprofit-making school with an elected Board of Trustees made



LOUISE SUMNER

up of parents of the pupils who are therefore co-owners of the school, has pupils ranging in age from 2 to 18. She tries to build consistently by giving a varied program as part of the curriculum of all the children so by the time pupils are ready for college or high school they have been introduced to every field of activity, no branch of which is not at least familiar. Most of the pupils go on to other schools, but none is encouraged to attend college unless he be above average. Senior pupils and their director have made tours of many of the schools in the East so they might choose the colleges that can do the most for them individually according to their abilities which by then they have discovered and proved.

The pupils, grouped in classes of 10 to 16, can be thoroughly studied as to character and ability and their habits observed. They are taught how to study and how to do their own thinking, Miss Sumner said. In the secondary school, for instance, classes are one and a half hours long and subjects are varied and studied on alternate days so sometimes the pupil has a three-hour study period. Sophomores who study in the school library are given typewritten assignments subdivided into weeks and they know they must complete the work in a month, take part in group discussions, write papers on the subjects or take rests and thus be thoroughly checked. With classes so small there is no possibility of being skipped by the teacher in the recitation. If later the pupil plans to attend college where he will receive longer assignments he will be prepared to complete them.

"There are no extracurricular subjects in Harley School. The

subjects usually known as extra-curricular are participated in by all the children. Each class presents a play each year. Painting, music and shop work are studied at an early age and continued throughout the course.

High school pupils have no home work and their hours at home are real leisure hours except for certain reading assignments or elective subjects the pupils themselves choose to follow at their leisure. Seniors study the same as in college therefore they have only to become adjusted to greater quantity of work in college, Miss Sumner explains.

"We are not extremists, but try to follow a conservative middle path," she said. "We allow some freedom, but our students do not presume to run the school. I particularly love the tiny pupils. There are no ogres among the teachers in Harley School and the babies are delightful. They use moveable chairs and tables and are allowed to move about freely, but are not allowed to become boisterous. They are given a wide variety of activities. One tiny child gave me an affectionate squeeze and said: 'You are the boss here, aren't you?' 'Who told you that?' I said. 'Nobody, I just figured it out.'"

Thirty-two acres of apple orchard and a stream provide the setting for outdoor program at the school.

Miss Sumner said her work with pupils can be successful only when the home and community life of the child is progressive also. She deplored over-emphasis on materialism everywhere and said she finds it hard to fight. In this type of school she is able to keep in close touch with parents and to know the home environment of each child. Parents co-operate in every phase of the school life. Pupils conduct their own social life, such as dances and teas, with the help of parents. There is a student council for discussion of current problems.

The curriculum, based on social science, introduces the first grade pupils to their city. They visit fire-houses and stores, etc. Second year pupils study transportation, to on trips and study maps.

Miss Sumner deplored the lack of a professional theater in Rochester. She is particularly fond of the theater and music and has what she describes as a weakness for travel and reading. She has been abroad three times. Her only regret, she said, is that she herself did not have the privilege of receiving in her youth just such an education as she is supervising and trying to perfect.

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Miss Winchell Builds Community by Study Groups of Parents

SMALL David was eating supper. He was a robust child with a fine head, square shoulders and sturdy legs.

Temporarily forgetting his table manners, he pounded on the table with his chubby fist and said: "Mommie, I need more milk, I need more milk."

Mother overlooked the matter of table manners and gladly ministered to his needs, for next to him sat Betty, thin and pale, but nevertheless the heroine of this little drama. Always Betty was still toying with her spinach after the dessert had been served.

Mother sternly told Betty to look at the clock and if by 7 o'clock she had not eaten her meal she would be obliged to go directly to bed. Minutes passed, everyone waiting tensely; then Betty looked at Mother with the sweetest smile and said coolly: "Mother, its almost 7 o'clock now."

Mother was a nice person, but she sent Betty to bed as promised, but the appetite problem was still unsolved.

That is only one case, but there are numbers of respectable parents who have small children, cherubic of countenance but presenting problems worse than that, little boys who come home from school and tell dreadful "whoppers," or commit other "crimes" that increase the number of prematurely gray heads among parents.

Miss Florence E. Winchell, director of parent education and child development of the Rochester Board of Education, undoubtedly is the person who can help those parents to help themselves, and in a pleasant and interesting manner, too. She has organized, through the schools and the Parent-Teacher Association, groups of (conscientious and overconscientious parents, too) who meet in constructive discussion groups presided over by their own leaders, fathers or mothers who have followed training courses in parent education conducted by Miss Winchell in School 5. The leader attempts neither to deliver a lecture nor



MISS FLORENCE WINCHELL.

to teach the group, but rather helps to stimulate interest and attendance ask the parents to submit for informal discussion questions or everyday problems that are bothering them.

Last year there were 31 such groups and the movement is rapidly spreading throughout the city Webster, Lyons, Genesee and Fairport are following suit.

The children to be studied are divided according to age levels. Selection of toys and play materials, habits, eating, sleeping, obedience and discipline and the emotional lives of children are discussed. Books, pictures and music suitable for young children are studied.

Other courses given either by Miss Winchell or her assistants cover family relationships, methods of leadership and the adolescent in changing civilization. Not only is there a course in parent educational literature, but the parent education department has a library of books available to all parents. Some groups pool their

resources and buy books on child education.

Besides training leaders of the groups Miss Winchell lectures when necessary and is always ready to interpret to parents new trends in education and to introduce new literature. Thus the parents are able directly to draw on the knowledge and experience of a professional worker who has spent a lifetime doing scientific and research work in a child development and progressive education.

Miss Winchell, received her A. B. and A. M. degrees from Columbia University and did other graduate work in the University of Minnesota, Toronto University and Teacher's College of Columbia University. She taught in the public schools of Chicago, in the Ethical School in New York and in Lincoln School of Teachers' College at Columbia. She has had charge of teachers in the home economics department of the State Teacher's College at Albany.

Miss Winchell cannot say enough about the desirability of reaching children in their early formative years. Nursery schools and summer backyard playgrounds serve as good laboratories, she said. Parents are surprised to see children calmly sleeping during the day in the nursery schools and their hearty appetites are a surprise, too, said Miss Winchell.

A richer and fuller family life is bound to be developed through study groups, said Miss Winchell. Studying one's own child leads to studying childhood generally and group members become interested in all phases of community life pertaining to children. They are branching out into broad fields, these parents. They are demanding religious and racial tolerance and movies and radio programs suitable for children. They are becoming leaders in the community itself. All this helps children to understand their schools, churches and communities and their place in them.

Daughter of First Norwegian Settler Back after Receiving Honors at Norse Celebration

Rochester Public Library
54 Court St.

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After being feted and honored at the Norse-American Centennial celebration at St. Paul, Minn., Miss Georgiana Larsen is back at her daily tasks a few feet from the site upon which her father, Lars Larsen, the first Norwegian settler in Rochester, built his home in the New World nearly one hundred years ago.

Accompanied by her niece, Mrs. J. L. Vosburg, of Buffalo, Miss Larsen who is 80 years old, made the journey to St. Paul to celebrate with her father's countrymen the anniversary of the first Norwegian settlement in America in 1825. Met by a delegation of Norse-Americans, Miss Larsen and her niece, were honored at all functions in St. Paul. One of the affairs they attended was a luncheon given in honor of President Coolidge.

Miss Larsen, an active, energetic little woman with sparkling eyes, yesterday related some of the events and incidents surrounding her father's part in the early Norwegian settlement of Rochester. Although Miss Larsen was hardly a year old at the time of her father's death much of the early history of the Norwegians in this part of the country has been related to her by her mother.

Lars Larsen, her father, was the leader of a band of Norwegians who set out in 1825 for America. When they landed in New York the boat was sold and Mrs. Larsen journeyed to Holley, where she stayed with friends,

Larsen soon afterwards joined his wife, making the trip from Albany to Holley alone on skates over the frozen waters of the Erie canal which had just been opened. Larsen, having a little money, came to Rochester and established a boat building business near the present corner of Main street and Caledonia avenue. Here his business flourished, Larsen employing more than a hundred men building canal boats.

Later he bought property on what is now Favor street. Larsen found Rochester a pleasant place to live in and his business grew by leaps and bounds. In those days the chief difficulty that the Norwegian immigrants faced was lack of money. The fact that very few of them could speak the English language also made it hard for them to prosper here. Many of them applied to the Norwegian consul for aid and they were referred to Lars Larsen to whom as many as ninety went at one time. They remained at his home in Atkinson street until they were able to take care of themselves, most of them going to Illinois and Wisconsin. Larsen lived in the Atkinson street home, which is still standing, until his accidental death in 1845.

Miss Larsen is the only survivor of the Larsen family and still has possession of the old Larsen homestead, although she is not living in it at present. She retains some of the property held by her father in Favor street.

RVF Rochester - Biography
Miss Elizabeth Clarke
 The death of Miss Elizabeth Clarke removes from the city's life a quiet but influential figure in its affairs. Miss Clarke's grandfather, Representative Freeman Clarke, purchased the Rochester Daily Chronicle in 1870, and assisted in its merger with the Daily Democrat and the formation of the Rochester Printing Company in that year. His son, L. Ward Clarke, was made treasurer in that year. From the death of L. Ward Clarke in 1894, his two daughters were principal owners of the paper for many years.

Miss Clarke was intensely interested in the success of the paper, although its active management was in other hands. She was anxious to preserve it as a Rochester institution and she was influenced in its final disposition by her desire to insure its future in that character.

Miss Clarke's active interest in public affairs was keen, but was quietly expressed. She frequently recalled a close comradeship with her grandfather, who was a power in Republican political affairs in Lincoln's time. The same quiet but effective interest was manifested in her loyalty to her church.

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RVF Rochester - Biography
Elizabeth Clarke
Services Conducted

Private funeral services for Miss Elizabeth Clarke, daughter of the late L. Ward Clarke, who died Saturday, Jan. 5, 1935, were conducted this afternoon at the home, 687 East Avenue.

Miss Clarke's father was at one time treasurer of The Democrat and Chronicle and treasurer of The Rochester Printing Company. Her grandfather, Freeman Clarke, was owner of the Daily Chronicle in 1870 and assisted in organizing the Rochester Printing Company. He was also a representative in Congress from this district and a member of the cabinet of President Lincoln.

She was a member of Christ Episcopal Church.

One sister, Mrs. Oliver Allen Campbell of East Norwich, Long Island, survives.

(Mary Gabriel Clarke Campbell)

RVF Rochester - Biography
MOTHER DIES UNAWARE SON PRECEDED HER
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Fall Injuries Fatal to Mrs. Ella F. Cazeau - Rites Tomorrow

Injured three weeks ago in a fall in her home, 161 Reynolds Street, Mrs. Ella Ford Cazeau, 85, died yesterday (Jan. 1, 1935) in St. Mary's Hospital. She died without knowing her son, Theodore C. Cazeau, who took her to the hospital after her mishap, had preceded her in death. Her son died Dec. 23.

Mrs. Cazeau was the widow of Theodore H. Cazeau, member of the Eighth New York Cavalry in the Civil War and formerly was an active worker for E. G. Marshall Post Relief Corps.

She is survived by a daughter, Miss Ella F. Cazeau; two sons, William G. Cazeau, Oakland, Calif., and Edwin H. Cazeau, San Diego, Calif.; also two grandchildren, Genevieve and Hortense Cazeau.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow Rev. Justin W. Nixon, D. D., minister of Brick Presbyterian Church officiating.

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Bridal Prayer of Duke and Duchess of Kent
Written by Mother of Rochester Woman
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Thanksgiving Greetings Bring Mrs. Forbes Word of Honor

By JULIUS KAUFMAN

The bridal prayer of the Duke and Duchess of Kent, offered during their wedding in London, England, Thanksgiving Day, forged a direct link between that ceremony and Rochester.

The prayer consisted of the words of the famous hymn "Father, Hear the Prayer We Offer," written by the late Love Maria Whitcomb Willis, mother of Mrs. Edith Willis Forbes of 243 Alexander Street. Mrs. Forbes, widow of the late George Mather Forbes, professor emeritus of the University of Rochester, learned only yesterday that the hymn written by her mother had been chosen as the special bridal anthem at the Westminster Abbey services. The information was on a postcard bearing Thanksgiving greetings to Mrs. Forbes from Rev. Edwin L. Baker of St. Stephen's Church, New York.

Written in 1859

The hymn, written in 1859 by Mrs. Willis, who is buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, was a favorite with many prominent persons, including President McKinley and the famous English statesman, Gladstone.

Her mother, Mrs. Forbes said, was a writer of short stories, especially childrens' stories, both philosophical and religious. She wrote few poems and hymns. She was also an artist and her work gained her an enviable reputation.

Mrs. Willis was editor of Tiffany's Monthly, a philosophical magazine published in New York in 1865. She also was author of

Hymn Declared Favorite Of President McKinley And Gladstone

Scripture Text, Illustrated, written for Sunday school students, which awakened considerable interest and controversy at that time.

She was born in Hancock, N. H. June 6, 1824. Her parents were Henry Whitcomb and Love Foster, who came to this country from White Combs or Cliffs of Dover, England. Mrs. Willis married Dr. Frederick L. H. Willis in 1858. Mrs. Forbes is the only surviving child.

Words Reflect Character

Mrs. Willis wrote the now famous hymn in New York. Her

words present a clear picture of her remarkable character. The hymn follows:

Father, hear the prayer we offer;
 Not for ease that prayer shall be,
 But for strength, that we may ever
 Live our lives courageously.
 Not for ever in green pastures
 Do we ask our way to be;
 But the steep and rugged pathway
 May we tread rejoicingly.
 Not for ever by still waters
 Would we idly quiet stay;
 But would smite the living fountains
 From the rocks along the way.
 Be our strength in hours of
 weakness;
 In our wanderings be our guide;
 Thro' endeavor, failure, danger,
 Father, be Thou at our side. Amen.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis made their home in their later years in Glensora on Seneca Lake, a few miles north of Watkins Glen. They also had a summer residence there and in the winter maintained an apartment in Rochester, Washington or Elmira.

It was in the latter city that she died on Thanksgiving Day, 1908, some 26 years to the day before her hymn was chosen for the internationally famous wedding ceremony.

Clergyman's Widow Gets Greetings on Her 80th Birthday

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Mrs. Algernon Sidney Crapsey Kept Busy
Receiving Messages of Congratulations
at Averill Avenue Home — Aided
Husband in Work in Rochester

By AMY H. CROUGHTON

Mrs. Algernon Sidney Crapsey of 678 Averill Avenue was kept busy today, answering telephone messages and opening letters and telegrams of congratulation on her 80th birthday anniversary.

One of the most highly prized of these letters came from a group of elderly men in the County Hospital whom Mrs. Crapsey visited each Sunday and on every holiday until this winter, when she was prevented by illness, and for whom she secured many comforts.

Adelaide Trowbridge Crapsey was born in Catskill Mar. 7, 1855, the daughter of Marcus and Harriet Trowbridge, her father being publisher of the Catskill Examiner. In 1875 she married the Rev. Algernon S. Crapsey, then on the staff of Trinity Church, New York City, and four years later the young couple came to Rochester, making the trip on a canal boat, the Rev. Mr. Crapsey having been appointed rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

From that time until 1906 Mrs. Crapsey was busy as only the wife of a clergyman who sees every needy and unhappy person as his parishioner can be busy. She was her husband's helpmate in work for boys which resulted in disappearance of the gangs that had been ready for any mischief in the Averill Avenue district. She helped him in establishing the first kindergarten in Rochester, conducted in the parish house. She organized the women of the parish in charitable works and interested them in making layettes for babies of unfortunate mothers. The softest material and the finest stitches went into these tiny clothes for babies who, otherwise, would have had nothing.

When Doctor Crapsey's service at St. Andrew's Church was brought to a close in 1906 he and Mrs. Crapsey found a new field for their work in The Brotherhood which Doctor Crapsey founded and which, for several years, held its Sunday services in the old Lyceum Theater and during the week served the entire community.

Friends of means were always ready to provide funds for the relief work in which Doctor and Mrs. Crapsey spent their own time and strength unsparingly and although the Brotherhood dissolved, after a time, the work still went on.

Founded Industry

Out of the little group of women who had provided gifts of layettes for friendless babies there grew, in later years, an industry known as the Adelaide T. Crapsey Company which became known, country-wide, for its beautiful dresses for children and, also, as a unique experiment in industry, a "shop" where, as one writer in the Christian Statesman put it: "In slack times, company and employes stand shoulder to shoulder bearing the brunt of them. In good times they share a common prosperity."

This undertaking was kept afloat through the years of the depression until about two years ago when, after heroic efforts, it was necessary to close the doors. But members of the "shop family," as Mrs. Crapsey always thinks of them, were among the earliest with their greetings today.

Mrs. Crapsey asserts that her only claims to distinction are the facts that she never has had her picture in a newspaper and that she never has been in a bank.

Five of Mrs. Crapsey's nine children are living. They are Paul B. Crapsey, Algernon S. Crapsey Jr., Marie Louise Crapsey and Arthur H. Crapsey of Rochester, and Mrs. Walter Garside of Summerville, N. J. She also has five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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Poetry Society Head One of Long Line

Of Literati
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A BRIDAL prayer offered at the recent wedding in London of the Duke and Duchess of Kent consisted of the words a hymn, "Father, Hear the Prayer We Offer," written by Love Maria Whitcomb Willis of Boston, mother of Mrs. Edith Willis Linn Forbes, president of the Rochester Poetry Society and widow of the late George Mather Forbes, professor emeritus of the University of Rochester.

The Atlantic Monthly was founded in Boston in 1857. Its first editor was James Russell Lowell. The first 21st volumes of the magazine are said to be a treasure house of the richest period in American literature. Boston was the intellectual center of America, its eminent literati including Emerson, Hawthorne, Lowell, Longfellow, Holmes, Whittier and Bryant.

Mrs. Forbes has vivid memories of literary Boston and it is not strange that she is still actively interested in some intellectual movement.

"My father, Dr. Fred L. H. Willis, was a physician who came from Concord to Boston to study and was a boarder in the Louisa Alcott home and later many times a guest there," she said. "He was 'Laurie' in 'Little Women.' I still remember going with my father to visit Louisa Alcott and Mrs. Alcott just before the latter's death. And, too, I remember the last lecture delivered in Boston by Ralph Waldo Emerson, staunch friend of the Alcott family.

"An uncle used to take me for walks in the Boston Commons and the Public Gardens, where I was fascinated by the swans. I was attending a private school in Boston that time. My mother wrote many hymns and children's stories and I still have quantities of her work written between 1863 and 1875, which I have meant to have published. My father wrote some philosophical articles, but no poetry, but on long memorable walks together he used to quote apt verse about the trees, the flowers and the clouds and he recited beautifully. When first he noticed that as a child I used to amuse myself by writing bits of verse on slate stones he gave me a pad and encouraged my writing these scraps in my book. I did and many of these fragments formed the basis for my later work."



MRS. EDITH WILLIS LINN FORBES

Mrs. Forbes has had five volumes of poems published. She has written a "Cycle of Sonnets" and considers the sonnet from her true medium of expression. Having been brought up on the classics, it was difficult to fall in step with a new movement and write new forms, but Mrs. Forbes thinks she has broken away from tradition. It was the poetry of Amy Howell that first reconciled her to modern poetry. As a movement she thinks free verse is practically gone, but she likes free verse and believes it has broken down the old stilted stylism and strengthened poetry.

After the publication of two volumes of verse Mrs. Forbes became a member of the National Poetry Society, whose meeting place is New York City. Inspired by the meetings she attended there she conceived the idea of organizing a Rochester branch of the national association. With that thought in mind she gathered around her six fellow poets. This was on Mar.

of verse called The Gleam, in which each member is represented. Many of the poems have been published in current periodicals and books of verse. The members aim to preserve the high quality of the contents rather than emphasize quantity, she said.

The affiliation of people of like thought is stimulating, Mrs. Forbes has discovered, and it is with interest that the older members of the society have watched the development of younger members, many of whom have become prominent since their admission into the society.

Elizabeth Hollister Frost Blair, Eleanor Slater, Robert P. Tristram Coffin, Carl Carmer and Harold Vinal, editor of voices are some of the well known poets who are either active or honorary members. Each year at the request of some of the poets Mr. Vinal conducts a work shop at the home of Mrs. Forbes. There the ambitious poets are assigned a subject upon which to write. They discuss poetic forms and patterns, learn to discard trite phrases and hackneyed words and to know what words have the greatest appeal. In the spring there is held an annual banquet and in the fall speakers address the society.

Mrs. Forbes said she is convinced it is emotional poetry or poems of an inspirational nature that have the greatest appeal and the largest number of read-

ers. A semireligious poem she wrote years ago and then almost forgot is constantly being returned to her by interested friends. "Restless Heart, Don't Worry So" the poem was called. It has been read in France, Germany and Russia, set to music on the back of a prayer card in India, on a theater program and even on a menu card. Another verse called "White Soul," of a similar character, recently was sent to her from Minneapolis,

where it was found printed in a daily newspaper.

Five months of the year find Mrs. Forbes at her summer home at Glenora on Seneca Lake. There 80 acres of land offer a pleasing retreat and possible inspiration for poetic thought and four beloved dogs assure companionship. For many years Mrs. Forbes was an active member of the Women's Industrial Union, the Door of Hope and the DAR.

2, 1920. Carl Carmer, author of "Stars Fell in Alabama" and then a professor at the University of Rochester, was elected first president of the Rochester society and Mrs. Forbes became the second president, a position she has held ever since. The Rochester Poetry Society never became affiliated with the national association, but it had similar goals.

The society is still small, numbering 30 active and four honorary members, and has a long waiting list. Mrs. Forbes said it may seem selfish to keep the membership so restricted, but it is believed desirable to preserve a warm intimate atmosphere because all the members submit poems anonymously for constructive criticism. Therefore, all the meetings are held in the old Alexander Street home of Mrs. Forbes and Professor Forbes. Membership in the society is determined by a membership committee. Each year the members publish a volume

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