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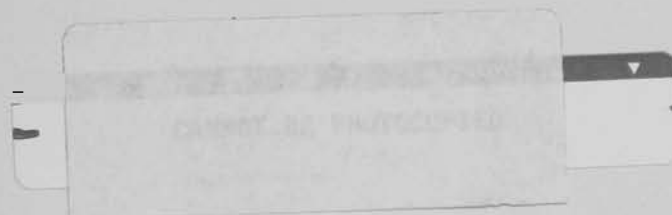
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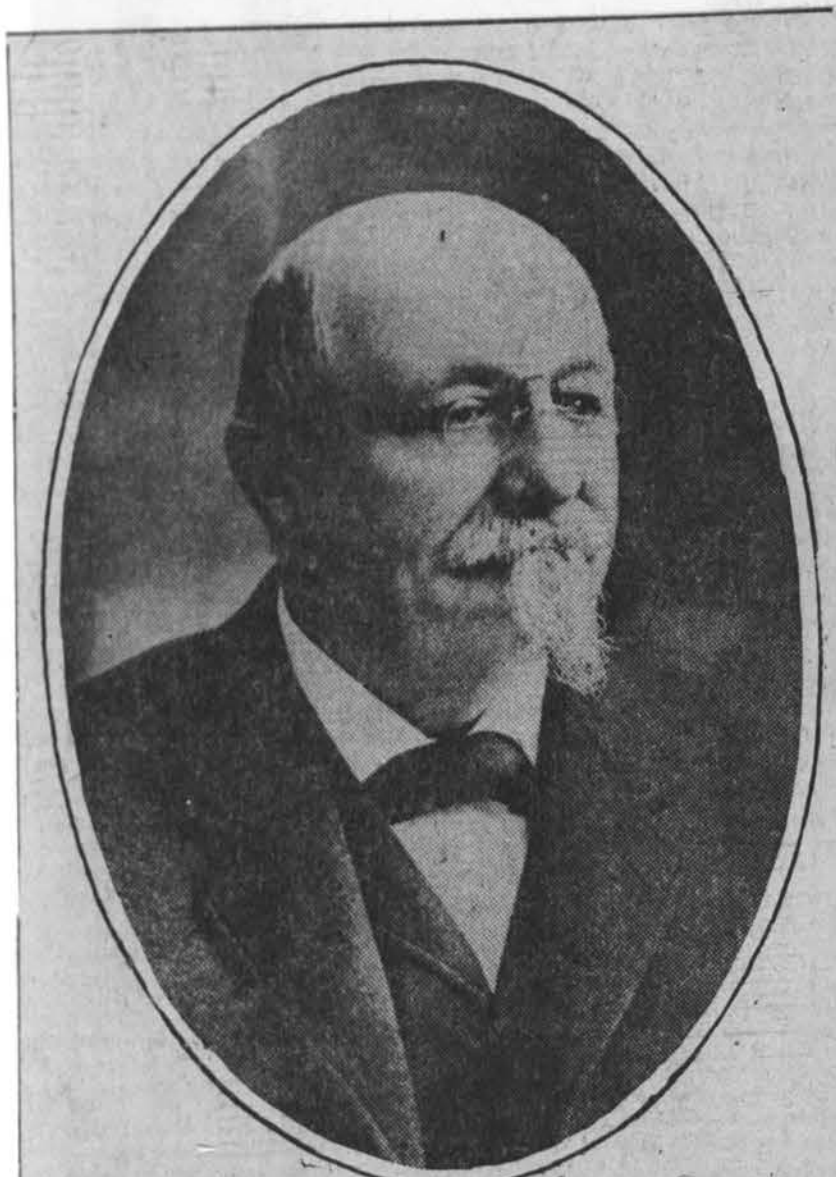
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EDGERTON DIES,

GRIEVING FOR ALDRIDGE



HIRAM V. EDGERTON,
MAYOR OF ROCHESTER 1908-1921.

FORMER MAYOR SINKS FAST AFTER COLLAPSING AT BIER

IF HIS FRIEND AND ADVISER
Effort to Rise from His Bed to Attend
Funeral of Mr. Aldridge Brings Final
Collapse, Ending in Peaceful Death.

"Good-by, old pal, my heart is broken," exclaimed Hiram H. Edgerton, seven times mayor of Rochester, as he bent half prostrated over the casket of George W. Aldridge, his friend and political mentor, last Thursday afternoon.

At noon yesterday Mr. Edgerton quietly passed into eternal sleep at his home, No. 30 South Goodman street. Although he had been in failing health during the past few months Mayor Edgerton's death was hastened by the shock of the death of his friend and co-worker in civic endeavors.

The death of Mr. Edgerton so soon after that of Mr. Aldridge is symbolical of the great friendship that existed between the two men. Both held each other in the highest esteem and remained loyal to each other throughout a long span of years.

Affected at Aldridge Home.

It was a touching scene last Thursday afternoon at Mr. Aldridge's home when Mr. Edgerton looked into the casket of his beloved friend. Broken in spirit as a consequence of death of Mr. Aldridge, the former mayor had to be assisted to the casket. He recovered himself only sufficiently to say, "Good-by, old pal, my heart is broken."

George W. Aldridge, Jr., assisted the former mayor to his automobile. It was a pathetic scene, for Mr. Edgerton, once a man of much vigor, was virtually helpless in the great grief of seeing the body of his close friend, whom he had held up as the highest example of sterling manliness. Persons intimate with Mr. Edgerton and Mr. Aldridge declared that they loved each other as devoted brothers.

After leaving the Aldridge house Mr. Edgerton was driven through Highland and Genesee Valley parks. His only statement to the chauffeur and nurse who accompanied him was, "Poor old George is gone, and I'll join him soon."

Unable to Attend Funeral.

Mr. Edgerton was to have been an honorary bearer at Mr. Aldridge's funeral on Friday. He was up about the house on Thursday, after returning from the Aldridge home, but it was evident that the death of his friend was preying on his mind. He retired at the usual hour on Thursday and Friday morning attempted to get out of bed to attend Mr. Aldridge's funeral, but he was too weak to rise. The effort caused him completely to collapse.

After the funeral on Friday he was visited by Charles R. Barnes, commissioner of railways; County Judge William K. Gillette; William S. Riley, commissioner of parks, and Herbert W. Pierce, commissioner of public works.

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All these men, long friends of Mr. Aldridge, were greatly ag-grieved by his death, yet they spent the few hours after the funeral comforting the man who had stood so close to him in working out the problems of the city. The four men knew that they were follow-ing out a request that Mr. Aldridge had frequently made to visit the former mayor during several spells of failing health.

However these men did not need urging, for all held Mr. Edger-ton in high regard. Mr. Edgerton was very weak when his four friends saw him. He repeated that he would soon "be with George. Tears coursed down his face. He spent Saturday quietly, remaining in bed. During Saturday evening he said that he "wanted to go to Highland Park." These were his last words. He did not awake yesterday morning but gradually sank and passed away just at r>on.

Two Chatted Ten Days Ago.

Mr. Edgerton visited Mr. Aldridge for an hour and a half wlfen Mr. Aldridge was in Rochester about ten days ago. They chatted on personal subjects and the former mayor became rather heavy-hearted. Mr. Aldridge in his characteristic manner told the mayor of some of the harslj things he had heard said about him. There was a laugh and Mr. Edgerton went away in better spirits. Com-missioner Pierce, who was present, said that Mr. Aldridge mentioned some of the things to take Mr. Edgerton's mind off his cares. \ few minutes was spent in good natured chatting at the door. It was the last time the two men saw each other alive.

Throughout yesterday afternoon and evening scores of friends and admirers of Mr. Edgerton called at the home. Among those were R. Andrew Hamilton, who was commissioner of public safety under Mayor Edgerton; Charles T. Chapin, who stood high in the affection of both Mr. Aldridge and Mr. Edgerton, Mayor Clarence D. Van Zandt and Commissioner Barnes.

May Not Lie in State.

Funeral arrangements will be made this morning when Mrs. Benjamin T. Roodhouse, of Wilmette, Ill., a daughter of Mr. Edger-ton arrives in the city. Mayor Edgerton is survived by his wife, who is in poor health; two daughters, Mrs. Henry Lampert, of Roch-ester, and Mrs. Roodhouse; Mrs. E. Russell Bingeman, a grandchild, of Rochester, and Edna Frances Bingeman, a great-grandchild, also of this city.

Henry Lampert, who was associated with his father-in-law in the contracting business some years ago, said that it would be de-cidedly contrary to Mayor Edgerton's wishes to have his body lie in state. However, Mr. Lampert declared, the family may acquiesce in it, if Mayor Edgerton's friends urge, and decision will be reached to-day. Friends of the former mayor point out that the residents of this city hold him in high esteem and it is only fair to the public that they be afforded an opportunity to do him honor.

Active for City Since 1865.

Mr. Edgerton has been identified with Rochester's growth since 1865. For eight years he was president of the Common Council; for fourteen years he was mayor. He was president of the Board of Education and as presiding officer in many conventions and at many municipal functions he displayed great tact and ability.

When Harry J. Bareham, commissioner of public safety, learned yesterday afternoon that Mr. Edgerton has passed away he had the City Hall bell toll seventy-five times, once for each of the years that Mr. Edgerton has lived. Flags throughout the city, especially on the police and fire stations, were flown at half-mast.

Devoted to Mr. Aldridge.

Mrs. Edgerton is bearing up bravely under her bereavement. Loyalty to Mr. Aldridge was a religion with Mr. Edgerton, and like-wise Mr. Aldridge was loyal to the mayor. As was stated by his daughter, Mrs. Lampert. yesterday afternoon, Mr. Edgerton was so devoted in his friendship that he could see no fault, little or large, in all of Mr. Aldridge's activity. It was with similar devotion and esteem that Mr. Aldridge held Mr. Edgerton. This is sh^jwn in the glowing tribute he paid Mr. Edgerton on the occasion when he re-tired from office.

Park Commissioner Riley announced last evening that the public dance hall at Ontario Beach Park and all band concerts would be suspended until after Mr. Edgerton's funeral.

TERM AS MAYOR MARKED EPOCH

FROM PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN 1913



HIRAM H. EDGERTON

CITY'S GROWTH IN MATERIAL AND AESTHETIC FIELDS HAD MAYOR'S FULL-TIME CARE

Edgerton Served Longer Than Any Other
Mayor but Cornelius Parsons; Parks
Libraries and Canal Use Fostered.

All of Mayor Edgerton's time from 1908 until the time of his death had been devoted exclusively to the interests of Rochester. A servant of the city for half a century, he made possible many distinctions of which the city is most proud. The character and achievements of Mr. Edgerton have an imperishable place in the history of the municipality's greater epoch. Together with George W. Aldridge, head of the organization of which Mr. Edgerton was an important part, the Mayor strived untiringly for the best interests of the city.

Mr. Edgerton's distinction in having served for seven consecutive terms as mayor was equaled only once in the history of the city. That was in the case of Cornelius R. Parsons, who was mayor of Rochester from 1876 to 1889. No other man had stood as long at the head of the city government.

Those who are capable of judging have remarked that Mr. Parsons did not have the opportunity to do so much for the budding municipality as Mr. Edgerton. With a city of the first class and a city of unusual material and moral assets, has often able to do. Mr. Parsons, moreover, did not have the advice and counsel of George W. Aldridge.

Placed in City's History.

It has been said by many that Mr. Edgerton's name has taken its outstanding place in the history of the city, to stand unimpaired for the future, he laid aside his responsibility as chief executive of the city on December 31st last, his administration as mayor having extended from 1908 to 1921. In January he was appointed superintendent of municipal construction, a position created so that he could carry out to completion the projects he had started. He had been engaged principally since the first of the year in putting the finishing touches to Ontario Branch Park.

Mayor Edgerton was known for his sense of fair play to all in the community and worked unselfishly and untiring in the interest of civic betterment and improvement. Benevolence, frankness, and magnanimity marked his standard in transactions with individuals who came before him with their cases. Sincerity, gravity and endurance of labor are ingrained in the record of his years of public fervor.

Prominent as Contractor.

Hiram H. Edgerton was born on April 10, 1847, in Belfast, Allegany county. He received his early education in the public schools of Allegany and California. He spent one year in the (Jeneseo) Seminary at Belfast. He moved with his parents to Rochester in 1858 and finished his education in the public schools of Rochester and the Rochester

At the age of 16 he became associated with his father, Ralph H. Edgerton, in the retail lumber business, and after the death of his father, in 1868, he succeeded to the business, which he conducted with a retail coal business until 1880, when it was sold to Chase and Otis. The business was located on the island at Court street which now is occupied by the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company.

Mr. Edgerton then took up the contracting business, which which he was prominently identified for years. When he was elected mayor in November, 1907, to succeed James C. Cutler, he put aside his business and devoted himself entirely to the interest of the city. During his career as contractor and builder he constructed nearly forty churches and buildings and many mercantile and commercial structures, including the Wilder and the Sibley, Lim[?] and the Burr Company buildings. He constructed the United States postoffice and government building and for many years virtually all of the structural building of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway.

(Given Office in 1911.)

Mr. Edgerton began his public service when in 1891 he was elected school commissioner of the Fourth ward. He served four years, two of them as president of the Board of Education. He was largely instrumental in having the Free Academy, now the Municipal building, and No. 15 School erected during his term.

Mr. Edgerton was appointed by the Common Council as a member of the commission, including also George W. Aldridge and John Aldan, to construct the East Side Trunk sewer. Mr. Aldridge was a member of the Board of Public Works and he represented the city on the commission. When Mr. Aldridge was appointed superintendent of public works, Mr. Edgerton served as president of the commission during the construction of the sewer, which was the first great sewer system of the city. The sewer, which was a large project, was constructed within the estimate.

Always a Republican.

Politically Mayor Edgerton has always been a Republican. In 1895 the business men united in a demand that Mr. Edgerton head the Republican ticket for mayor and he was nominated by the Republican convention. He made a spirited canvass and was defeated by a narrow plurality, although in those days the city was strongly Democratic. Mr. Edgerton was elected president of the Common Council in 1895 and he served until December 31, 1907, when he began his administration as mayor. During his active business days he was for several years president of the Rochester Builders' Exchange and he has held many other positions of trust, both political and private.

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In 1917 Mayor Edgerton was made a member of the National Agricultural Prize Commission. The purpose of the commission was to increase food production through the offering of prize; ranging from \$5,000 downwards. Thaw was \$500,000 distributed. Mayor Edgerton was a member of the Advisory Board of the commission, serving with Samuel I. Noyes, of New York, and Martin J. Glynn, of Albany.

Mayor Edgerton was a Mason. He held membership in Frank R. Lawrence Lodge, F. and A. M. and was a life member of Hamilton Chapter and of Monroe Commandery, Knights Templar.

Record of Work for City.

The following unadorned statement of facts does not begin to present a just estimate of the value of Mayor Edgerton's administration, nor even to give a complete list of the facts which comprise the story of what probably is the most important epoch in the history of Rochester. It merely mentions, in skimming fashion, the outstanding facts in that story, so that those who are not already familiar with Mayor Edgerton's record may begin to appreciate what he has done for the city.

The record of Mayor Edgerton's administration is replete with the exercise of excellent judgment in matters of municipal improvement. Cobbs Hill reservoir was constructed in 1908 and 1909, assuring to the city protection against water famine through a possible break in the conduits from Hemlock lake.

The Cobbs Hill reservoir is built on the only available site. Failure to acquire the property would have left the community in a dangerous condition, dependent entirely on one small reservoir at Highland Park. The building and the surrounding park make Cobbs Hill reservoir a point of greatest interest to visitors as well as to the people of Rochester. Its cost was \$819,000.

An additional water conduit was constructed from Hemlock lake after one dry summer proved the immediate need of further water supply.

Band on the shores of Canadice and Hemlock lakes was acquired, giving virtually complete control of the source of the city's water supply.

Built Sewage System.

The sewage disposal system was built during Mayor Edgerton's administration. This consists of a large intercepting sewer and a disposal plant on the lake shore in Irondequoit. The benefits resulting from freeing the lower river from sewage and the lake beaches from filth of all kind has alone more than repaid the citizens' money investment.

The garbage plant was purchased in 1917 at a price fixed by three experts; of national reputation and a new and modern plant constructed.

Department shops and storage yards which have been built in Dewey avenue are said to make Rochester unique among cities of the country. There all repairs to water works equipment and street department tools are made. Much equipment and most of the tools also are made there.

Pike's quarry and adjacent property was acquired and gradually filled with ashes. It has been graded and made into Wilson Park.

The Brighton sewage disposal plant was built to care for the Twenty-first ward and to stop the pollution of streams and upper water of the bay. Besides its undoubted sanitary benefits, it has saved the city thousands of dollars formerly paid in damage actions brought for the overflow of land by drainage from this section of the city.

Exposition Park Priceless.

Exposition Park is another result of Mayor Edgerton's untiring activity in behalf of the city. In the eleven years since the transformation of the old State Industrial School into Exposition Park and the organization of the Rochester Exposition, nearly 1,250,000 persons have visited the Exposition and Horse Show and have been provided with a wealth of entertainment and instruction.

Millions of people have visited Convention Hall since it was taken over by the city in 1909 and since the construction of the annex.

Fostered Park Growth.

In 1300 the park acreage of the city, including the cemeteries, the river, canal and feeder, was 1,300. There are now 1,009 acres in the park system, excluding cemeteries, river, canal and feeder. In 1911 the sum of \$.210,174.04 was appropriated for their care and maintenance. After he became connected with the city's administration 804 acres were added to the park system, as follows: Genesee Valley Park, additional, 105 acres; Seneca Park, five acres; Highland Park, fifty-five acres; Durand-Eastman Park, 151 acres; Exposition Park, forty-one acres; Cobb's Hill, sixty-one acres; Ontario Beach Park, twenty-two acres; various small parks, twenty-seven acres.

Ontario Beach Park, which was acquired in 1920 through the effort of Mayor Edgerton. was visited by more than 1,000,000 persons during the summer of 1931.

It is not generally known that Rochester raises its own nursery stock. This was urged by Mayor Edgerton. The first nursery was established in 1910 and enormous quantities of seedlings of trees and shrubs, native and foreign, have been raised and planted in the parks. The seed beds, propagating grounds and nurseries, with their plants and shrubs, represent a value to the city of at least \$75,060.

Public School Development.

After Mayor Edgerton became connected with the affairs of the city, first for eight years as president of the Common Council and for fourteen years as mayor, the progress of the public schools was steady and rapid.

Although the city doubled in population during the time Mayor Edgerton took part in the affairs of government, a sincere effort was made to keep the school construction at a pace with the rapid growth. Twenty-five new school buildings were erected and seventeen additions and one alteration were completed.

Canal Bed Use.

After 1000 there were erected in Rochester seventeen new fire houses and fifty-eight pieces of new apparatus were added to the fire department. The department personnel was increased in size from 208 to 494 men and it is considered by experts to be one of the best organized and most efficiently conducted fire-fighting forces in the United States.

It was always the policy of Mayor Edgerton to advance public improvements as rapidly as possible for the two-fold purpose of accommodating public convenience and furnishing employment for Rochester labor. Under his administration 200 miles of pavement were added to the city at a cost of approximately \$12,100,000. During his administration 150 miles of sewers were added at a cost of more than \$4,000,000.

Mayor Edgerton sponsored the acquisition of the abandoned Erie canal bed and the construction of a parallel street and rapid-transit subway over the aqueduct. This work is now being carried to completion.

Long List of Accomplishments.

The most important of the public improvements constructed after Mayor Edgerton took up the affairs of government were the Central avenue bridge, Clarissa street bridge; garbage-disposal plant; incinerator plant; Durntid-Eastman Park bath house; municipal dock at Summerville; aviation field; Baden street and South avenue bath houses; Ontario Beach Park bath houses; Ontario Beach Park buildings and alterations; Municipal Hall and annex; land and buildings; public market, land and building; Exposition Park, land and buildings. These improvements represent an aggregate expenditure of millions of dollars.

The following improvements were made for flood protection: Main street and Front street tunnel sewer; deepening the river from falls to Central avenue dam; deepening river from Central avenue dam to Court street; Genesee river work about Court street; Graves street tunnel; Genesee river retaining wall in the rear of Front street. Nearly \$2,000,000 was expended on this work.

Taxation Considered Low.

After Mayor Edgerton's connection with the city four prominent grade crossings were eliminated, at Union street, Culver road, Saxton street and Brown street, the city paying one-quarter of the cost, the state one-quarter and the railroads one-half.

Rochester's tax rate was lower than many other cities of the United States, although few cities made any pretense of giving the taxpayers the efficient public service and facilities that characterized Mayor Edgerton's administration.

During Mayor Edgerton's activity in behalf of the city the increase in the assessed wealth of the municipality aggregated more than \$200,000,000 and about 150,000 persons came to Rochester to reside, bringing with them millions of dollars of capital and immeasurable energy and brain power for the betterment of the city.

Credit was retitled upon Mayor Edgerton in the excellent financial condition of the city. Rochester's municipal bonds still command a higher price in the open market than the bonds of any other city in the world.

One of the features of the administration of Mayor Edgerton was the development of recreation facilities.

In 1908, the Board of Park Commissioners operated three playgrounds; the Board of Education operated five playgrounds, and the Playground League operated one. The total attendance for that year was 303,058. On March 8, 1915, by legislative enactment, sponsored by Mayor Edgerton, an amendment was made to the city charter creating the Bureau of Playgrounds and Recreation. In 1915, with seventeen playgrounds in operation, the attendance was 688,481. In 1918, a war year, with twenty playgrounds in operation, the attendance was 1,879,540. In 1921 nearly 1,500,000 children availed themselves of the playground facilities, and twenty-five playgrounds were in operation.

This tremendous increase was made possible by a proper co-ordination between all of the playgrounds of the city and central recreation, which in turn functioned with the other department and bureaus, through the supervision of Mayor Edgerton. The internal organization of the Bureau of Playgrounds has been a model for many other cities and is conceded to be among the best in the country.

Sponsor of Public Play.

The Bureau of Playgrounds developed correspondingly in other branches of recreation, by organizing baseball leagues for adults, indoor baseball and basket-

ball, bathing facilities and the like. The Ontario Beach and Durand-Eastman Park bathing beaches are, operated under the bureau.

Mayor Edgerton was responsible for the development of the public library system in Rochester. When he assumed office there were no municipal libraries and he fostered their development. One of the buildings at Exposition Park is used as an administrating library and there are branches throughout the city.

Guardian of Law.

Mayor Edgerton always was fearless in the discharge of his public duty, as is manifested in the following proclamation which he issued during the clothing strike in February, 1913:

"A condition exists at present in our city which is much to be deplored. Differences have arisen between the employees and employers of a great industry, and much suffering has resulted. Serious assaults have been committed and one death has occurred. It has come to my knowledge that many employees are desirous of resuming work, but are prevented by intimidation and violence.

"As chief executive of this city I do hereby give notice that this condition must cease; that all the power at my command for the preservation of order and the enforcement of law will be used to prevent further outrages of this character, and that all citizens will be protected in the pursuit of their lawful occupations."

Band Concerts And Public Dances Cancelled

Out of respect to Hon. Hiram H. Edgerton, the Department of Parks this morning announced that the public dances at Ontario Beach Park and all band concerts would be cancelled until after the funeral.

Hiram H. Edgerton.

D. & C. Editorial June 19-1922
For the second time within a week we newspapers of Rochester have to perform the sad duty of recording the death of a man who has performed notable service in making the city a leading figure in the municipalities of America.

For more than half a century Hiram H. Edgerton played an important and honorable part in the history of Rochester. Now his record is complete. He has passed into the silence from which men, be they great or small, do not return.

That is the fate to which all men must bow. Happy is he, and happy is the community of which he has been a member, when the record to which death puts the final period is so long and so fine as that which Air. Edgerton leaves as the memorial of his life. It is with regret, with sadness, that his passing on is recorded, but there remains the melancholy satisfaction of knowing that he was not cut down in the noon of his endeavor.

Mr. Edgerton's death was undoubtedly hastened by the sudden passing of George W. Aldridge. A very close friendship existed between these two men, and the blow of separation fell hard upon Mr. Edgerton. He had been in ill health for some time and the strain was too great for his weakened constitution to stand.

Like many of those who have done their share in making Rochester great in so many ways, Hiram H. Edgerton was of the sturdy stock native to the country and small villages of Western New York. He was born in Belfast, Allegany county, and there he lived his young boyhood. He came to Rochester with his parents when he was about 11 years of age, and here he lived and did his life work.

Merely to catalogue the activities of that life is to give the essential facts of an exceedingly busy career. His first enterprise was with his father in the lumber business. From this he turned to the coal trade. But it was in the line of contracting and building construction that he made his greatest industrial record. Many of the principal buildings in the city, churches and commercial structures, are lasting monuments to his activity in that direction.

But it was in the public life of Rochester that he won his greatest distinction. This public career began in 1871 with his election as a member of the School Board, and he served two years as president of the board. It was while he was a member of the board, and largely through his efforts, that the old Free Academy and Number 15 School were built. It should be said in this connection that all through his life Mr. Edgerton was greatly interested in the subject of education, and much of the high standard of excellence of the Rochester schools is the result of his sound judgment and good advice.

The larger sphere of Mr. Edgerton's public influence began with his election as president of the Common Council in 1899. He served in this position until the end of 1907 when he became mayor of the city. This office he held continually until the close of 1921, a record for continuous service as the executive head of a large and rapidly growing city that can hardly be equaled in the country.

It was during this period of fourteen years, and under his wise guidance, that Rochester made the greatest strides in its progress. So much was done in that time which redounds to his everlasting credit that it would be impossible even to mention the various details in such an article as this. Better than this is to quote from Mr. Edgerton's announcement of nearly a year ago that he would not be a candidate for re-election.

Speaking of the fourteen years that he had been mayor, he said: "During this period the most cordial relations have existed between the legislative and executive branches of the city administration. Whatever has been accomplished is the result of the co-operation of these two branches of the municipal government and the loyal support of the citizens generally. Without this co-operation little could be accomplished under any circumstances."

In these words may be found the keynote of his success as mayor and the very great progress of the city of Rochester under his administration. The most eloquent tribute that could be paid him is the statement that he could secure and hold this co-operation of the legislative branch of the city government and the loyal support of the citizens for the long period of fourteen years.

And now he has gone. He will be missed by many, for the personality that could so win the affection of all who came in contact with him made a host of warm friends.

FOUR FORMER MAYORS JOIN WITH PRESENT MAYOR TO PAY TRIBUTES TO H. H. EDGERTON

Tribute Paid by Mr. Aldridge Recalled™ George Eastman and Other Leading Citizens Praise His Character.

Tribute to the achievements and character of Hiram H. Edgerton, his untiring devotion to public service, and his high mindedness and whole heartedness is given by leading citizens of Rochester. All sustained genuine grief and sincere lament the passing of the man whose life is so closely identified with the development of the city.

In this connection was recalled the tribute that George W. Aldridge paid Mr. Edgerton when he retired from office on December 31st last. Mr. Aldridge especially prepared the tribute to accompany article on Mayor Edgerton's career.

Following is the tribute:

"My affection, respect and admiration for Mayor Edgerton cannot be measured in words. While the people generally have knowledge of the great part he has taken in the development of the city, a more complete realization of his almost incalculable value to the municipality will come with the passage of years. Posterity will appraise him at his true worth.

For fourteen years the affairs of the city have been the paramount consideration of Mayor Edgerton. He has had no other business than the business of Rochester, the city he loves and to which he has given the best of his life. Evidence of his constructive ability, good judgment and foresight may be seen in the improvement in every part of the city and they will stand for decades as monuments of his sagacity and courage.

"His keen and kindly interest in the affairs of even the most humble of his constituents, his gentle tolerance and his forbearance are appreciated by all who have had the honor to be associated with him. He is sensible of the trust, reposed in him by the people of Rochester, and he is fully deserving of their confidence and of any honor they may pay him.

"It is my sincerest hope that he will be spared to the city and his legion of friends for years to come."

George Eastman's Tribute.

George Eastman, Rochester's foremost citizen, was a strong admirer of Mr. Edgerton. Mr. Eastman was deeply grieved yesterday when he learned of Mr. Edgerton's death. He said:

"Through my connection with the Bureau of Municipal Research I have had an unusual opportunity to observe the working of Mr. Edgerton's administration and my appreciation of the knowledge and skill with which he has been conducting the affairs of the city has increased from year to year. Knowledge and skill which it has been impossible to acquire except through long and continuous service. Mayor Edgerton gave us a city government which in my opinion is at least as good as any city as large as Rochester has had up to the present time.

"Mr. Edgerton, with his sturdy character and honesty of purpose, has endeared himself to thousands of our citizens, who regretted last December that increasing years made it necessary for him to give up office. These people hoped that in his position of less responsibility he would be able to give the city the benefit of his experience for many years. His loss is a genuine loss to the city."

Mayor Tan Zandt, and four former mayors of Rochester, unite in praising Mr. Edgerton's deeds and character. The former mayors are George A. Warner, George A. Carnahan, Adolph J. Rodenbeck and James G. Cutler. These tributes follow:

Mayor Van Zandt.

"Mr. Edgerton leaves an enduring monument of various city improvements that came to their fullness during the fourteen years that he was at the head of Rochester affairs, and of him it may be truly said that the good he has done will live long now he has passed on. In his long years of municipal service, by his sterling qualities, and kindly human manner, he attracted an unusual number of devoted followers, who, while regretting he has left them, will long bear him as a true, courteous gentleman, a real servant of the people, a great hearted and loyal friend."

Mayor Van Zandt was at the Edgerton home yesterday to comfort the family. He said that whenever he thought of Mr. Edgerton he connected his name with Exposition Park.

"I was one of the men who lacked the foresight the mayor possessed in urging the acquisition and development of Exposition Park," said Mayor Van Zandt. "I thought Convention Hall was sufficient for the needs of the city. One day the Mayor came into the Paine Drug Store and I told him he was making a mistake. He said I was wrong. Time has long since proved that I was grossly in error in my criticism at that time of Mr. Edgerton."

James G. Cutler, who was Mr. Edgerton's predecessor as mayor, declared:

"I regret very sincerely to learn of Mr. Edgerton's death. I have known him for fifty years, as it was in the early 70's that he as builder and I as architect first came into knowledge of each other, and we were rather intimately associated politically from 1904 to 1908 while he was president of the Common Council and later when at his urgent request I accepted two appointments in the city for the next two years. For several years until his last term as mayor ended, his operation in the work of the city and in the planning and administration of the city were constant. He was an honest and capable public servant and accomplished the city advancement in thirteen years in the mayoralty."

Supreme Court Justice Adolph J. Rodenbeck, mayor of Rochester in 1902 was greatly shocked when applied at Webster yesterday afternoon that Mayor Edgerton had died. Justice Rodenbeck was deeply grieved by the death of George Edgerton, and the news of Mayor Edgerton's passing away, added to his sorrow.

Justice Rodenbeck landed the achievement of Mayor Edgerton's administration of the city's affairs. "He was a faithful and loyal public official with extraordinary foresight and devotion to the interests of the community," declared Justice Rodenbeck. "He was the outstanding mayor of Rochester."

George A. Warner, who defeated Mayor Edgerton, the first time he ran, made the following statement:

"By the death of Mayor Edgerton Rochester lost one of its foremost citizens. During his administration and through his efforts Rochester has become one of the best cities in the state. So much public improvements has been made during his administration that it will stand as a fitting monument to his official career.

George A. Carnahan, who was mayor of Rochester from 1900 to 1902, said:

"I am extremely sorry at Mr. Edgerton's death. We served together in the administration of the city's affairs, he as president of the Common Council and I as mayor, in 1900 and 1901. We campaigned together and I found him a very likeable person in his personality. Always genial and kindhearted.

"From the outset he showed the deepest interest in Rochester's needs and his efforts were constantly directed in improving the city in every way possible. He had fine ideas for civic betterment and could not be turned when ever he started out to accomplish anything. His interest in the parks was especially notable and he did more than any one else in the city to accomplish their development.

"People are genuinely sorrowful at his taking away. Vast numbers had a real affection for him."

James L. Hotchkiss.

James L. Hotchkiss, resting at the summer home at Walker, N. Y. from the burden falling upon his with the death of Mr. Aldridge, was greatly shocked with the news of Mr. Edgerton's death. Mr. Hotchkiss was loud in his praise of Mr. Aldridge's co-worker. He will return to town early this morning to help as much as possible in the funeral arrangements. Mr. Hotchkiss declared that Mr. Edgerton's character, achievements and personal life did not need words of praise from any one.

Justice B. B. Cunningham.

Supreme Court Justice Benjamin B. Cunningham, who as corporation counsel, was intimately associated with Mayor Edgerton, said:

"I am overcome with grief. As chief executive of Rochester Mayor Edgerton devoted his energy and time to the building of the city. He believed it wise to become a great city and his farsighted vision, enabled him to foresee many great improvements years before they became accomplishments. His ambition was to give Rochester the best government possible. To place it in the van of progressive municipalities. Although the people loved him and honored him for his wise administration of city affairs, only those closely connected with him, will ever realize how much he contributed to the growth, development, progress and prosperity of the city of Rochester."

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Charles L. Pierce,

Charles L. Pierce, corporation counsel, who followed Justice Cunningham as chief legal adviser of Mayor Edgerton said:

"Mayor Edgerton's death following so quickly that of Mr. Aldridge furnishes a touching example of how strong and deep rooted true friendship can be. These two great men never ceased working and sacrificing for the good of Rochester and her citizens. They were never repaid and they never wanted to be.

"Mr. Edgerton was a mayor with vision and courage. He always laid out his course carefully and then went fearlessly ahead.

"If we don't do it now it may never be done,' was a saying very familiar to us who had privilege of trying to help him and when perplexing situations arose he would often say, 'Keep this in mind. We must always be on the square with the people.'"

Charles R. Barnes, who was appointed commissioner of railways by Mayor Edgerton, visited the household yesterday afternoon. Mr. Barnes has known Mr. Edgerton for forty years. As an intimate friend of Mr. Aldridge, Mr. Barnes also was intimate with Mayor Edgerton. He was warm in his praise of Mayor Edgerton as a man and as a public official.

"His deeds will live as will those of Mr. Aldridge," said Mr. Barnes. "Their names are coupled together in the greatest page in the city's history."

Charles T. Chapin.

Charles T. Chapin, intimate with Mr. Aldridge and Mr. Edgerton, also visited the home yesterday afternoon. Mr. Chapin said that he was so shocked by the death of his friend that he walked to the South Goodman street home to gather his thoughts. Always in the utmost confidence of both Mr. Aldridge and Mr. Edgerton, an unusual opportunity was afforded Mr. Chapin to know of the guiding principles in the lives of these men.

"Their sacrifices and devotion to Rochester will never be known or fully appreciated," declared Mr. Chapin. The community has suffered the greatest possible loss in their passing. My grief prevents me from giving you any idea of the sorrow I have sustained."

Mr. Chapin said that he was the first appointee of Mayor Edgerton when he took office. He was appointed a member of the Park Board.

"And are you a Democrat?" Mr. Chapin was asked.

"I am always for my friends. Do not say that I was a Democrat unless you say that I was an Aldridge Democrat."

Few people realize how close to Mr. Aldridge Mr. Chapin really was. Mr. Chapin said that Mayor Edgerton built the ear wheel works for him, which at one time was a major industry in Rochester.

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Harry J. Bareham.

Commissioner of Public Safety Harry J. Bareham:

"I was greatly grieved to hear of the death of former Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton. I was in hopes the grand old man might again come back and be spared a time longer. I knew the death of his lifelong friend and companion, George W. Aldridge, so affected him that he was obliged to take to his bed, but I felt that his indomitable spirit would once more conquer his infirmities.

"His was indeed a life of public service. Fifty of his seventy-five years were devoted to the citizenry of this city. His service began in 1872 in the Board of Education. It was continued in 1900 as president of the Common Council, and as mayor from 1908 to January 1, 1922. His accomplishments will stand for all times to come; their value to the community is immeasurable. He was my first employer. He always was fair to the workingman and I shall forever be happy in the thought that I was privileged to serve him."

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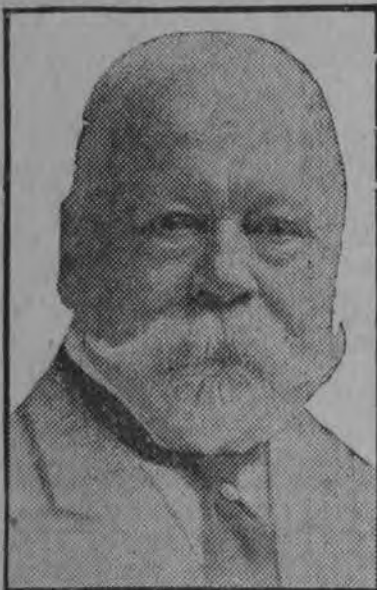
Frederick D. Lamb, Democratic candidate for mayor in the last election, went to the Edgerton home last evening to extend his sympathy to the family. Mr. Lamb said:

"I was greatly surprised and saddened at the news of the death of our distinguished fellow citizen, Hiram H. Edgerton. He was one of the most kind and genial of men and those traits of his character endeared him to his neighbors, friends and fellow citizens of Rochester during his long career as mayor. All our people will mourn his death. While I differed from him politically, I always entertained the most kindly sentiments towards him personally. His genial disposition and love of fair play made him justly popular with all classes of people. His unusually extended period of public service, and the many and varied accomplishments of that service will long be remembered by the citizens of Rochester."

*Present and Former Mayors
Join in Praising Edgerton*



CLARENCE D. VAN ZANDT.
PRESENT MAYOR.



JAMES G. CUTLER.
MAYOR 1904-1907.



A. J. RODENBECK.
MAYOR 1902-1903.



GEORGE A. CARNAHAN.
MAYOR 1900-1901.

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George W. Aldridge and Hiram H. Edgerton spent long years in helping to make Rochester a better city in which to live, and thereby they aided in making living conditions better in all Western New York. Their active work is none and they gone on to life beyond the grave, but the benefits they brought to the community will continue as a lasting memorial to them.

Rather, these benefits continue as a memorial of them to the community. Now, it is in order to consider what should be done by the community that a fitting memorial of Its regard for their efforts may be provided. This is a question that is going to come before the public very shortly, and the sooner discussion of it is begun, the sooner will some adequate token of respect be in existence.

It is the opinion of the Democrat and Chronicle that no better solution of this question can be found than in the establishment of a Road of Remembrance, dedicated to the memory of these two men. There are several reasons for this belief.

In the first place no better testimonial could be provided for any man or men than a fine highway, constructed in the best manner possible, kept in perfect repair, and beautified by noble trees.

Particularly is this true of Mr. Aldridge and Mr. Edgerton. They were fully alive to the benefits of progressive ideas, and they were exceedingly practical men. A beautiful highway is the very embodiment of progress, and it is one of the most practical things on earth.

They believed in facilitating intercourse between communities and among residents of the community, and that is the peculiar province of the highway.

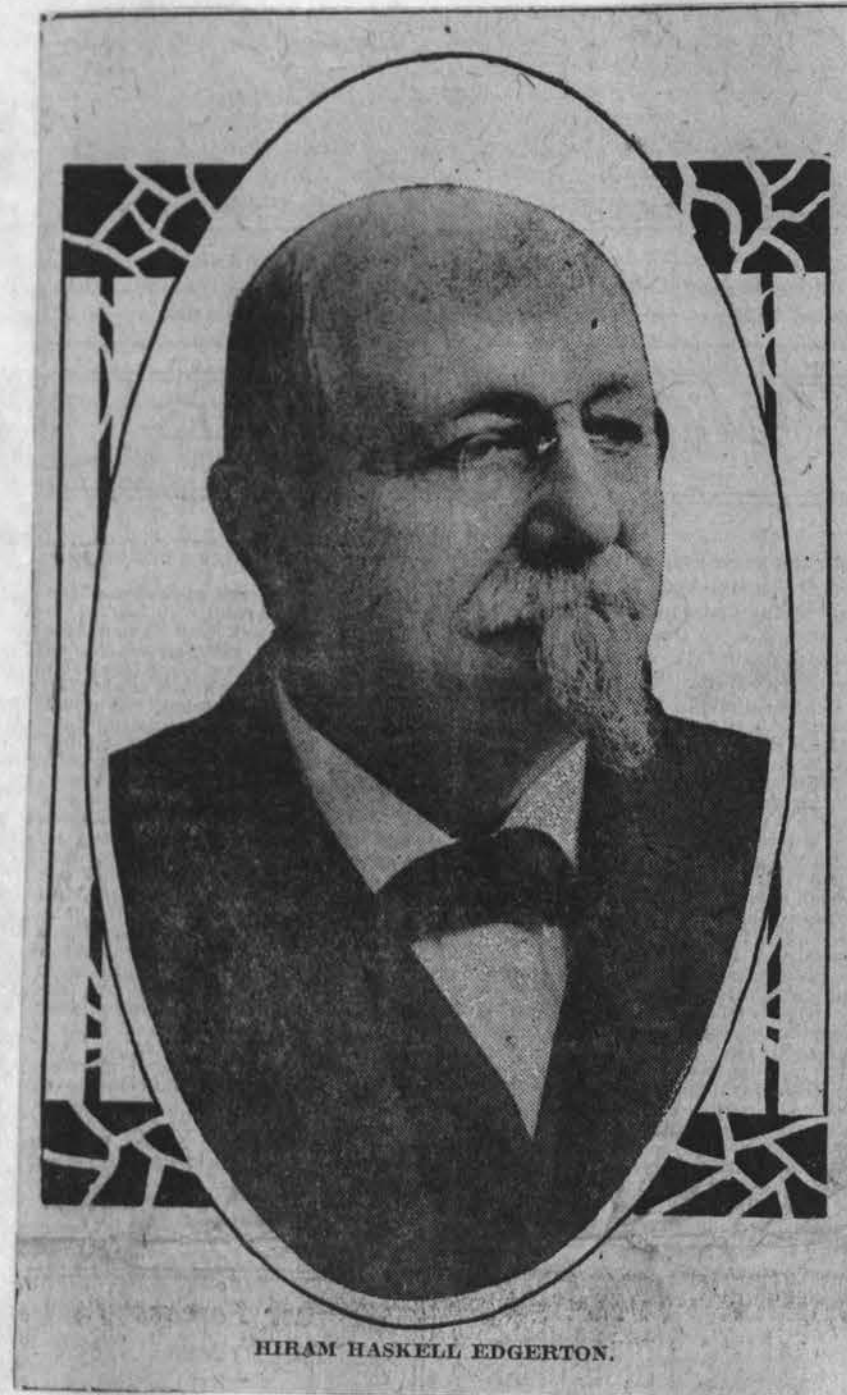
It was their ambition to have Rochester the most beautiful city in the world, and the region around Rochester equal in beauty of its kind. Nothing could more perfectly carry out their idea than the creation and maintenance of such a Road of Remembrance as is in mind.

Furthermore, no monument of granite or bronze could begin to commend to the thought of strangers in this region the memory of these men as would such a road. This is the day of the automobile, and a great part of all touring now is done by motor car. Strangers who might come this way, if some stately monument should be erected, would cast a glance at it and drive on. But if they were rolling for miles through a Road of Remembrance whose beauty would be present to their eyes for a considerable time, they would be constrained to think of those who could so fix themselves in the hearts of their fellows that such a magnificent memorial would be given them, a memorial of constantly increasing beauty.

These are just a few reasons in favor of a Road of Remembrance.

FORMER MAYOR HIRAM H.

EDGERTON DIES IN SLEEP



CITY'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE FOR FOURTEEN YEARS SOON FOLLOWS ALDRIDGE IN DEATH

"George and I Did the Best for Rochester We Could"

Now We're Going," Was Last Public

Statement by Edgerton.

PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, LIBRARIES AND
EXPOSITION ARE LASTING MEMORIALS

Last Left House Thursday To Extend Condolences to
Mrs. Aldridge and Pay Final Tribute to
Political Friend and Advisor,

Hiram Haskell Edgerton, former Mayor of Rochester, died yesterday at noon at his home, 30 South Goodman Street, of arteriosclerosis, aged 75 years.

Death was not unexpected, as Mayor Edgerton has been failing for a long time, with retrogression in health increasing rapidly for some months. He died in bed, sleeping himself peacefully away, surrounded by his wife; his daughter, Mrs. Henry Lampert; his son-in-law, Henry Lampert, and the nurse who has been in attendance upon him. Dr. Warren C. Daly, who had left a short time previously, was called back, but there was nothing he could do when he arrived.

Expected Park Ride Yesterday.
Shortly before noon the nurse noticed a change for the worse and called members of the family. During the night he spoke in anticipation of the pleasure he expected to gain from a contemplated visit to Highland Park yesterday. The parks, in which he always took a pride and delight, have been an increasing source of satisfaction to him in the last few weeks, for during that time an occasional drive through one of the parks was his only recreation.

Last Out Thursday.

The last time Mayor Edgerton was out was Thursday, when he called upon Mrs. George W. Aldridge to offer his condolences and to take a last look at the man with whom his own life had been so closely linked politically for the last thirty years. He did not consult his physician on that occasion, as he probably knew that consent to go to Mr. Aldridge's home would not have been given. Dr. Daly would not say yesterday that the visit to Mr. Aldridge's home hastened death, but he did say that it was a severe strain upon Mr. Edgerton, who had to be helped in and out of his automobile

that day. Friends and acquaintances of the former Mayor who saw him then predicted that he would soon follow his friend and political mentor. After that visit he returned home and did not go out again.

Entertained Callers Friday.

Friday evening, after the funeral of Mr. Aldridge, some of their mutual friends called at the Edgerton home and had a short visit with him. Most of them felt at that time that it would be the last time they would see him alive. * Among those who visited him on that occasion were Herbert W. Pierce, commissioner of public works; William S. Riley, commissioner of

"Good By, Old Pal"

"Good-by, Old Pal: Good-by, Old Pal," said Hiram H. Edgerton, as he grazed upon the dead face of George W. Aldridge at the Aldridge home Thursday afternoon.

Although in a serious condition, himself. Mayor Edgerton, without asking the advice of his physician, decided to pay a farewell visit to his former political comrade and chieftain, and the man who had made him Mayor of Rochester for fourteen consecutive years.

Enfeebled with age and illness, "Old Hi," as he was affectionately known, had to be assisted in and out of his automobile, and into the home of Mr. Aldridge. As he gazed down upon the upturned features of his friend, he was near collapse. When emotion would permit silence no longer, he tottered away, murmuring in a quivering voice: "Good-by, Old Pal; Good-by, Old Pal."

One of those who witnessed the incident said: "It won't be good-bye for days."

County Judge Willis K. Gillette. As they were about to leave him, his last words to them were:

"Best We Could for Rochester."

"George and I did the best for Rochester we could; now we're going."

The condition of the former Mayor was hopeless on Saturday, Dr. Daly says, and Saturday evening he seemed to be passing into a state of coma. News of the death spread rapidly. The first to be notified outside the immediate family was John Histed of this city, a cousin of Mayor Edgerton and his only relative other than his wife and daughters in Rochester. Commissioner of Public Safety Harry J. Bareham learning of it before 1 o'clock and immediately ordered the City Hall bell tolled 75 times, once for each year of the life of the former Mayor.

Although not holding an elective position at the time of his death, the former Mayor was superintendent of public building construction, a position to which he was appointed by Mayor Clarence D. Van Zandt as one of his first official acts. As superintendent of public building construction, the former Mayor served under Herbert W. Pierce, commissioner of public works. The position paid \$6,000 a year.

Among the earliest callers at Mayor Edgerton's home was Commissioner Bareham and Albert M. Flannery, secretary to Mayor Van Zandt. They conferred with Mr. Lampert, from whom they learned that no funeral arrangements would be made until the arrival of Mrs. Benjamin T. "Roodhouse, daughter, of Wilmeete, Ill., who is expected today. She was notified of the death of her father by her brother-in-law within a short time of the end.

Central Church Funeral.

Rev. Dr. C. Waldo Cherry, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, was another one who called as soon as he learned that death had come to the former Mayor, who was a member of Central Presbyterian Church.

Many others called during the afternoon at the Edgerton home and offered their condolences, including ** V Crittenden, Charles H. Wiltsie and W W Webb, judge of the Court of Claims and for a number of years Corporation Counsel under Mayor Edgerton.

Although greatly affected by the death of her husband, Mrs. Edgerton bore the blow with fortitude. She was sustained in the hour of her bereavement by the presence of her daughter, Mrs. Lampert, and Mr. Lampert, who have been living for some time at the Edgerton home.

In addition to his widow and two daughters, Mrs. Roodhouse and Mrs. Lampert, the former Mayor leaves one grandchild, Mrs. E. Russell Bingeman of Rochester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lampert, and one great-granddaughter, Edna Frances Bingeman, 4 years old, and some distant relatives in Kansas, Missouri and Vermont.

Born in Belfast, N. Y.

Hiram Haskell Edgerton was born in Belfast, Allegany County, April 19, 1847. He was a son of Ralph H. and Octavia C. Edgerton, both descended from good old New England stock. In his early boyhood, Mr. Edgerton lived with his parents in several small towns of Western New York, among which was Olean, where the family resided for some years. In 1858 the Edgerton family came to Rochester.

As far as his education and life work were concerned, Mr. Edgerton was distinctively a Rochesterian. He was educated in the public schools of the city and in the old Rochester Free Academy, later pursuing a course of study in the Rochester Business Institute. He entered business life early, being associated with his father in the lumber trade at the age of 16 years. He continued in the lumber business until 1868, when he established himself as a contractor and builder.

Among the important pieces of construction work which were carried to successful completion by Mr. Edgerton were the Wilder Building, the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company store buildings, the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway building and approximately forty church edifices. He also reconstructed the Granite Building after the fire which wrecked the interior of that structure, in 1904.

It was in the year he became an independent business man. 1868, that Mr. Edgerton was married to Medora L. DeWitt of Henrietta. Two daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Edgerton. They are Mrs. Henry Lampert of Rochester and Mrs. Benjamin T. Roodhouse of Chicago.

Four years after he became a contractor, Mr. Edgerton entered politics as a member of the Board of Education from the Fourth Ward. He served four years, until 1876, becoming president of the board before his retirement.

Ran for Mayor in 1895.

Although he occupied no public office, Mr. Edgerton was more or less active in the affairs of the city after his retirement from the Board of Education in 1876 until 1895, when he became a candidate for Mayor on the Republican ticket. It was a three-cornered fight, in which Mr. Edgerton, the regular Republican nominee, was opposed by the late George Loder, an independent, and George E. Warner, the Democratic candidate. Mr. Loder drew mainly from the Republican strength and thereby allowed Warner to poll a slight plurality, al-

With the establishment by the Legislature in 1890, of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, under the so-called White Charter, Mr. Edgerton became a member of the board. Although the form of the city government was somewhat changed by the special charter of 1908, which made Rochester a city of the first class, the board remained as before, with Mr. Edgerton still a member, his service with the board continuing without interruption for 22 years.

Although as Mayor, Mr. Edgerton's record was unbroken for fourteen years, he had had previous training for the duties of head of the city government in 1903, when he acted as Mayor for a number of weeks. At that time, Mayor Adolph J. Rodenbeck resigned to accept an appointment as Judge of the State Court of Claims, and Mr. Edgerton, as president of the Common Council, became chief executive of the city. He served until the close of the year, when James G. Cutler was inaugurated as Mayor. Mr. Edgerton then succeeded Mr. Cutler as Mayor, January 1, 1908.

Fourteen Years as Mayor.

In the way of continuous service, Mr. Edgerton made a record that is not likely to be surpassed in some time. He was Mayor for fourteen years, before which he had been president of the Common Council for eight years, and in the entire 22 years he served as a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

One of the notable public works carried to completion during Mayor Edgerton's term of office was the reconstruction of the old State Industrial School, formerly called the Western House of Refuge, in Backus Avenue, into the present Exposition Park. The old school had been a grim and gray prison for many years, with towering limestone walls that reminded of some medieval city. With the growth of the city, the school came to be regarded with more and more disfavor, and for some time a strong agitation had been in progress to level the walls and do away with the numerous other prison features. Finally, through the combined efforts of the city and state, the school was removed to the large colony farm at Industry, and the property was turned over to the city for conversion into Exposition Park, a municipal feature that has no superior for exhibition and convention purposes in the United States.

In conjunction with the Exposition Park project, which, by the way was made possible only through the loyal co-operation of Thomas F. Grady, for years Democratic leader of the Senate at Albany and spokesman of Tammany Hall, the nucleus of the city library system was formed, and the Rochester Exposition was organized.

Another great project which was carried to completion by Mayor Edgerton was the construction of the Cobbs Hill Reservoir, the largest in the city water system, and the laying of a third conduit from Hemlock Lake to Rochester.

Continuing his work begun with the construction of the East Side trunk sewer, Mayor Edgerton pushed to completion the system of sewers that has taken the sewage of Rochester out of the river and diverted it into modern, scientifically designed sewage disposal plants. Garbage and other plants also were constructed to care for city refuse, the processes used returning an actual profit on what for-

Old Residents of "Hi's"

Native Town Mourn Loss of Friend and Neighbor

Belfast, June 18.—Old residents of Belfast were grieved today to learn that Hiram H. Edgerton, native of this town, had died, he left here early in life with his parents, and so was not well known personally to many. «u. his father and mother wer « known and highly respected and a number of persons who knew them as neighbors still live here. For that reason, Belfast has watched the career of the former Mayor of Rochester with prideful interest.

Among those who remember the Edgertons is Dr. William S. Todd of Belfast. He was a close friend of Mr. Edgerton's father and mother, and for many years after they left Belfast to take up their residence in Rochester Mr. and Mrs. Edgerton visited Dr. Todd. Mrs. Edgerton sometimes spent her summers here. The former Mayor of Rochester was born a mile and a half south of the village and always took an interest in all the affairs of the town. J. Carl Jennings, Supervisor of the town, and Edward Rutherford, an attorney, are among the few who knew former Mayor Edgerton personally. He paid a number of visits to his home within the last few years, and always made it a point to call upon the persons whom he knew. He has some distant relatives here now.

A number of notable annexations also took place under his regime, including the twenty-first, twenty-third and twenty-fourth wards and the comprehensive plan of the city park system was developed as a great benefit through his co-operation, and a number of new areas added, such as Ontario Beach Park.

Possibly due to his earlier connection with the School Board, Mayor Edgerton always manifested a lively interest in the city school system and did much to "further the cause of education in Rochester. The population of the city doubled during his Mayoralty career, with a corresponding great growth in the number of children of school age. In addition, development of the demand for educational facilities was greatly enlarged by the tendency, partly compelled through state laws, to make the age of leaving school later, so that accommodations had to be provided for older children on a scale hitherto not attempted. Growth of the junior high school idea was another contributing cause of the immense increase in school expenditures and great expansion of educational facilities under Mayor Edgerton's administration.

SAD NEWS OF EDGERTON'S DEATH SPREADS QUICKLY IN GRIEF-STRICKEN ROCHESTER

With incredible swiftness yesterday the news of the death of Hiram H. Edgerton spread to all parts of the city and was received with deep regret by all who heard it. Coming as it did in less than a week after the death of George W. Aldridge, it came with the force of a second blow to many before they had had time to recover from the first. Although both had played a large part in the development of the city, the one as unofficial director and the other as executive head for fourteen years, neither held any elective position in the city at the time of his death. Nevertheless it was felt that fate had dealt a dramatic blow at the city in removing within so short a time of each other these two outstanding figures in the city's history in the last fifteen years. So long and so skilfully did they work together that, in the minds of hundreds of citizens, the two men were nearly always associated in thought to such a degree that it seemed almost natural to hink of them as being undivided in death.

Beloved by Thousands.

It is doubtful whether "Old Hi," as his friends delighted to call him, had a real enemy in the city, judging by expressions of sympathy and kindness that were heard everywhere yesterday as the news of his death spread. His death caused no surprise among those who were acquainted with his affairs, as it was known that he had been failing for a long time. It is generally believed that he would have received another nomination for the mayoralty last fall, if his health and age had permitted. As it was, his term as Mayor was not exceeded by any other person in the history of the city, and was equaled by only one, Mayor Cornelius R. Parsons, who was Mayor from January 1, 1876, to December 31, 1899.

Many Offer Condolences.

As soon as the news of the death spread, city officials and friends of the former Mayor went to the home to offer condolences to the family and whatever assistance was necessary. Many suggestions were heard that the body of the former executive should be laid in state in City Hall to give his thousands of friends and followers an opportunity to take one last look at the face of the man they had known so long in life. But members of the family decided to make no arrangements for the funeral until the arrival today from Illinois of Mrs. Roodhouse, Mayor Edgerton's daughter.

Mayor Clarence D. Van Zandt had gone to Canandaigua Lake to spend the day, but hurried back immediately he was notified of his predecessor's death. His first public act was to order all official flags of the city placed at half mast, to be kept there until after the funeral of the former Mayor. Commissioner of Public Safety Harry J. Bareham had already issued similar orders to the police precinct stations and the fire houses.

Concerts and Dances Stopped.

William S. Riley, commissioner of parks, announced that all band concerts would be cancelled and the dance hall at Charlotte closed until after the funeral.

The Common Council is scheduled to meet Tuesday night, but Abram DePotter, president, said last night he did not think any official business other than the adoption of resolutions would be conducted. This week's meeting of the Council is one that was adjourned last week on account of the death of Mr. Aldridge.

One of the many visitors to go to the house to pay his respects to the memory of the former executive was Frederick D. Lamb, who was the Democratic candidate against Mayor Van Zandt in the election last fall.

The following are some of the more formal expressions of appreciative remembrance of the life and work of Mayor Edgerton:

Expressions of Appreciation.

GEORGE EASTMAN—"Rochester has been singularly fortunate in having had the services of Hiram H. Edgerton as Mayor for so many years. During the seven terms which he served he became one of the most expert of city managers and finally succeeded in giving us as good an administration as we can ever hope for under our present system of municipal government.

"He was far-sighted and did many good things for his city, the beneficial effects of which will be shown more and more as time goes on. The biggest, broadest and best of all was when he scrapped the plan for a separate municipal hospital and formed the alliance with the University of Rochester, whereby he secured for the city's sick poor the services of the highest grade of medical and surgical skill forever and without cost. This act, to my mind, formed a fitting climax to a long and useful career of which any man, or any man's family might well be proud."

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MAYOR CLARENCE D. VAN ZANDT—"Mr. Edgerton leaves an enduring monument in the various city improvements that came to their fullness during the fourteen years he was at the head of Rochester's affairs, and of him it may be truly said that the good he has done will live long.

"In his many years of municipal service, by his sterling qualities and kindly human manner, he attracted an unusual number of devoted followers who, while regretting that he has left them, will always hear him in mind as a true, courteous gentleman, a real servant of the people and a great-hearted and loyal friend."

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GEORGE E. CARNAHAN, former Mayor, with whom Mayor Edgerton first served as President of the Common Council, said in the death of Mr. Edgerton the city loses one of its best citizens. I know that his death will be a shock to many. I have been associated with Mr. Edgerton in city affairs for a number of years. He always impressed me with his sincerity and courtesy. He loved Rochester as few men did, and was willing to make many sacrifices that his beloved city might prosper. He had creative ability of a high order and had the highest civic spirit and ideals in his administration of local affairs. He was an honest man and I shall be happy always in having

REV. DR. C. WALDO CHERRY, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Edgerton was one of the oldest members in point of years affiliated with the church—"I consider Mayor Edgerton to have been one of the prime factors in the development of Rochester into a beautiful and pleasant place in which to live. He gave himself without stint to the service of his fellow citizens. He was a man of absolute honesty and integrity. He at all times strove to maintain the high moral standards of the community and it was his pride that he had succeeded in driving organized vice from the city. I believe that, in the years that are to come, Rochester citizens will appreciate more and more his character and the service he rendered to the city."

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FREDERICK D. LAMB. Democratic candidate for Mayor in the last election—"I was greatly surprised and saddened at the news of the death of our distinguished fellow citizen, Hiram H. Edgerton. He was one of the most kind and genial of men and those traits of his character endeared him to his neighbors, friends and fellow citizens of Rochester during his long career as Mayor. All our people will mourn his death. While I differed from him politically, I always entertained the most kindly sentiments toward him personally. His genial disposition and love of fair play made him justly popular with all classes of people. His unusually extended period of public service and the many and varied accomplishments of that service will long be remembered by citizens of Rochester."

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CHARLES L. PIERCE, corporation counsel—"Mayor Edgerton's death following so quickly that of Mr. Aldridge, furnishes a touching example of how strong and deep-rooted true friendship can be. These two great men never ceased working and sacrificing for the good of Rochester and her citizens. They were never repaid, and they never wanted to be. Mr. Edgerton was a Mayor with vision and courage. He always laid out his course carefully and then went fearlessly ahead. 'If we don't do it now, it may never be done.' was a saying very familiar to us who had the privilege of trying to help him, and, when perplexing situations arose, he would often say 'Keep this in mind. we must always be on the square with the people'."

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WILLIAM S. RILEY, park commissioner—"Rochester has lost a man who has done big things for Rochester. He was interested very much in parks and playgrounds and the children will miss him. I have worked with him fourteen years and feel I have lost a sincere and loyal friend."

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HERBERT S. WEET, superintendent of schools—"Former Mayor Edgerton had the simple and rugged qualities of honesty, humor, perseverance, sympathy and common sense that made

and respect him. He grew during his years in public office as few men own. His devotion to Rochester unsurpassed. His desire was always to have the children of the public schools housed in buildings that were ample, sanitary and architecturally attractive; to have them provided with facilities for wholesome recreation and to have them educated properly for their responsibilities as the coming citizens of the city which he loved. He was, accordingly, throughout his long and successful administration, generous in his support of the public schools. We have lost a citizen of very great value to the city and a friend whose death thousands of our people will mourn."

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JOHN DUNBAR, assistant superintendent of parks—"Mr. Edgerton was a man of sterling integrity, honesty and kindness. What the Rochester parks are today is due to his labors, efforts and assistance. He always stood for large appropriations for the parks and playgrounds. He was a fine, splendid man to meet. Mr. Edgerton was sympathetic and friendly and his advice was always excellent. His influence was felt, not only in the Park Department, but in all city departments. I had profound admiration for him and I feel Rochester has lost one of its best citizens."

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always had a good word for the men in the ranks."

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SAMUEL P. MOULTHROP, first superintendent of playgrounds under Former Mayor Edgerton—"I have known Mr. Edgerton for 44 years. He has always been looking out for the welfare of the public and had their interest deeply at heart. He was invariably striving to do something for the children of Rochester. I went with him to Albany to meet the Senate's finance committee when the proposition of giving Exposition Park to the city was being considered in 1911. He made a plea for the park in one of the best speeches I have ever heard him make. Mr. Edgerton was one of the most efficient public servants Rochester has ever had. We will feel his loss keenly."

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JOSEPH T. ALLING—"I am sorry to hear of Mr. Edgerton's death. He held a long and successful term as Mayor of Rochester. He was a straightforward and good man and I have known him for many years."

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CHARLES F. WRAY, president, Board of Education—"Mr. Edgerton was very much interested in our school building program and was anxious to see that we had the very best school buildings and equipments. He worked with the School Board to see that we had the best buildings our finances could afford. He was in sympathy with Rochester's educational program, and was anxious to see that it was carried out. My memory of his co-operation is so pleasant it is a shock to hear of his death."

Herald-Editorial
Mayor Edgerton.

Hiram H. Edgerton, whom Rochester so long delighted to honor as its Mayor, will always hold a genial place in its memory.

His extraordinary tenure as municipal executive was accompanied by repeated and great advances in the material well-being of the city, and by what was still more impressive, a quickening of the city's civic pride and progressive purpose. Rochester was a cleaner, a more robust and confident, in every way a more vigorous and influential, unit of American life when Mr. Edgerton left his Mayorship than when he entered it.

To much of this growth and varied development Mayor Edgerton contributed in ways that were natural and easy to one of his personality. His was a calm and patient spirit and an affable, courteous demeanor. Men were fond of him and found co-operation with him pleasanter than controversy, to say nothing of resistance. He was supported and strengthened, it is true, by a powerful political organization, manned by those who had been disciplined to acquiescence. But his own initiative and the force of his shrewd judgment and hard-headed common sense were factors of larger moment in determining the policy and course of that organization, in affecting the decisions of its leader, than they were commonly supposed to be. Until his age and his declining vigor caused his abundant energy and his grip upon the affairs of his office to slacken, his official years were filled with industry, thoughtful and wise concern for the city's good and much notable accomplishment. All this is remembered to the credit of the man as Mayor. But his fellow-townsmen, in disregard of all political distinctions, held him as a man in even warmer esteem during his life and will tenderly cherish his memory now that he is gone. He was one of those lovable, genuine, homely souls of an old-fashioned type, that one never wearied of meeting in any kind of relation, and that having often met, one remembers now with a smile and a tear.

Municipal Library Board's Tribute to Mr. Edgerton

A special meeting of the Municipal Library board, was held to-day in the Mayor's office in the City hall. The meeting, which was presided over by Charles H. Wiltsie, president, was called for the purpose of passing a resolution on the death of former Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton. The following resolution was officially adopted:

"Only a few months ago this board gave formal expression to its appreciation of the distinguished services of Hiram H. Edgerton in behalf of the Rochester Public library. To-day we join a sorrowing city in paying our tribute of love and respect to the memory of the great Mayor whose peaceful end came on Sunday, June 18, 1922.

"He was pre-eminently the man for his time in the development of the city. Opportunities knocked at his door and found him ready. He brought with him into the public service the constructive habits and traits of a builder and applied them to the more stately processes of building a great city. Parks, playgrounds, schools and libraries, the recreation, education, health and happiness of the people were outstanding objects in the field of his many sided activities.

"We have called him the Father of the Public Library because to him it owed its beginning and the fostering care it has received since that time. He had the city charter amended to provide for its establishment; he appointed the first board of trustees and reappointed them regularly as their terms expired (three members of the original board are still of our number); he was the first president of the board and the only one for ten years; he took a deep personal interest in the library's welfare; he stood

for a high standard in the personnel of its staff; he was responsible for the gradually increased appropriations which enabled it to expand from year to year and grow to its present proportions of seven branches, nine sub-branches, eighty-seven deposit nations and twelve playground and 642 classroom collections, containing altogether a total of 132,656 volumes, with a circulation during the last twelve months of 1,251,993 volume-..

"Mr. Edgerton was a preserver as well as a maker of history. He established not only the library but also the museum, which has hitherto been under his personal direction. Its splendid quarters house its own large and rapidly growing collection, together with the library and other valuable exhibits of the Rochester Historical society. One of Mr. Edgerton's last acts as mayor was to provide by ordinance an appropriation for compiling the history of Rochester's part in the world war.

"The city has lost a great builder, a faithful and efficient administrator, a wise preserver, but his words do follow him. The famous motto may well apply to him 'If you seek a monument, look about you.'

"The library is only begun, and yet there is probably none of his constructive undertakings that will ultimately mean more to the masses of the people. He has laid the foundation. It is for us to continue the structure and make it adequate and worthy of a great city.

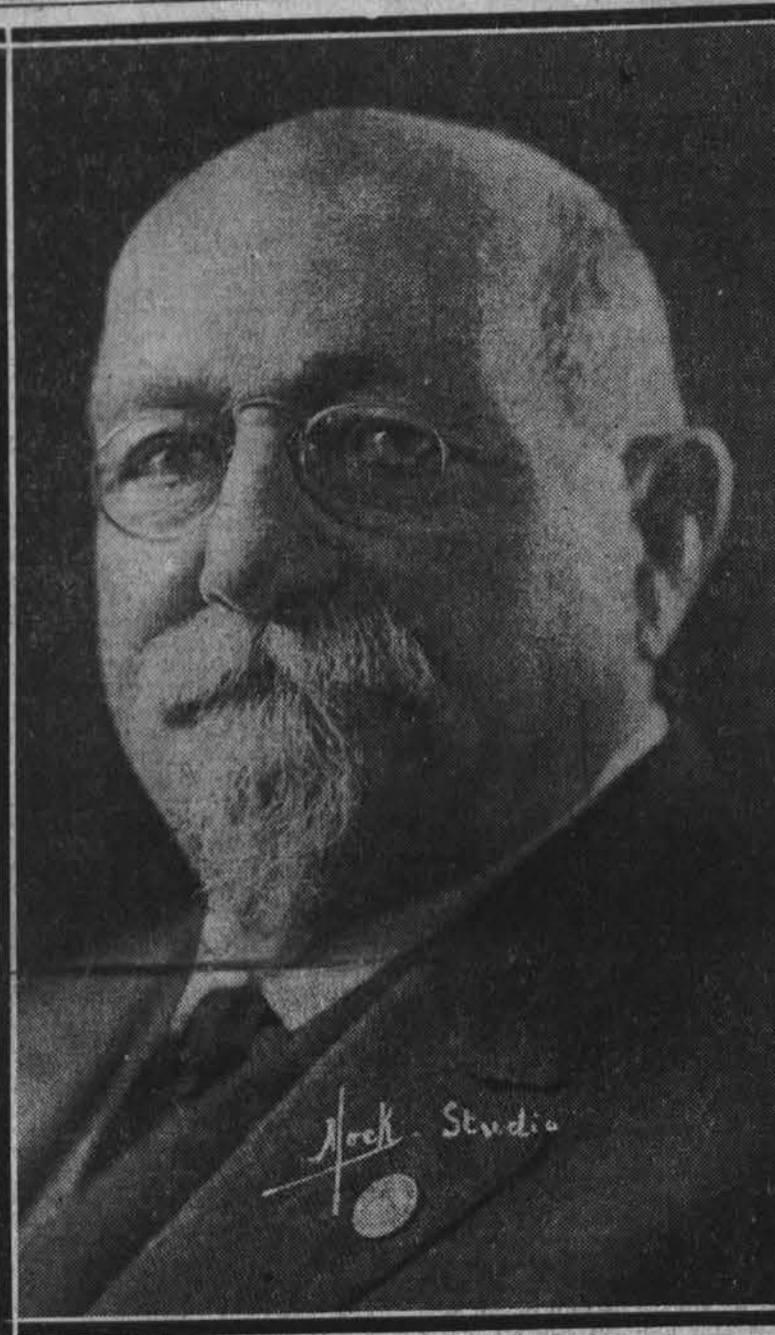
A special meeting of the board of managers of the Rochester Historical society was held at noon to-day in the offices of the president, Charles H. Wiltsie, when resolutions were adopted on the death of Hiram H. Edgerton, life honorary president of the society, and the second in its annals to be given that honor.

CITY MOURNS FORMER

MAYOR H. H. EDGERTON

DIES SLEEHNTreAaffULLY AT GOODMAN STREET HOME

Hiram Haskell Edgerton



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DEATH OF HIS FRIEND WAS -THREAT SHOCK

GEORGE W. ALDRIDGE WAS TIFR
CLOSEST FRIEND ASH COXFI-
JWJIT OF THE LATE MAYOR,
ELECTED MAYOR SEVEN TIMES

Reaves Lasting Memorial in city
Park* and Public Improve-
ments.

Rochester mourned to-day its
second tragic loss in a week. Hiram
Haskel
city fnl ?dg?ton, m«.-or of the
u' I? -fourte«i years, leader in
its affairs throughout his life, and
one of the best loved men in pubHe
lite, yesterday followed his § M 2
tnend, George W. Aldridge Vo thu
Great Beyond. He died 'as he
peaeefnllv slept at noon yesterday
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The shock of Mr. AldridffeV
sudden death and the strain of the
effort he made to pay his last re-
spects to the dead leader, played
their part m hastening the end of
the former mayor. He had been
m HI health for some time, and had
been under the eouahmLjm.^ a
physician and trained nurse. De-
spite his condition he insisted on
leaving his home to go to the
I Aldridge home in its hour of sor-
row.
I "Good-bye, old pal, my heart is"
proken, he said as he looked upon
(the face of his friend, and his
j words were apparently deeper and
truer than any of those who heard
jmnirialized.

The body of Mr. Edgerton will be
taken to City hall Wednesday morn-
ing at 10 o'clock to lie in state. At 3
o'clock Wednesday afternoon, the fu-
neral cortege will form for the march
to Central church where Rev. Waldo
Cherry will officiate at the serv-
ices. A private burial at Mt. Hope
will follow.

Surrounded by several members of
his family, among them being his wife-
his daughter, Mrs. Henry Lampert, and
Fij^an^, law, Henry Lampert, Mr.
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which he had fallen on the n gnt
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members of his family in anticipation
of the pleasure which he expected to
experience Sunday morning, when he
planned on taking a ride through
Highland park.

City Bells Tolloed.

The death of Mr. Edgerton, follow-
ing so closely upon that of Mr. Ald-
ridge, came as a blow to many who
have not had sufficient time to re-
cover from the first. The new*
X^o f l ^ r ^) U S ^ h the city with incredi-
le swiftness. Commissioner of Pub-
Uc Safety Harry J. Bareham' iearnrn^
of the death of the former chief ex-
ecutive of the ri.y b, f o r p j o'clock"
caused the City hall bell to toll seven-
y-five times, once for eac-n year of
to life. Other friends and reaves
were notified and they qillrkiv^ ff
ered at the home of the *x-n,avo*

B Besides his widow and his two
daughter, Mr. I, ampm ^ . * E
I n v ArT^E noodhouA. of AVihnette,
ill, Mr. Edgerton is survived in ..
grandchild, Mrs. E. Russell Vnge-
man, of Rochester, an* Edna Frances
Bingeman a great-grandchild. IZ
of this city No arrangements have
been mdae for the funeral as yet but
it is expected that it will be held
other on Tuesday or Wednesday
«lthi La, f r t, M h o Was ««30ciated
with his father-in-law in the
traoting business several years ago.
said that it would be contrary to the
wishes of the deceased if a public fu-
neral was to be held. Mr Lampert
said that they would be guided by
the wishes of the public in this re-
gard.

Arrangements for the funeral have
been held up pending the arrival of
Mrs. Roodbouse from Wilmette. Sfoe
is expected to reach this city by noon
to-day. Following her arrival, I, f a m
i, i y conference will be held, after which
the funeral arranjreme«ts win be pub-
licly announced.

At the time of h w death Mr. Edger-
ton held the office of suprintenden-
of building construction. This of f j ,
is not an* elective one, but was the re-
suit of his appointment by Mayor
Clarence D. Van Zafrdt, which move
was one of the first to be taken by the
Mayor upon his entry into office on
the first of the year. As superintend.
of building construction, the
former Mayor served under Herbert
W. Pierce, commissioner of public
works.

Stories recounted by those who
were acquainted with both Mr. Ald-
ridge and the former mayor, show
that he was aggrieved beyond consol-
ation by the death of his friend. Mr.
Edgerton was to have acted as an
honorary bearer at the funeral of Mr.
Aldridge last Friday, but he was un-
able to do so owing to the state of
complete collapse into which he had
fallen after passing through the
ordeal of the previous day. Immedi-
ately after the funeral he was visited
by Charles R. Barnes, commissioner
of railways; County Judge Willis K.
Gillette, William S. Riley, commis-
sioner of parks, and Herbert W.
Pierce, commissioner of public works.
Spoke of End.

He was very weak when his four

*George and I did the best for
i Rochester we could; now we are go-
ing- he is said to have remarked.
LJTu^6" " ! w s of the f o r ^ r mayor'i
death reached Mayor Van Zandt who
was spenling the day at Canandaigua
lake, he hurried back to the city and
ordered all official flags on pubUc
buildings to be flown at ha, f
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be kept there until after the fune'ral.
William S. Riley, commissioner of
Parks, announced that all band eon-
cer s would be canceled and the dance
hall at Ontario beach closed until
after the funeral. Abram De Potter
president of the Common Council pre-
of ^ ^ there would be no me«mg
or that body next Tuesday night This
meeting is the one which was ad-
Journed last week on account of the
death of Mr. Aldridge.

Throughout the afternoon and eve-
ning, the residence of friends and admirers
of Mr. Edgerton called at his home.
Besides those already mentioned were
W «r r ^ n d e n , Charl « S H . Wilsie,
W W . Webb, judge of the Court of
Claims and for a number of years
corporation counsel under Mayor
Edgerton; R. Andrew Hamilton, for-
mer commissioner of public safety,
and Charles T. Chapin. Other nota-
bles identified with the political and
civil life of Rochester also were in
attendance.

j Ever since 1865 Mr. Edgerton has
been identified with the progression
(of Rochester. Besides serving as
mayor for fourteen years, he also was j
president of the Common Council for
Eight years preceding his entry into
jthe higher office. During the entire
twenty-two years that he served in
[these two capacities, Mr. Edgerton
was a member of the Board of Esti-
mate and Apportionment. At one
time he also was president of the
j Board of Education. In disposing of
the various duties connected with
these different offices, Mr. Edgerton
displayed rare tact and executive abil-
ity.

His Career.

Mr. Edgerton was born in Belfast,
Allegany county, on April 19, 1847.
i He was the son of Ralph H. and Oc-
tavia C. Edgerton. He spent the days
of his boyhood with his parents in
several small towns in Western New
j York, the entire family moving to
i Rochester in 1858. His education was
continued in the public schools of this
i city. He also attended the old R-
ester Free academy and later pursued
a course of study in the Rochester
Business Institute.

When only 18 years of age, he be-
gan working for his father, who was
engaged in the lumber business. Upon
the death of his father he continued
in the business until 1880, when it was
sold to Chase & Otis. During his busi-
ness career, he contracted for and
built some of the most prominent
buildings along the streets of Roch-
ester, among them being the Wilder
building, the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr
company's stores and the post-office
and government building. He also re-
built the Granite building after the
Are in 1904, and performed virtually
all of the structural building of the

president of the Board of Education. during which he was largely instrumental in having the Free academy, now the Municipal building, erected. After that he was elected to the Common Council and served on a committee, of which George Aldridge was one, for the purpose of planning the construction of the East Side trunk sewer, the largest project of its kind to be undertaken at that time.

Mr. Edgerton served as president of the Common Council from 1899 until 1907, when he became mayor. In 1895 he ran for mayor upon the behest of his friends, but was defeated by a small majority. On November 28, 1903, Adolph J. Rodenbeck, now justice of the Supreme court, resigned as mayor to accept a place as judge of the State Court of Claims. He was succeeded by Mr. Edgerton, then president of the Common Council, who held office until the first of the year, when James G. Cutler, the successful candidate of the election of November 3d, succeeded him.

In 1917 Mayor Edgerton was made a member of the National Agricultural Prize commission, serving with Samuel Untermyer, of New York, and Martin H. Glynn, of Albany.

Perhaps the greatest monument which will remain of the former mayor will be the buildings and grounds about Exposition park. It was through his efforts that the buildings were acquired by the city after they had been vacated by the State Industrial school, which located in the township of Rush. Since the place was transformed into a park, it has been visited by approximately a million and a quarter persons. Convention hall, another similar enterprise, also has been visited by millions of people since it was made over.

Created Park.

I The Edgerton administration has

been marked with an extraordinary increase in park acreage in Rochester. In 1899 the acreage, including the cemeteries, the river, canal and feeder, was 17,307. There are now 1,669 acres in the park system, exclusive of the incidentals enumerated above. The more recent additions to Rochester's parks are the Durand-Eastman park and Ontario Beach park. Municipal bathhouse were constructed in both of these parks, which have been visited by millions of people during the hot summer months, when the advantages offered by the public buildings have been of inestimable value.

One other landmark establishing the Edgerton regime is the Cobbs hill reservoir. This was constructed in 1908 and 1909, its operation assuring the city protection against water famine through a possible break in the conduits from Hemlock lake. The building of the reservoir alone cost \$918,000. An additional water conduit was built from Hemlock lake after one dry summer proved the immediate need of further water supply. Land acquired on the shores of Canadice and Hemlock lakes gives the city virtually complete control over the water supply.

The construction of the sewage disposal system during the Edgerton administration resulted in freeing the shores of the lake from an accumulation of filth and refuse which marked the operation of the old system. The old garbage plant was purchased in 1917, while another plant has recently been constructed and has just been opened for use. Departmental shoos and storage yards have been acquired in Dewey avenue, where all of the equipment can be repaired, as well as some of it manufactured.

Public school development seemed to be given a new lease of life after Mayor Edgerton entered office. During that time, twenty-five new school buildings were erected and seventeen additions and alterations were completed.

Other Achievements.

Following the flood of 1913, when a part of the business section was inundated by water from the Genesee river, it was decided that some flood-prevention work was necessary. During the same year Mayor Edgerton was instrumental in having a flood wall constructed along the western bank of the river from the canal to the falls, and openings in existing building walls were ordered closed. In the spring of 1914 the new wall was given a test by a freshet of unprecedented proportions. The wall met the test, but the success of the endeavor only incited to more extensive plans and, in 1915, the work was begun of deepening the channel of the river between the brink of the falls and a point 100 feet south of the Erie canal aqueduct. The work was completed in 1918, after nearly \$2,000,000 had been expended.

Seventeen new firehouses and fifty-eight new pieces of apparatus were added to the Rochester fire department after 1900. Since that time the personnel of the department has more than doubled and it is the opinion of experts that it is the most modern and best organized fire fighting force in the country.

Under Mr. Edgerton's administration 200 miles of pavement were added to the city at a cost approximately of \$12,000,000. New lines of sewers, totaling about 180 miles, also were added at a cost of more than \$3,000,000. The Brighton sewage disposal plant was built to care for the Twenty-first ward and to stop the pollution of streams and the upper waters of Irondequoit bay. Besides undoubted sanitary benefits, it has saved the city thousands of dollars which otherwise would have been paid out as the result of damage actions brought against the city.

From the start Mayor Edgerton sponsored the acquisition of the abandoned Erie canal bed and the construction of a parallel street and subway over the aqueduct. This work is now under construction.

Through vigorously pushing the matter, the Mayor succeeded in eliminating four of the more dangerous grade crossings in the city. These are located at Union street, Culver road, Saxton street and Brown street. In carrying out this work, the city paid one-quarter of the expenses, the state standing for the other quarter, while the railroads paid half.

A series of annexations, instituted by the Mayor, added thousands of acres to the city's site and thousands to its population. Charlotte became a part of the municipality and the port of Rochester thus became an actuality, leading to the acquisition of land along the river banks upon which the municipal docks have been commoted. The acquisition took in sufficient ground to make it possible to enlarge upon the original plans for the boat landings in the future.

Through these annexations there was brought within the city's confines the thriving industrial centers of Kodak and Lincoln parks, as well as other locations which have been proved to be ideal as residential sections.

Planned Nerv Bridge.

Another project inaugurated by Mayor Edgerton is the proposed bridge to span the lower river gorge,

near the Ridge road, preliminary plans of which have been completed. These call for the most elaborate bridge within the city limits, a reinforced concrete structure of ornamental design, that will be the largest of its type in the country. Two of the oldest bridges were replaced with modern structures during his administration, these being at Central avenue and Clarissa street.

When Mr. Edgerton assumed office, there were no municipal libraries and he was largely instrumental in the establishing of the numerous branches to which the public now has access. He allowed the use of one of the buildings at Exposition park to be used as an administration library.

Despite all these improvements, the original construction and maintenance of which run into the millions of dollars, Rochester's tax rate was lower than many other cities of the United States. During Mayor Edgerton's administration, the increase in the assessed wealth of the municipality aggregated more than \$2,000,000,000 and

about 150,000 persons came to Rochester to reside, bringing with them millions of dollars of capital. The reason for the comparatively low tax rates is due to the wisdom which guided the former Mayor's efforts in striving for improvement. This can be shown by taking into consideration the returns which have been derived from only one of the numerous projects which owe their origin to the civic pride of Mr. Edgerton.

Since the city acquired the garbage plant it has handled 118,225 tons of garbage and has produced 1,682,658 pounds of grease, and 11,049 tons of tankage. The receipts from sales have been \$118,259.73.

The incinerator plant, constructed for the purpose of disposing of household rubbish of all kinds, was put in operation in 1912. The main object in constructing this plant was to remove as far as possible, from the ash dumps, papers, rags, tin cans and other rubbish, which has always before caused these dumps to be not only unsightly but insanitary. The rubbish is sorted and all salable material is disposed of at the best price obtainable. The dust and small scraps are burned. The surplus steam created in the incinerators and boilers is sold.

Up to last December 80,070 tons of rubbish had been sorted and disposed of at the plant and the receipts from the sales were \$148,564.59.

Mayor Edgerton was a member of Frank R. Lawrence lodge, F. and A. M., and was a life member of Hamilton chapter and of Monroe commandery, Knights Templar. Through his work during the late war, he was made an honorary member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, an honor which is enjoyed by only forty persons in the country. He was given membership in the organization on July 16, 1921.

Many Pay Final Tribute to Former Mayor Edgerton

Immediately following the news of the death of former Mayor Edgerton, numerous tributes were received in which the activities of the man were praised and expressions of deep regret were made at his passing.

James L. Hotchkiss, recently appointed state committeeman to succeed the late George Aldridge, was at the funeral, resting from the ordeal of last week, when the news reached him. He left immediately for the city to help as much as possible in the funeral arrangements. He was loud in his praise of Mr. Edgerton and declared that his character, achievements and personal life did not need further extolling.

Expressions of Appreciation.

George A. Carnahan, former mayor, had the services of Hiram H. Edgerton as mayor for so many years. During the seven terms which he served he became one of the most expert of city managers and finally succeeded in giving us as good an administration as we can ever hope for under our present system of municipal government.

"He was far-sighted and did many good things for his city, the beneficial effects of which will be shown more and more as time goes on. The biggest, broadest and best of all was when he scrapped the plan for a separate municipal hospital and formed the alliance with the University of Rochester, whereby he secured for the city's sick poor the services of the highest grade of medical and surgical skill forever and without cost. This act, to my mind, formed a fitting climax to a long and useful career of which any man, or any man's family might well be proud."

Mayor Clarence D. Van Zandt—"Mr. Edgerton leaves an enduring monument in the various city improvements that came to their fullness during the fourteen years he was at the head of Rochester's affairs, and of him it may be truly said that the good he has done will live long."

James G. Cutler—"I have sincere regret for the death of Mr. Edgerton.

His long service, both in the mayoralty and in other official places, enabled him to make very many successful efforts for the city's improvement."

George E. Warner, former mayor—"By the death of Mayor Edgerton, Rochester loses one of its foremost citizens. During his administration as mayor, and through his efforts, Rochester became one of the best cities of the country."

George A. Carnahan, former mayor, with whom Mayor Edgerton first served as president of the Common Council—"In the death of Mr. Edgerton the city loses one of its best citizens. I know that his death will be a shock to many."

Dr. Rush Rhees—"I think Mr. Edgerton's service gave increasing city significance as the years of his service grew."

Frederick D. Lamb, Democratic candidate for mayor in the last election—"I was greatly surprised and saddened at the news of the death of our distinguished fellow citizen. While I differed from him politically, I always entertained the most kindly sentiments toward him personally."

H. W. Pierce, commissioner of public works—"Years of official association with Mr. Edgerton gave me unusual opportunity to become acquainted with those traits of character which have made him so widely loved by his fellow Rochesterians."

E. A. Fisher, city planning superintendent—"In more than a quarter of a century of association with Mr. Edgerton, I have found him a loyal associate, whose one thought was service. Those of us who labored with him feel most deeply his loss."

William S. Riley, commissioner of parks—"In the departing of Mr. Edgerton, Rochester has lost another big man who did big things for our beautiful city. He was a man of service. I have lost a very dear friend."

R. Andrew Hamilton, commissioner of public safety under former Mayor Edgerton—"Mayor Edgerton was a man who had the interest of the people and of the city at heart."

Harry J. Bareham, present commissioner of public safety—"I was greatly shocked to hear of the death of former Mayor Edgerton. I was in hopes the grand old man might again come back and be spared for a time longer."

Herbert S. Weet, superintendent of schools—"Former Mayor Edgerton had the simple and rugged qualities of honesty, humor and perseverance that made men love and respect him."

Benjamin B. Cunningham, corporation counsel under former Mayor Edgerton—"I am overcome with grief. His one great ambition was to give Rochester the best government possible."

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P (>S Hiram H. Edgerton.

The death of former Mayor Edgerton was not unexpected. His life had passed the Biblical limit. He was feeble when he laid down official cares last year, and his health had been failing ever since. It seems not unlikely that the death of Mr. Aldridge, the shock and the grief of it, had helped to loosen his interest in and hold on life.

Mayor of our city for fourteen years, and by temperament a man who enjoyed his fellows and liked to be among them, there were few Rochesterians who did not know him by sight and few who did not hold him in regard and credit him with honesty of purpose and an earnest desire to promote, the welfare of the city as far as lay in his power. He was proud of his city, proud of being its official head, proud that he had contributed to its importance, its beautification, its educational system, proud of it as a well-ordered city of prospering businesses and attractive homes. All this was a proper pride in a man whose best endeavors during many years had helped to bring it about. For Mayor Edgerton was known to give habitually, his close and best attention to official matters; and he was a man whose pondered judgment was usually conservative and safe.

Mr. Edgerton was a genial, likable man with whom reasonable people found it easy to get along; and it was a source of satisfaction to him as his official life drew to its close that always while he was mayor most cordial relations with the legislative branch of the municipal administration had been maintained. There was nothing of the autocrat or martinet in his makeup. His many elections had left him uninflated, and no obtruded sense of his own importance was ever forced on the attention of anyone he met. He was to the end of his life an unspoiled, unaffected, simple-hearted man who held his old friends and made new ones. *June 19*

A Recent Picture of the Late Mayor

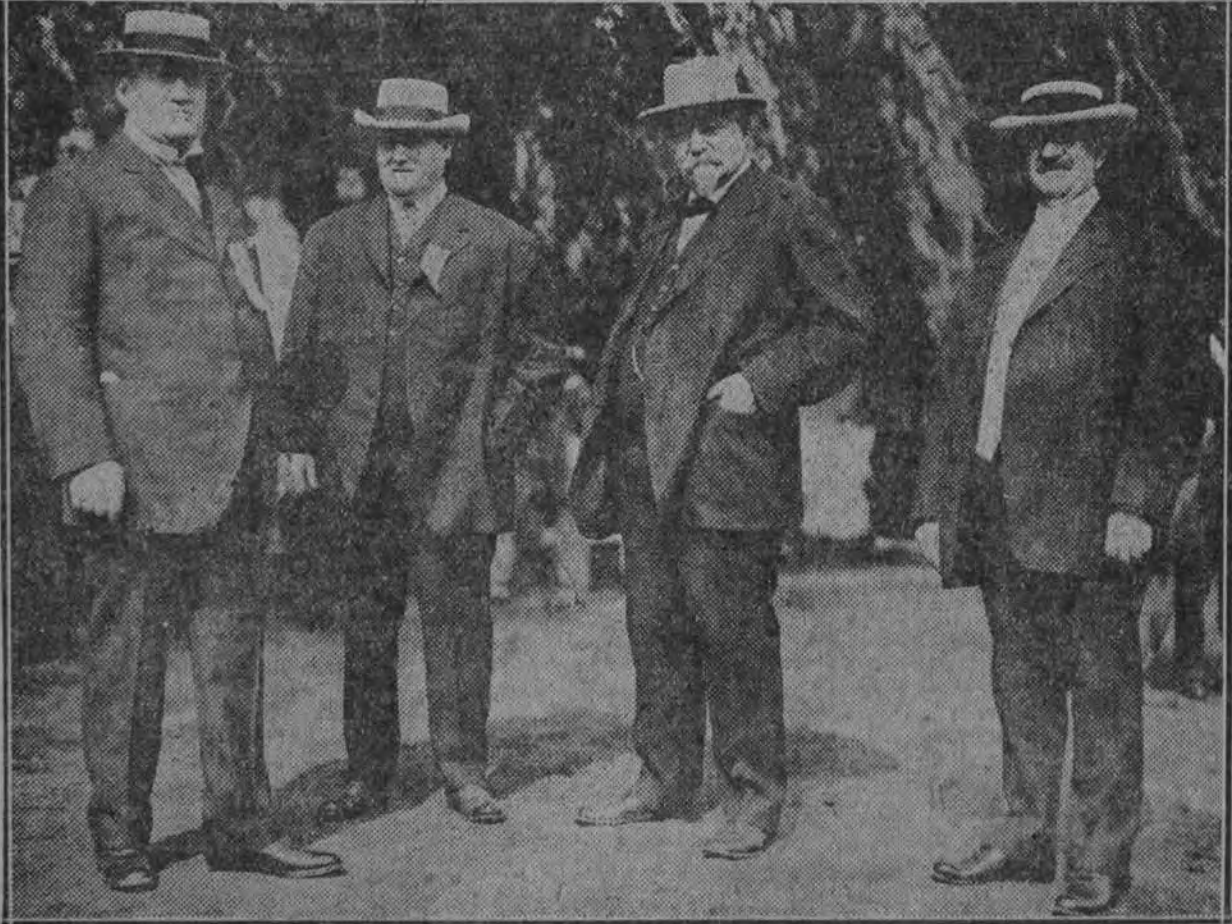
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W O U L D the accompanying picture mean anything in particular with the figure at the extreme left, that of George W. Aldridge, out of it?

Your answer to that question may be the answer to the query that has been on the lips of hundreds of politicians since Mr. Aldridge died on the golf links of the Westchester-Biltmore Country Club last Tuesday.

The picture here reproduced was taken in 1911 under the willows at Newport at the Supervisors' annual picnic. For many years it had been the custom of Mr. Aldridge to make the picnic the occasion of meeting in public all the lesser chieftains and aspirants for public office, to talk

over with them the availability of this or that candidate, and finally to reach a decision on candidates for offices to be filled in the ensuing election. Usually the derision had been reached by Mr. Aldridge before the day of the picnic, but aspirants and their friends felt that their chances were not hopeless until after the candidates selected by the chief had been named that afternoon.

An Impenetrable Line.

Persons familiar with Republican leaders here will have no difficulty in recognizing M-r. Aldridge at the left; "Bill" Craig, superintendent of the Penitentiary, who was one of the old wheel horses of the Aldridge chariot; Mayor Hiram Haskell Edgerton, who at that time had mattered the intricacies of the laboratorial chair and was settling; back for a long term in office, and "BtOther Jim" Hotchkiss.

Republican chieftains will meet under the willows as of yore on August

8. Superintendent Craig will be there, and County Chairman Hotchkiss will (and at the head of the receiving line. But a familiar figure will be absent, and the wine of politics quaffed that afternoon will lack the old til kle and flavor. Those present will "carry on" and will go through the motions, but the pi of readjustment always is difficult, and particularly so when a loved arid guiding hand has been removed by death. For it may be said without many of effectual contradiction that of the Republican wheel horses had a id abiding affection for Aldridge.

On all sides the question now a is. "Who will be th When Mr. Aldridge was very sick at his home Igo last winter, a group of lesser chiefs met and decided that if death had claimed Mr. Aldridge at that time, they would look to Mi. Hotchkiss as the leader for the time being, and th idOubtadly will be pursued at this time.

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When the death of the former mayor had been announced Commissioner of Public Safety Harry J. Bareham had the City Hall bell tolled 71 times, one for each year of Mr. Edgerton's

> laga on all municipal buildings were ordered placed at half-mast.

* Park Commissioner William S. Riley announced that all band concerts would be postponed until after the funeral and the municipal dance hall at Ontario Beach was ordered closed until after the interment.

As a contractor Mr. Edgerton has left memorials in the shape of numerous structures, public and private. It was he who constructed the Wilder building, Rochester's first "sky scraper," and the Federal building

a builder, while more modern instances of his work are the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh office building and the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company building. Industrial plants constructed by him include the plants of the Pfau & General Railway Signal companies at Lincoln Park.

In the construction of buildings devoted to religious purposes he was one of the city's most active contractors. In that line he was responsible for construction of St. Bernard's Seminary in Lake avenue, St. Peter and Paul's Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church, St. Michael's Church, Third Presbyterian Church and full half a score other edifices in this city.

As an employer of labor he was ever an exponent of "the square deal," and his sympathetic relations with working men led to his frequent selection as an arbiter when differences arose.

For virtually a score of years Mr. Edgerton's activities were closely interwoven with the city's progress and prosperity, first as president of the Common Council and then as mayor, the office he was elected to for seven consecutive terms.

The Board of Estimate came into existence with the so-called "White charter" on January 1, 1900, the same date on which Mr. Edgerton assumed his duties as president of the Common Council. When the special charter, which made Rochester a city of the first class and under which the municipality has been governed since January 1, 1908, was enacted, the Board of Estimate was not changed. So Mr. Edgerton had been a member of the board for 22 years, eight years as president of the Common Council and 14 years as mayor.

Mr. Edgerton was mayor of Rochester four or five weeks in the latter part in 1903. In November, 1903, Mayor Adolph J. Rodenbeck resigned to accept an appointment as judge of the State Court of Claims and President of the Common Council Edgerton served as mayor until Mayor James G. Cutler assumed office January 1, 1904. In length of service, Mr. Edgerton was the senior of any man in the service of the city, as an official since its incorporation in 1834.

The outstanding features of Mayor Edgerton's administrations are the transformation of the old State Industrial School into Exposition Park and the organization of the Rochester Exposition; establishment of the Rochester Public Library system; construction of the third conduit from Hemlock lake to the city; completion of Cobb's Hill Reservoir; construction of the new sewage disposal plants and the system of intercepting sewers which took the sewage out of the Genesee river; construction of Central avenue bridge and widening of Central avenue; construction of garbage and incinerator plants; establishment of Ontario Beach as a city park; general development of the park system; annexation of the Brighton section as the Twenty-first ward; annexation of Charlotte as the Twenty-third ward and annexation of the Lincoln Park section as the Twenty-fourth ward.

Had it not been for the assistance given Mayor Edgerton by a Democratic member of the State Senate in 1911, there would not now be any such place as Exposition Park and probably no such municipal feature as the Rochester Exposition. The man who helped Mayor Edgerton get possession of the State Industrial School property for the city was the late, Senator Thomas F. Grady, for years Democratic leader in the Senate and orator and spokesman of Tammany Hall.

Mayor Edgerton made the acquaintance of Senator Grady and every other Democrat of prominence in the state when he went to Saratoga in 1909 and appeared before the Democratic State Committee to urge holding Rochester as the place for the state convention that year. The mayor was successful in securing the convention for Rochester and the appearance of the mayor of the greatest Republican city in the state was such a novelty that it made a big hit with the Tammany Hall men.

Senator Grady was especially impressed with the novelty of having a Republican plead for opportunity of extending hospitality to Democrats, and informed Mr. Edgerton that he was at his service any time.

When the state transferred inmates of the State Industrial School to Industry. Mayor Edgerton saw the opportunity of securing the old grounds for the city. He met with opposition from Governor Charles E. Hughes, who had a plan to transfer the prisoners from Clinton Prison to the old industrial school.

The mayor went to Albany and appeared before the Senate finance committee, which had the say as to the disposition of the grounds. Members of the committee told him flatly that they favored the Governor's plan to send the prisoners from Clinton to Rochester. He left the meeting of the finance committee without hope and was sitting in the Senate lobby when Senator Grady came along.

"What's the matter, mayor?" asked Grady.

"I want that industrial school property for a park and the finance committee has turned me down," replied His Honor.

"Oh, yes; we're going to use that place as a state's prison," said the Senator.

"Now look here, Senator," said the mayor, "you told me some time ago that, if ever you could do anything for me, all I had to do was to ask you. Now I want that property for a park for the city of Rochester."

"Well, it looks as if I'd have to make good," said the senator.

"It certainly does," replied the mayor.

So Senator Grady went into the finance committee meeting and made good his promise to Mayor Edgerton.

In 1908, the Board of Park Commissioners operated three playgrounds; the Board of Education operated five playgrounds, and the Playground League operated one. The total attendance for that year was 303,058. On March 8, 1915, by legislative enactment, sponsored by Mayor Edgerton, an amendment was made to the city charter creating the Bureau of Playgrounds and Recreation. In 1915 with 17 playgrounds in operation, the attendance was 688,481. In 1918, a war year, with 20 playgrounds in operation, the attendance was 1,379,546. In 1921 nearly 1,500,000 children availed themselves of the playground facilities, and 25 playgrounds were in operation.

The Bureau of Playgrounds has developed correspondingly. In other branches of recreation, by organizing baseball leagues for adults, indoor baseball and basketball, bathing facilities and the like. The Ontario Beach and Durand-Eastman Park bathing beaches are operated under the bureau, and thousands of permits for baseball games have been issued for diamonds in the parks. Hundreds of indoor baseball and basketball games are conducted under the auspices of the Bureau of Playgrounds.

Most of these games are played at Exposition Park, which is conceded by authorities in other cities to be one of the finest recreation centers in the country. Building No. 6. has nearly an acre of floor space that is unobstructed by supports. All of this work has been developed and sponsored under the direction of Mayor Edgerton.

The collection and disposal of garbage up to 1917 always had been done by contract with a private concern. In January of that year the city took over the disposal plant and collection equipment and has performed this work since, under the supervision of Commissioner of Public Works Herbert W. Pierce. It was Mayor Edgerton who urged that the plant be acquired.

When the old plant became obsolete and uneconomical Mayor Edgerton urged the construction of a new and modern plant, to be operated under what is known as the "Cobwell" system. This system has trebled the amount of grease recovered and it produces a much higher grade of tankage, thus materially increasing the revenue.

The incinerator plant, construction for the purpose of disposing of household rubbish of all kinds, was first put into operation in 1912. The main object in constructing this plant was to remove as far as possible from the ash dumps the papers, rags, tin cans and the like, which had always before caused these dumps to be not only unsightly but unsanitary. This plant had the strong endorsement of Mayor Edgerton.

Mayor Edgerton was responsible for the development of the public library system in Rochester. When he assumed office there were no municipal libraries and he fostered their development. One building at Exposition Park is used as an administering library and there are branches throughout the city.

The acquisition of Exposition and Ontario Beach Parks was brought about through the foresight and ability of Mayor Edgerton. Parks are one of the city's greatest assets, he believed, and as a result Rochester is known throughout the United States and even abroad, for its extensive and well kept system of parks. Mayor Edgerton's administration was generous in the matter of acquiring and maintaining city parks, for he believed that they help to preserve the health and contentment of all.

Mayor Edgerton made the greatest efforts to keep the shade trees of the city in excellent condition. His instructions have been followed out by William S. Riley, commissioner of parks. During 1921 there were 625 trees planted, 300 streets sprayed, 12,000 trees sprayed, 342 trees removed, .82 streets trimmed and 292 additional trees trimmed and 101 dangerous limbs attended to.

In every park embellishment and improvement was noticeable since Mayor Edgerton took charge of the city government. Tennis courts, shelters for picnickers and golf courses have been provided. Scores of improvements for the benefit of the residents of Rochester have been provided, and they are used by thousands each year.

The work of grading the roads and improving Durand-Eastman Park was begun in 1908. The planting of the park and establishing of nurseries, was begun in 1910 at the request of Mayor Edgerton.

On the occasion of Mayor Edgerton's retirement from office on December 31 last, tributes to him were paid by a number of prominent citizens, among them George Eastman and George W. Aldridge. Mr. Eastman said: "Through my connection with the Bureau of Municipal Research I have had an unusual opportunity to observe the working of Mr. Edgerton's administration and my appreciation of the knowledge and skill with which he has been conducting the affairs of the city has increased from year to year—a knowledge and skill which it has been impossible to acquire except through long and continuous service. He has given us a city government which in my opinion is at least as good as any city as large as Rochester has had up to the present time. Mr. Edgerton, with his sturdy character and honesty of purpose, has endeared himself to thousands of our citizens, who regret that increasing years have made it necessary for him to give up his office and who hope that he will be able, in a position of less responsibility, to continue to give the city the benefit of his experience."

Mr. Aldridge said: "My affection, respect and admiration for Mayor Edgerton cannot be measured in words. While the people generally have knowledge of the great part he has taken in the development of the city, a more complete realization of his almost incalculable value to the municipality will come with the passage of years. Posterity will appraise and appreciate him at his true worth."

"For 14 years the affairs of the city have been the paramount consideration of Mayor Edgerton. He has had no other business than the business of Rochester, the city he loves and to which he has given the best of his life. Evidence of his constructive ability, good judgment and foresight may be seen in the improvements in every part of the city and they will stand for decades as monuments to his sagacity and courage."

"His keen and kindly interest in the affairs of even the most humble of his constituents, his gentle tolerance and his forbearance are appreciated by all who have had the honor to be associated with him. He is sensible of the trust reposed in him by the people of Rochester, and he is fully deserving of their confidence and of any honor they may pay him."

"It is my sincere hope that he will be spared to the city and his legion of friends for years to come."

Prominent Citizens Pay Tribute To Former Mayor

The death of Mr. Edgerton has called forth tributes from many prominent men of the city, including four former mayors of the city, James G. Cutler, Adolph J. Rodenbeck, George A. Warner and George A. Carnahan. Mr. Cutler said:

"I regret very sincerely to learn of Mr. Edgerton's death. I have known him for 50 years, as it was in the early 70s that he as builder and I as architect first came into knowledge of each other, and we were rather intimately associated politically from 190 to 1908 while he was president of the Common Council and later when at his urgent request I accepted two appointments in the city government, in which for several years until his last term as mayor ended his interest and co-operation in the work of the Advisory Board of City Planning and the Art Commission were constant and helpful. He was an honest and capable public servant and accomplished very much for the city advancement in his 14

Supreme Court Justice Adolph J. years in the mayoralty" Rodenbeck—"He was a faithful and loyal public official with extraordinary foresight and devotion to the interests of the community. He was the outstanding mayor of Rochester."

George A. Warner—"By the death of Mayor Edgerton Rochester lost one of its foremost citizens. During his administration and through his efforts Rochester has become one of the best cities in the state. So much public improvements have been made during his administration that it will stand as a fitting monument to his official career."

George A. Carnahan—"I am extremely sorry at Mr. Edgerton's death. We served together in the administration of the city's affairs, he as president, of the Common Council and I as mayor in 1900 and 1901. We campaigned together and I found him a very likeable person in his personality. Always genial and kindhearted."

"From the outset he showed the deepest interest in Rochester's needs and his efforts were constantly directed in improving the city in every way possible. He had fine ideas for civic betterment and could not be turned whenever he started out to accomplish anything. His interest in the parks was especially noticeable and he did more than anyone else in the city to accomplish their development."

"People are genuinely sorrowful at his taking away. Vast numbers had a real affection for him."

Mayor C. D. Van Zandt—"Mr. Edgerton leaves an enduring monument of various city improvements that came to their fullness during the 14 years that he was, at the head of Rochester affairs, and of him it may be truly said that the good he has done will live long now he has passed on. In his long years of municipal service, by his sterling qualities, and kindly human manner, he attracted an unusual number of devoted followers, who, while regretting he has left them, will long bear him as a true, courteous gentleman, a real servant of the people, a great hearted and loyal friend."

Commissioner of Public Works H. W. Pierce—"Years of official association with Mr. Edgerton gave me unusual opportunity to become acquainted with those traits of character that made him so widely loved by his fellow Rochesterians. To his initiative and perseverance are to be ascribed much of Rochester's advancement during the past 14 years. In fact, his term of office was co-incident with the city's most remarkable period of civic progress."

He was' unswervingly loyal to his friends, ever sympathetic and ready to lend assistance to those in need. To many an unfortunate his departure will mean the loss of a real benefactor, and his charity was of the true sort known only to himself and the beneficiary."

Superintendent of City Planning E. A. Fisher—"In the more than quarter of a century of association with Mr. Edgerton, more especially in the work of construction wherein he was most active, I found him a loyal associate whose one thought was service. It is the future generations that will realize most fully the indebtedness of Rochesterians to Hiram H. Edgerton, while those of us who labored with him feel most deeply the loss of a tried and true friend."

Commissioner of Parks William S. Riley—"In the departing of Mr. Edgerton Rochester has lost another big man who did big things for our beautiful city. He was especially interested in advancing the parks and playground system and the children loved him, as he often visited the playgrounds. They called him Uncle H. I have had the honor of serving under Mr. Edgerton for 14 years and I shall miss him. He was a man of service. I have lost a very dear friend."

Charles R. Barnes—"His deeds will live as will those of Mr. Aldridge. Their names are coupled together in the pre. it is a page in the city's history."

Harry J. Bareham—"I was greatly grieved to hear of the death of former Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton. I was in hopes the grand old man might again come back and be spared a time longer. I knew the death of his lifelong friend and companion, George W. Aldridge, so affected him that he was obliged to take to his bed, but I felt that his indomitable spirit would once more conquer his infirmities."

Charles L. Pierce—"Former Mayor Edgerton's death following so quickly that of Mr. Aldridge, furnishes a touching example of how strong and deep-rooted true friendship can be. These two great men never ceased working and sacrificing for the good of Rochester and her citizens. They were never repaid and they never wanted to be. Mr. Edgerton was a mayor with vision and courage. He always laid out his course carefully and then went fearlessly ahead. 'If we don't do it now, it may never be done' was a saying very familiar to us who had the privilege of trying to help him, and, when perplexing situations arose, he would often say, 'Keep this in mind, we must always be on the square with the people.'"

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George Eastman—"Rochester has been singularly fortunate in having had the services of Hiram H. Edgerton as mayor for so many years. During the seven terms which he served he became one of the most expert of city managers and finally succeeded in giving us as good an administration as we can ever hope for under our present system of municipal government.

"He was far-sighted and did many good things for his city, the beneficial effects of which will be shown more and more as time goes on. The biggest, broadest and best of all was when he scrapped the plan for a separate municipal hospital and formed the alliance with the University of Rochester, whereby he secured for the city's sick poor the services of the highest grade of medical and surgical skill forever and without cost. This act, to my mind, formed a fitting climax to a long and useful career of which any man, or any man's family, might well be proud."

R. Andrew Hamilton, commissioner of Public Safety under former Mayor Edgerton—"Mayor Edgerton was a man who had the interest of the city and its people at heart and I believe we'll appreciate what he has done for the city more as time goes on than we do now. He was a line man to work with and was very friendly."

William S. Riley, park commissioner—"Rochester has lost a man who has done big things for Rochester. He was interested very much in parks and playgrounds and the children will miss him. I have worked with him 14 years and feel I have lost a sincere and loyal friend."

Supreme Court Justice Benjamin B. Cunningham—"I am overcome with grief. As chief executive of Rochester Mayor Edgerton devoted his energy and time to the upbuilding of the city. He believed it was to become a great city and his farsighted vision enabled him to foresee many great improvements years before they became accomplishments. His ambition was to give Rochester the best government possible. To place it in the van of progressive municipalities. Although the people loved him and honored him for his wise administration of city affairs, only those closely connected with him, will ever realize how much he contributed to the growth, development, progress and prosperity of the city of Rochester."

Dr. Rush Rhees—"I think Mr. Edgerton gave the city extraordinary service, increasing in significance as the years of his service grew. He brought to the public business unusual competency for the oversight of the material interests of the city. From the first, he showed an equal concern for its intellectual life, of which the public library system of Rochester is the abiding evidence. His name will be held in grateful remembrance as a public official of great fidelity, untiring industry and wide sympathies."

Dr. Charles R. Barber—"Our city has sustained a great loss in the death of Hiram H. Edgerton. In the declining years of his life he devoted his time, energies and ripe experience to the development of a greater Rochester and to the happiness of its people. His experience as a contractor and builder gave him an inside knowledge of the work needed, and once he decided upon a project he went about the work in a businesslike way. Exposition Park and Ontario Beach Park are examples of his energy and foresight. These and many other improvements will linger long in the memories of a grateful people."

Frederick D. Lamb—"I was greatly surprised and saddened at the news of the death of our distinguished fellow citizen, Hiram H. Edgerton. He was one of the most kind and genial of men and those traits of his character endeared him to his neighbors, friends and fellow citizens of Rochester during his long career as Mayor. All our people will mourn his death. While I differed from him politically, I always entertained the most kindly sentiments toward him personally. His genial disposition and love of fair play made him justly popular with all classes of people. His unusually extended period of public service and the many and varied accomplishments of that service will long be remembered by citizens of Rochester."

Rev. Dr. C. Waldo Cherry, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Edgerton was one of the oldest members in point of years affiliated with the church—"I consider Mayor Edgerton to have been one of the prime factors in the development of Rochester into a beautiful and pleasant place in which to live. He gave himself without stint to the service of his fellow citizens. He was a man of absolute honesty and integrity. He at all times strove to maintain the high moral standards of the community and it was his pride that he had succeeded in driving organized vice from the city. I believe that, in the years that are to come, Rochester citizens will appreciate more and more his character and the service he rendered to the city."

Herbert S. Weet—"Former Mayor Edgerton had the simple and rugged qualities of honesty, humor, perseverance, sympathy and common sense that made men love and respect him. He grew during his years in public office as few men have grown. His devotion to Rochester was unsurpassed. His desire was always to have the children of the public schools housed in buildings that were ample, sanitary and architecturally attractive; to have them provided with facilities for wholesome recreation and to have them educated properly for their responsibilities as the coming citizens, of the city which he loved. He was, accordingly, throughout his long and successful administration, generous in his support of the public schools. We have lost a citizen of very great value to the city and a friend whose death thousands of our people will mourn."

John Dunbar—"Mr. Edgerton was a man of sterling integrity, honesty and kindness. What the Rochester parks are today is due to his labors, efforts and assistance. He always stood for large appropriations for the parks and playgrounds. He was a fine, splendid man to meet. Mr. Edgerton was sympathetic and friendly and his advice was always excellent. His influence was felt, not only in the park department, but in all city departments. I had profound admiration for him and I feel Rochester has lost one of its best citizens."

The Rev. Horace J. Wolf—"I have heard with deep regret of the death of former Mayor Edgerton, whose deep interest in the development of the park system for the wider use of the people is sufficient in itself to keep his memory alive for many generations to come."

Joseph T. Ailing—"I am sorry to hear of Mr. Edgerton's death. He held a long and successful term as Mayor of Rochester. He was a straightforward and good man and I have known him for many years."

Charles K. Wray—"Mr. Edgerton was very much interested in our school building program and was anxious to see that we had the very best school buildings and equipments. He worked with the School Board to see that we

had the best buildings our finances could afford. He was in sympathy with Rochester's educational program, and was anxious to see that it was carried out. My memory of his cooperation is so pleasant it is a shock to hear of his death."

Edgar F. Edwards—"Words cannot express my grief on the death of Mr. Edgerton. Almost throughout his entire administration I was most intimately associated with him, not only in the development of Exposition Park, but in the many of his plans for the expansion of Rochester. Exposition Park was his hobby, his pet, and he wanted to see it become the city's great playground."

Hiram H. Edgerton.

"Mayor of a large city for a period of 14 consecutive years with many preceding years of activity in public affairs and business life Hiram Haskell Edgerton made no enemies and a host of friends. That fact is a measure of [the kindly, attractive personality of the man his fellow citizens delighted to honor.

"During the long period of Mr. Edgerton's administration Rochester made notable progress. In schools, parks and public works it kept well to the front. For this much credit must be given the man who held the chief executive office.

Of a retiring disposition, not at all inclined to insist upon his own personal importance, Mr. Edgerton was yet a man of native shrewdness and well balanced judgment. Few men, even when backed as he was by a strong, well disciplined and ably led political organization, have been able to accomplish so much with so little commotion. What he did was done quietly, yet none the less effectively.

Acquisition of the former industrial school tract from the state and its development under the name of Exposition Park was an achievement in which Mr. Edgerton took an especial pride and interest. That it was indeed an achievement time is likely to prove with increasing certainty as the city expands and the wisdom of reservation of that area of 40 acres for general civic purposes becomes more evident.

Expansion and protection of the water supply, a modern sewage disposal system, acquisition of Ontario Beach Park and the initial steps toward purchase of the canal lands from the state are fitting the things outside the ordinary routine accomplished during Mr. Edgerton's long tenure of office.

Whether himself supplying the initiative, backing the advice of experienced officials or acting in accordance with popular demand, he is entitled to remembrance as a mayor whose term of office was characterized by more than ordinary progress. His experience as a contractor and builder, combined with good common sense, made him more a factor in reaching decisions upon municipal matters than was sometimes realized.

Not gifted with ready facility in speech Mr. Edgerton nevertheless made a favorable impression upon the average citizen when he appeared in public. His pet phrase about Rochester, "a first class city in every respect," still brings a smile of affectionate recollection for a man who undoubtedly had at heart making it such a city. "JCCCajfc. 10

BODY OF MR. EDGERTON TO BE IN STATE Will Be at City Hall To-morrow from 10 to 3 O'clock.

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Friends, legion in number, innumerable admirers of his constructive genius and fellow citizens generally, will have an opportunity to-morrow to do honor to Hiram H. Edgerton, seven times mayor of Rochester, when his body rests in state in the City Hall from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. Although the family desired a quiet funeral, believing it would be in accordance with the wish of the late mayor, they acceded to the request of his countless friends that his body rest in state so that the countless persons, who held him in the highest possible esteem, could do him the honor fitting his long and honorable career in public service.

Many Visit Home.

Mayor Edgerton, beloved by thousands, was truly a man of the people. His friends embraced people in every line of endeavor. A man of humble, rugged qualities, he endeared himself to a vast number of persons. Already they have carted to show him the tribute of which he is so eminently deserving. A steady stream of people visited the home, No. 30 South Goodman street, yesterday, paying their respects and offering their condolences. Main telegrams and floral pieces have been received.

The passing of Mr. Edgerton, so soon after the death of his long and loyal friend, George W. Aldridge, has stirred many people, for it is symbolical of the wholeheartedness of real friendship. Although Mr. Edgerton was in failing health his end was hastened by the severe shock sustained at the death of his friend and political mentor. One of the outstanding things in Mr. Edgerton's long and useful career was the loyal friendships he made. Some of those friends, Valentine Whitmore and Samuel Wilder, have passed away. Others like Clifford Kalbfleisch, James L. Hotchkiss, Charles J. Alvin II, Dewey, Henry Kunze, and innumerable others, survive and mourn him.

Services to Be Simple.

Simplicity will mark the services. The funeral services will be held at the Central Presbyterian Church, with Rev. C. "Waldo Cherry, D. D., officiating. There will be no eulogy. Burial will be at Mount Hope cemetery and will be strictly private. Although definite arrangements for the funeral will be completed this evening it is not expected that even the honorary bearers will go to the cemetery.

Monroe Commandery, Knights Templar, will serve as the guard of honor during the time the body rests in state at the City Hall. A number of former employees of Mr. Edgerton offered to serve as active bearers, but instead of them are in declining years, and it was feared that their strength would not be equal to the task. The family will announce the names of the honorary and active bearers this evening, and all other details of the funeral.

Friends Cheered Declining Years.

Simple In his tastes, honesty as his Standard, Mr. Edgerton, won many friends whose nets of kindness brought much pleasure into Mr. Edgerton's declining days.

Among the very early callers were Mrs. George W. Aldridge, George W. Aldridge, Jr., and Marcello V. Crittenden, a lifelong friend of both Mr. Edgerton and Mr. Aldridge.

Former Secretary Moved.

Tributes continue to be paid. Yesterday afternoon Bernard J. Haggerfy, his former, secretary, wired the following tribute from Baltimore, where he is engaged in newspaper work:

"In the death of Hiram H. Edgerton, the city of Rochester loses its most useful citizen and an honest, kindly, courageous gentleman passes from this life. For six years he lived in the shadow of death with a courage that never faltered. His glowing spirit and strength of purpose dominated and sustained his brave but tired heart. Many soldiers decorated for valor had courage much less steady and robust than that displayed by Mr. Edgerton in the last six years of his life.

"Merit and ability often pass unnoticed until displaced by mediocrity and incapacity. But the constructive genius and integrity of Hiram H. Edgerton were fully recognized in his life. No memorials of bronze or granite are needed to keep his memory green. His love for and his unselfish devotion to Rochester stand in every part of the city. He loved his city and his people and wore out his life in their service.

Took Pride in Trust.

"His only pride was in the trust they reposed in him. Rochester has within one short week lost the two citizens who contributed most to her civic development. Poor Rochester."

R. W. C. Waldo Cherry, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Edgerton was one of the oldest members in point of years affiliated with the church, said:

"I consider Mayor Edgerton to have been one of the prime factors in the development of Rochester into a beautiful and pleasant place in which to live. He gave himself without stint to the service of his fellow citizens. He was a man of absolute honesty and integrity. He at all times strove to maintain the high moral standards of the community and it was his pride that he had succeeded in driving organized vice from the city. I believe that, in the years that are to come, Rochester citizens will appreciate more and more his character and the service he rendered to the city."

From Mr. Aldridge's Secretary.

George J. Otto, secretary and confident of George W. Aldridge for twenty years, paid Mayor Edgerton high tribute. Through his association with Mr. Aldridge, Mr. Otto knew of many of the guiding principles of Mr. Edgerton's life.

William S. Riley, park commissioner, said:

"In the departing of Mr. Edgerton Rochester has lost another big man who did big things for our beautiful city. He was especially interested in advancing the parks and play ground system and the children loved him, as he often visited the playgrounds. They call him Uncle H. I have had the honor of serving under Mr. Edgerton for fourteen years and I shall miss him. He was a man of service. I have lost a very dear friend."

MAYOR EDGERTON'S FAVORITE PICTURE.



This picture, taken two years ago at the time of the orphans' parade and outing, was regarded by Mr. Edgerton as his favorite picture. The little girl whose hand he is holding is his great-grandchild, Edna Frances Bingeman, and on his other side is seen standing Bernard J. Haggarty, who was his secretary.

Loved Children and Was So Honest in Business He Was Trusted with Great Projects without Sign of Contract

Many instances of the sturdy character, the unflinching loyalty, and the overflowing kindness of Hiram H. Edgerton were recounted yesterday by his friends and intimates. A man of the most rugged characteristics, of simple and of the highest code of honor, Mr. Edgerton was held by vast numbers in most genuine affection. His loss is being mourned by people in all classes.

Keen Interest in Children. Mr. Edgerton was always keenly interested in children. Active in the interest of the playground system of Rochester, he sought always to provide for the joy and comfort of the children of the city. His interest in playgrounds, however, does not date back only to the time when he began in administration as mayor of Rochester, in 1901. His daughter, Mrs. Henry Lampert, recalled yesterday afternoon that forty years ago when Mr. Edgerton built his home in South Goodman street, he acquired the adjoining lot to the south and converted it into a playground for use by his two daughters and the children of the neighborhood. All the children were welcome and Mr. Edgerton installed a skating rink where the neighborhood built flowers. The playground was used as the site for the Ocuin-

Barn a Playhouse. Mrs. Lampert recalled that her father's barn was the playground for all the boys in the neighborhood. Many men, now in middle life and prominent in the affairs of the city, slid on the roof of the barn, some taking falls that jarred them considerably. Mr. Edgerton always frisked with the youngsters in the neighborhood.

He built a playhouse in the rear of his home which was used by his two daughters during the summer months and appropriated by the boys when it got too cold for his daughters to play in. Mrs. Lampert said that when a garden party was held at her home in the interests of her school, Mr. Edgerton went to considerable expense and time in constructing a dance floor covering the rear lawn. The house was turned over to the young people.

Familiar Motor Car Recalled.

Jacob L. Rubenstein, a Rochester attorney, said yesterday afternoon that he would always remember Mayor Edgerton for the interest that he had in the young children on the playgrounds. Mr. Edgerton owned a picturesque automobile. It had a one-cylinder motor and in the later days of its existence had difficulty coughing up Main street hill. The machine figured prominently in political campaigns. It was dear to the Mayor and he clung faithfully to it until the machine one day treacherously backfired on its benefactor and broke his arm. Then Mayor Edgerton's family and friends induced him to get another car.

Mr. Rubenstein recalled when Mr. Edgerton's machine was the pride of his life. Yet he and Mrs. Edgerton on very frequent occasions drove it down to No. 9 Schorl Playground in Joser* avenue, permitted children to scramble all over it, and then took them for a ride around the center of the playground.

Went to Orphan's Picnic.

Mayor Edgerton loved to attend the orphans' picnic and see the young folks enjoy themselves. Whenever a child came into his office in the City Hall he was never too busy to show them around and pass a few pleasant minutes with them. Many of the children gave him little drawings prepared. Hanging on the walls of the Municipal Museum is a charcoal drawing of an Indian head, given to Mayor Edgerton by a little girl, now a full-grown young woman. The Mayor prized it highly and hung it on the walls of the museum himself.

He took much pleasure in the little things that were presented to him. He took especial interest in the municipal dance hall at Ontario Beach Park. He often expressed the desire of so regulating the establishment that young people formerly opened in the city had an excellent time under the most wholesome atmosphere and under conditions that would not cause them to be worried by the Mayor and Mrs. Edgerton. He was one of the most important buddings in the city of Rochester without a contract. His reputation for integrity and faithfulness was of the highest character that many of the prominent business men of the city told him what they wanted in the building and left all the details to him.

Typical of this unflinching confidence in Mr. Edgerton is his construction of the Wilder building, which was the tallest building in the United States, between New York and Chicago. The late Samuel Witcomb, a personal friend of Mr. Edgerton, told him to go ahead with the work.

Mayor Edgerton constructed the present buildings of the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company. This mercantile concern had confidence in his integrity and there was no formal contract between them. One of the noteworthy circumstances about the construction of the building was that under Mr. Edgerton's supervision neither pedestrian nor vehicular frame was detained one moment, nor inconvenienced.

Judge Strength of Rope.

One of the favorite stories that Major Edgerton liked to tell concerned an incident with the Wilder building. The rope attached to an elevator conveying mortar to the upper stories was wearing thin. It became more frayed with each trip. Mr. Edgerton did not desire to suspend operations long enough to change the rope. At 10 o'clock Mr. Wilder became exercised about the rope and asked Mr. Edgerton to suspend activities.

Mr. Edgerton looked at the rope and said that it would last until 12 o'clock. Mr. Wilder spent many anxious moments waiting for the rope to break and the bricks and mortar to tumble to the ground. At ten minutes to 12, the break came.

Mr. Wilder's only remark was that "Hi Edgerton is a great man, he can tell within ten minutes of when a rope is going to break." This pleased the mayor greatly.

Settled Labor Trouble Easily.

John N. Beckley, prominent lawyer and a friend of Mayor Edgerton, had him construct most of the buildings of the General Railway Signal Company without a contract. Mr. Beckley was then president of the company. A little labor trouble broke out on the job. The steel fabricating works were to erect the steel. A group of hostile ironworkers sat on the steel that was deposited near the plant. Mr. Edgerton's foremen called up Mr. Edgerton and in a moment or two he settled the difficulty by having his own men erect the steel. This was done at a saving of about \$1,000 to the company.

Mayor Edgerton was known as a mixer. He was at home with young people as well as old. When he assumed office in 1908 Rochester was noted as a convention city. He always liked to open the convention; he always got into the spirit of the gatherings.

Evenings he would go downtown to the Powers, Seneca or Rochester hotels to see the life. Many delegates to the conventions will recall pleasant moments spent with him. In his characteristic manner he would saunter into the hotels and soon have the crowd laughing with his genial, wholesome humor. He was a great favorite, and people in all sections of the United States remember him as "Uncle Hi."

Pranks on His Mind.

Mayor Edgerton was up to all sorts of pranks, as was testified to by Corporation Counsel Charles L. Pierce. On one occasion Mr. Pierce and Adam Friederich, the well known contractor, were going to Buffalo on a business trip. They met the Mayor on the train. In the station at Buffalo Mayor Edgerton quietly slipped up to a policeman and, pointing to Mr. Pierce and Mr. Friederich, said he had overheard a conversation on the train that these two men were hold-up men and were in Buffalo to rob somebody. The policeman took the information seriously and the two men never moved from his sight.

Soon Mr. Pierce was conscious that they were being watched. He asked the policeman for the reason for his actions and narrowly missed being taken to the police station. Soon Mr. Pierce noticed the Mayor in a corner of the station, grinning and enjoying the joke. The policeman happened to be very persistent and it was with the greatest difficulty that Mr. Pierce and Mr. Friederich convinced him that they were not yeggs.

Active as Sportsman.

Mayor Edgerton was the first employer of Harry J. Bareham, commissioner of public safety. When Mr. Bareham was 13 years old he got a job during the summer vacation as water boy on one of Mr. Edgerton's construction jobs.

Always a devoted sportsman, Mayor Edgerton formed a lifelong friendship with Charles Courtney, the famous Cornell coach. Mr. Edgerton was interested in aquatic sports, principally. He was an oarsman of considerable ability, also a swimmer. In his oarsmen's days he was intimate in this sport with Darrell D. Sully, attorney, and president of the Genesee Valley Trust Company. Mr. Edgerton rowed on several crews of the Riverside Rowing Club, principally the Fanchon Crew. The clubhouse was on station is now located. This was in the Crouch's Island, on which the Lehigh early 70's.

Prominent Men in Club.

Men prominent in the development of Rochester, some of whom are now dead, spent many pleasant evenings with the Barn Stormers' Club, which met every Saturday evening in Mr. Edgerton's barn. There were twenty-six members in the club, the first letter of each of their last names, making up the alphabet. The initials were gotten up in the form of a limmerick. A stood for George W. Aldridge, lifelong friend of Mr. Edgerton, and E, stood for Mr. Edgerton. Men later prominent in the affairs of the city made up the balance of the list.

William Flannigan, superintendent of municipal buildings, worked for Mayor Edgerton, when he was a contractor. Mr. Flannigan recalled that the late Valentine F. Whitmore, who was an intimate friend of both Mr. Aldridge and Mr. Edgerton, told him that if "Mr. Edgerton was in business a hundred years he would never accumulate any money."

Example of Honesty.

Mr. Edgerton had the reputation for the highest type of honesty. This was attested by LeGrand Brown, deputy city engineer. Mr. Brown was chief engineer for the Sea Breeze Railroad Company when it was turned over from a steam to an electric line. Mr. Edgerton constructed the powerhouse in Draper street without a contract. There was a bill of extras. Mr. Brown said that the bill was paid without a question, for Mr. Edgerton's reputation was for square, honest dealing.

Mr. Flannigan recalled an incident in connection with the construction of the freight house of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway Company. Samuel Johnson, mason foreman for Mr. Edgerton, mistook the plans, and had a considerable portion of a wall erected. Mr. Edgerton found him on the job early one morning removing the wall, the best he could. He told Mr. Johnson not to worry about such things and with his homely philosophy, that reminded his friends so much of Abraham Lincoln, told the foreman that a "man who never makes a mistake never accomplishes anything."

When the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh office building was being erected, a brick fell and struck a workman on the head, severely injuring him. The workman retained Fred L. Imteloit, QM special county judge, to sue the insurance company. The insurance company asked Mr. Edgerton to keep his men away from Mr. Dutcher, so there would be no witnesses.

Mr. Edgerton pitched into the representatives of the company and said that he would not be a party to any act in defrauding his men. He said that he would pay the claim if the company didn't. Judge Dutcher said that Mr. Edgerton sent the men to his office and instructed them to tell the truth.

Naming of Ontario Beach Edgerton Park Favored

Letters were received yesterday by Mayor Van Zandt and Alderman Hanahs of the Twenty-third ward, from Rev. William S. McCoy, pastor of St. George's Episcopal Church, twenty-third ward, suggesting that the name of Ontario Beach Park be changed to Edgerton Park. Rev. McCoy was thanked for the suggestion and informed by Mayor Van Zandt that this matter had been considered by the Common Council for the past year and that it had the indorsement of the Chamber of Commerce.

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Seventeenth ward Republicans 'Regret Passing of Two Leaders, / 2 * 1 ^

The Seventeenth Ward Republican League held its monthly meeting Tuesday night at Schafer's hall, Boston and Remington streets. President John DeYounge presided. The following members were appointed to serve on the picnic committee: Eugene Bheid, ebariman; diaries Engle, John Hit (man), John W. Radtke. Louis Meno. The picnic will be held on August 28th, at Ontario Beach park.

Tim league announces that the Seventeenth Ward playground, at Avenue I and Cbnkey avenue will be opened on July 1st, with baseball and games of all so rls.

The following resolution was adopted:

Since last we met two of the most prominent members of the Republican party in the county of Monroe, have died.

It is cable George W. Aldridge had long been our leader and advisor, and our brightest example of loyalty and ability. The principles and traditions of our party. At the time of his death he held the fifth office of collector of the Port of

York, having been appointed tie-

out objection, b* President Harding

Sevel i re Mnei we had the honor

and privilege of helping elect Honorable

Hiram H. Edgerton to the office

of the city of Rochester. Before that we

supported him for the office of president

of the Common Council. We never turn

had cause to regret the effort which we

exerts bly in his behalf, but as a

matter of fact, for the benefit of the whole

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EDGERTON'S BODY TO LIE IN

STATE IN CITY HALL ROTUNDA

FROM 9.30 JTT TOMORROW

Private Service at Home at 9 O'clock, after Which
Knights Templar Will Bear Casket to City Hall;
Central Church Public Service To Be Followed
by Private Burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery Plot.

Rochester mourned yesterday over the death of Hiram Haskell Edgerton. Not because he had died, because it was realized that he had been failing fast and had only gone the way all must go. But the city mourned because it felt that someone had gone out of its life that had seemed to have become necessary to its normal existence and that, with the passing out of Mr. Edgerton, the loss was the city's rather than his. Hundreds of persons who never knew "Old Hi" personally dropped a tear as for a friend and seemed to think that, with the passing of Mr. Aldridge and Mr. Edgerton, things can never be just the same again.

Aldridge Death Reached Frisco.

Charles B. Owen, who was commissioner of public safety under Mayor Edgerton for the first seven years Mr. Edgerton was Mayor, arrived in Rochester from San Francisco at 1 o'clock yesterday morning.

"It came as an awful shock to me," said Mr. Owen yesterday. "We learned last Tuesday night from the San Francisco papers of Mr. Aldridge's death, and it took all the heart for pleasure out of me. When I arrived at the station and was met by my family, my wife told me of Mr. Edgerton's death. I wondered whether anything else worse could be told. I knew them both and loved them; I knew their ideals and their demands for efficiency; I knew of their accomplishments and I knew their capacity for friendship slowly perhaps, but surely, what the lives of these men have meant to the city."

Edgerton Funeral Tomorrow.

Funeral arrangements for Mr. Edgerton, as far as they have been worked out are: Prayer will be at the home at 30 South Goodman Street at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning by Rev. Dr. C. W. pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Edgerton was the oldest member. In the afternoon, at 1 o'clock, the Knights Templar will go to the home and take the body to the city hall.

until a guard of honor of men's honorary, who will be named by the city.

conducted by Dr. Owen. The remains will then be taken to Mount Hope Cemetery, where the burial will be private. The former Mayor will be buried in the large family lot where lie his father and mother.

Private Burial.
It is the wish of the family that the burial be private. No arrangements for the funeral were made until the arrival of Mrs. Benjamin T. Roodhouse, one of the Mayor's daughters, at 11 o'clock yesterday morning from Willmette, Ill. Upon her arrival, the members of the family conferred with Mayor Clarence D. YanZandt, James L. Hotchkiss, Herbert W. Pierce, commissioner of public works; Harry J. Bareham, commissioner of public safety, and other officials, and worked out the plans for the funeral as far as they have been announced. It was decided that the body should lie in state in City Hall, the scene of many years of activity in the life of the Mayor, after many suggestions that such would be the proper course had been heard.

Many Sympathizers.

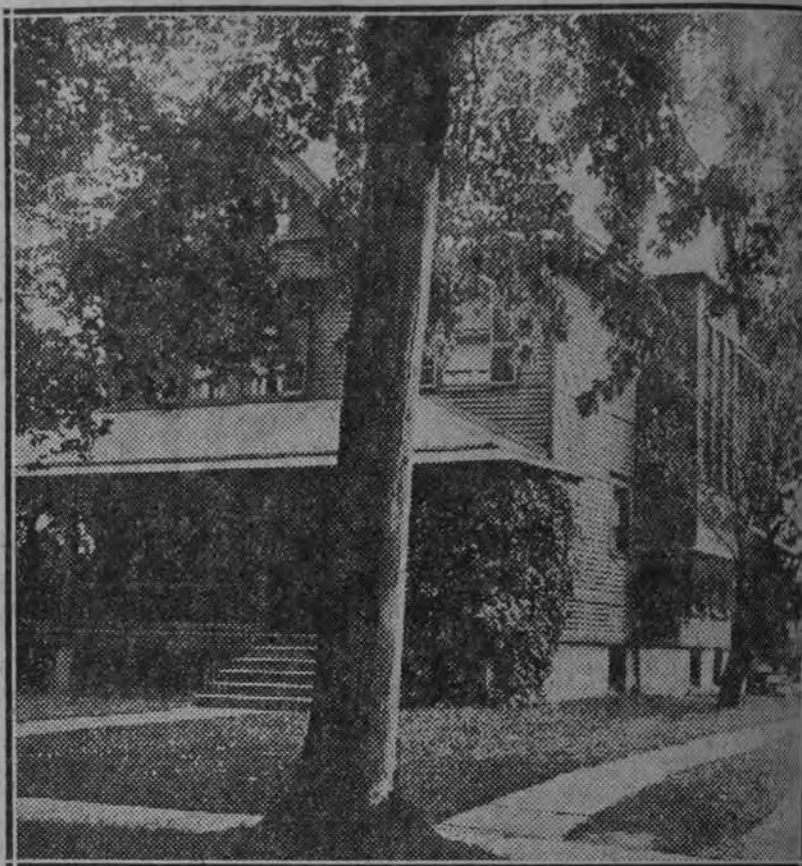
There was a constant stream of friends and sympathizers at the Edgerton home yesterday, and to name them would be to name most of the men prominent in the public and business life of the city. It was learned at the home that Mayor Edgerton gave up the fight for his life Friday night. Until that time he had refused to admit that the end was nigh, but the visit to Mr. Aldridge's house Thursday afternoon and the short talk he had at his own home Friday night with a few old friends following the funeral of Mr. Aldridge took all the heart out of him. Saturday he was too weak to resist the encroachment of death although he yearned for one more trip to Highland Park.

Many Floral Tributes.

Many handsome floral tributes were sent to the house yesterday. Among them were wreaths or other pieces from Thomas Swanton, Mrs. John C. Martin Union League Club, Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Barnes, Edgerton (Sunshine Club, City Court, Civil Branch and Mrs. Sam Johnson. The Police Bureau was scheduled to hold a meeting yesterday but the only business the bureau had before adjourning out of respect for the former Mayor was to express its deep regret and adopt resolutions of sympathy.

Owing to the death of Mr. Aldridge

Where Former Mayor Edgerton Died



-Photo by Stone, Herald Photographer.
Edgerton home in South Goodman Street.

Aldridge Family Among First at Edgerton Home

Among the persons to hasten to the home of the late Hiram H. Edgerton Sunday afternoon as they heard that the former Mayor was dead were Mrs. George W. Aldridge and her son, George W. Aldridge, jr.

Mrs. Aldridge and Mrs. Edgerton, the widows of the two men who were such fast friends and whose lives were so closely wrapped up in the city's history, spoke their sympathy for each other and comforted each other. It was a private meeting, not intended for any public manifestation of their mutual sorrow, and what words were spoken were for the ear of each other only.

"If Mr. Aldridge looked who had struggled from a sick bed to take a last look at the young man's father and was ably affected. The call was as informal as it could be and was made only as one sorrowing family can visit another in the days of bereavement."

When the call was made, the family was in the house. The wife had been arrested by Sullivan Avenue, then 50th Street, last night by police of the Lyell Avenue Station, on a charge of intoxication. The wife is the complainant, and he came home early this morning after being released from the police station. The wife is now in the city four.

Former Mayor Edgerton's Favorite Outdoor Sport

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-Photo by Stone, Herald Photographer.

Turning the big key in the Exposition Park gate to let the waiting throngs in to see Rochester's Exposition and Horse Show was one of Former Mayor Edgerton's favorite outdoor sports. Here is shown the Mayor opening the gates for the last time last September. With him are, at the left, WILLIAM V. HIBBARD, president of the Exposition Association, and EDGAR F. EDWARDS, secretary of the exposition.

HONOR GUARD FOR EDGERTON JO BE NAMED

BODY WILL LIE IN STATE IN
CITY HALL TO-MORROW
FROM 10 TO 3.

WILL BE PRIVATE

Anecdotes Exchanged to-day Illustrative of Sterling Character of City's Seven-times Mayor.

Hundreds of close personal friends and former business and political associates of the late Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton visited the house at 30 South Goodman street to-day to pay their last respects to the man who for fourteen years guided the destinies of the city of Rochester from the mayoralty chair. From all sides messages of condolence continue to pour into the Edgerton home, with words of sympathy for the members of the bereaved family.

Arrangements for the funeral provide that the body lie in state in the City hall to-morrow from 10 o'clock until 3. This is in response to the expressed wish of the public that those who knew the Mayor and those whose knowledge of the accomplishment of his administrations led them to admire and respect though they did not know him* be granted the opportunity of paying their last tribute to the man who did much to make Rochester the city it is. Rev. Dr. C. Waldo Cherry, pastor of Central Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Edgerton was one of the oldest members, will lead a prayer service at the home at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Only members of the family and a few close friends will be present.

Active and Honorary Bearers.

The active bearers who were named this noon are as follows: E. Russell Bingeman, husband of the former mayor's granddaughter; Hiram Hoyt. Howard Clapp, Whiting Morse, Walter Whitmore and William Barrows, Charles C. Beahan.

The honorary bearers are: Clarence D. Van Zandt, Adolph J. Rodenbeck, James G. Cutler, George A. Carnahan, George E. Warner, George Eastman, P. V. Crittenden, Charles H. Wiltsie, James L. Hotchkiss, Charles R. Barnes, Charles T. Chapin, William H. Craig, Charles S. Owen, Charles J. Erown, William W. Hibbard, Simon Stein, William Bausch, Eugene Raines, Francis B. Mitchell, Bishop Thomas F. Hickey, Bishop David L. Ferris, Addison D. Chapman, Charles R. Sumner, Samuel Johnson, Henry Alexander, William Flannigan, Alvin H. Dewey, Arthur E. Sutherland, John Barhlte, Henry C. Brewster, Cornelius Crittenden, Edward S. Gordon, William Plumb, Clarence Wheeler, Henry Mathews, Bernard J. Haggarty, Thomas Swanton, Frederick W. Zoller, Rabbi Max Landsberg, Dr. Charles R. Barber, Henry T. Williams, John Gregory, Herbert P. Lansdale, Eugene J. Dwyer,

William Pitkin. William W. JeBB Benjamin B. Cunningham. Willis K. Gillette, John B. M. Stephens, Fred erick L. Dutcher, Raymond E West ry, Delbert C. Hebbard, Joseph J-Hey, William C. Kohlmetz, R. Andrew Hamilton, Rush Rhees Charles E. Ogden. Roy Kates, Allan C. Ross, James Gleason, Jesse Lindsay, Harper Sibley, John Rauber, Fred Gleason, Joseph Summerhays, Louis b. Whitmore, Edgar F. Edwards, John P. Morse, John Hamilton, Herbert W. Pierce, Joseph C. Wilson, William S. Riley, B. A. Fisher, Henry Kunze. George W. Goler, John Dunbar, Albert M. Flannery, Charles Wray, James P. B. Duffy. Frederick W. Zimmer, Calvin C. Laney, Samuel J. C. Pierce, Bradley Carroll, Harry J. Bareham, Beekman C. Little, George S. Taylor, Simon J. Fennell Charles L. Pierce, C. Arthur Poole, Joseph M. Quigley, Frank A. Jaynes, Adolph M. Spiehler, LeGrand Brown, George Herzberger, George E. Cripps, Armour S. Lloyd, William F. Yust, Edward J. Putnam, Clarence C. Piatt, James B. Williams, William E. Blackwood.

At 9.30 o'clock a detail of Monroe Commandery, Knights Templar, in full Templar regalia, will escort the body to the City hall. The doors will be thrown open to the public at 10 o'clock. Plans similar to those of the Aldridge funeral will be followed. A guard of honor of Knights Templar, will be maintained about the catafalque.

Bearers will take charge of the body at 3 o'clock and accompany it to Central church, where funeral services will be conducted by Dr. Cherry at 3.30 o'clock. The body will then be taken to Mt. Hope cemetery, where the burial will be private. Simplicity will mark the interment. There will be eulogy.

It was the plan of the family to refrain from having any public ceremonies whatever in connection with the funeral, but the wishes of friends prevailed to the extent of permitting the body to lie in state at the Court house. This decision was taken following a conference of members of the family, with Mayor Van Zandt, James L. Hotchkiss, county clerk; Herbert W. Pierce, commissioner of public works; Harry J. Bareham, commissioner of public safety, and other officials. Former employees of Mr. Edgerton have volunteered as active bearers, but most of them are in declining years, and other arrangements may be made.

Among the first to hasten to the home of the late mayor as soon as the news of his death was announced, were members of the Aldridge family, who suffered similar bereavement last week.

Stories of Rugged Honesty.

Many stories were recounted to-day of the rugged character and sterling honesty of the former mayor and profuse were the expressions of sorrow from those who knew him both as executive and business man. It was pointed out that one infallible indication of his integrity was the confidence children placed in him. Throughout his life Mr. Edgerton did everything he possibly could to assist the coming generation in its struggle for health and happiness. This fact is attested by the beautiful parks, numerous playgrounds, up-to-date and spacious school buildings and the many other things which had their origin during the administrations of Mayor Edgerton.

It has been said that, when Mr. Edgerton built his home in South Goodman street about forty years ago, he undertook to construct a playground for his children in the lot at the rear of the house. The grounds were fully equipped with swings and other apparatus and the attendance there was not limited to his own children or their friends, but it was thrown open to any child who desired to participate in the amusements its facilities afforded.

Men who knew Mr. Edgerton when he was engaged in the contracting business were loud in their praise of his qualities as a business man and a gentleman. On numerous occasions, it is said, Mr. Edgerton undertook important construction work without written contract of any kind. Invariably the work was completed within the time limit set by the contractor and the owner would find that all specifications had been filled to the letter.

Mr. Edgerton possessed these qualities which make all he comes in contact with feel thoroughly at ease, whatever their station. He was at home with the young as well as the old. Wherever he went he took his genial and wholesome humor. He was a great favorite and there was no disrespect, but love and esteem, in the appellation of "Uncle Hi" by which he was generally known.

Various organizations have adopted resolutions in which is expressed deep regret. The Kiwanis club, which met for its weekly session at the Powers hotel yesterday, paid this last honor to the man who was the first in this city to be named honorary member of the organization. Pending the funeral all unnecessary business in civic circles has been suspended and many business houses have signified intention of closing while the funeral is held.

A plan is on foot to change the name of Ontario Beach park to Edgerton park in honor of the man who inspired and directed its acquisition by the city for the use of the people. In response to letters written by Rev. William S. McCoy, pastor of St. George's Episcopal church, in the Twenty-third ward, Mayor Van Zandt and Alderman Hannahs of that ward, which contained suggestions as to the change in names, the writer was informed that the matter had been considered by the Common Council for the past year and that it had the indorsement of the Chamber of Commerce.

Former Sheriff Owen Learns on Late Arrival from Pacific Coast of Death of His Former Mayor

DA 10. 19-1922
Profound regret at the deaths of George W. Aldridge and Hiram H. Edgerton was expressed by Charles S. Owen, former sheriff and commissioner of public safety, when he reached Rochester shortly after 1 o'clock this morning. Mr. Owen was at the Shriners' convention at San Francisco and left the Damascus party to return to this city. He left San Francisco at noon on Thursday and traveled on the crack trans-continental trains reached home early this morning.

Mr. Owen was apprised of Mr. Edgerton's death when Mrs. Owen met him at the station. He was greatly shocked to learn of the passing away of Mr. Edgerton. He said the news of Mr. Aldridge's death brought much sorrow to the many friends that the deceased leader had with the Shrine party.

Mr. Owen learned of Mr. Aldridge's death through an Associated Press dispatch published in an early edition of the San Francisco Chronicle. When he reached his hotel he found telegrams from Mayor Van Andt, Charles T. Chapin, his business associate, County Judge Willis K. Gillette, Harry J. Bareham and Frank Smith.

Mr. Owen said that he was "terribly upset by the death of Mr. Aldridge,"

and was equally grieved by Mr. Edgerton being taken away." He was intimate with both of the men. Mr. Aldridge held Mr. Owen in much esteem and had Mr. Owen been inclined he might have had the mayoralty nomination last year.

Instead Mayor Van Zandt, who is a close friend of Mr. Owen, received the nomination. Mr. Owen acted as his political mentor during the campaign. Mr. Owen served as commissioner of public safety under several of Mr. Edgerton's administrations. He has the warmest praise for the former Mayor's ability as a public official.

When Mr. Owen was told that the party leaders had gotten solidly behind Thomas L. Hotchkiss to continue the work of the Republican organization, in fact, he declared:

"God, that's the stuff. That is what our dear friend George Aldridge would want."

Mr. Owen said that the Shriners were being royally entertained, and the only marring event was the news of Mr. Aldridge's death. Damascus Temple is due back in Rochester on Wednesday morning, June 29th.

Mr. Owen is captain of the Damascus patrol. He left San Francisco with Alexander Townson, a member of the patrol.

Citizens Will Pay Final Tribute To Much Beloved Former Mayor Tomorrow

Bodyr f Hi Sm H. Ed^to T To Lie in State in City Hall
Rotunda From 9:30 O'Clock in the Morning, Following
Brief Services at Home, Until 3 O'Clock in After-
noon—Services at Central Church at 3:30 P. M,

F^umeral services for former Mayor
Hiram H. Edgerton will be held at
3:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in
Central Church. The services, which
will be of a simple character, will be
conducted by the Rev. C. Waldo Cher-
ry and interment will be in the family
lot in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Following a brief funeral service
at the home, 30 South Goodman street,
at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning,
the body of Mr. Edgerton will be
moved to the City Hall where it will
lie in state until 3 o'clock in the
afternoon. Members of Monroe Com-
mandery, 12, Knights Templar, will
serve as a guard of honor during the
time the body lies in state and they
will act as escort when the body is
taken from the house to the City Hall
and from the latter to Central Church.
Several former employes of Mr.
Edgerton offered to serve as active
bearers but most of them are well ad-
vanced in age and it was feared their
strength was such that it would prove
too great a task for them.

The active bearers will be Howard
H. Clapp, Hiram C. Hoyt, E. Russell
Bingeman, Whiting B. Morse, Walter
V. Whitmore and William P. Barrows.

The honorary bearers: Mayor Clar-
ence D. Van Zandt, Justice Adolph J.
Rodenbeck, James G. Cutler, George
A. Carnahan, George E. Werner,
George Eastman, P. V. Crittenden,
Charles H. Wiltsie, James L. Hotch-
kiss, Charles R. Barnes, Charles T.
Chapin, William H. Craig, Charles S.
Owen, Charles J. Brown, William W.
Hibbard, Simon Stein, William
Bausch, Eugene Raines.

J. Clifford Kalbfleisch, John M.
Steele, William Pitkin, William W.
Webb, Justice Benjamin B. Cunning-
ham, Judge Willis K. Gillette, Justice
John B. M. Stephens, Judge Frederick
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ton, Dr. Rush Rhees, Charles E. Og-
den, Roy C. Kates, Allan C. Ross,
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Sibley, John Rauber, Fred Gleason,
Joseph Summerhays, Louis S. Whit-
more, Edgar F. Edwards, John P.
Morse, John Hamilton.

Francis B. Mitchell, Bishop Thom-
as F. Hickey, Bishop David L. Ferris,
Addison D. Chapman, Charles R.
Sumner, Samuel Johnson, Henry
Alexander, William Flannigan, Alvin
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garty, Thomas J. Swanton, Frederick
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Charles R. Barber, Dr. Henry T.
Williams, John Gregory, Herbert F.
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Beagley, James S. Watson, Charles C.
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Herbert W. Pierce, Joseph C. Wil-
son, William S. Riley, E. A. Fisher,
Henry Kunze, Dr. George W. Goler,
John Dunbar, Albert M. Flannery,
Charles F. Wray, James P. B. Duffy,
Frederick W. Zimmer, Calvin C.
Laney, Samuel C. Pierce, Bradley Car-
roll, Harry J. Bareham, Beekman C.
Little, George S. Taylor, Simon J. Pen-
nell, Charles L. Pierce, 'C. Arthur
Poole, Joseph M. Quigley, Frank A.
Jaynes, Adolph M. Spiehler, LeGrand
Brown, George Herzberger, George E.
Cripps, Armour S. Lloyd, William F.
Yust, Edward J. Putnam, Clarence C.
Piatt, James B. Williams and William
E. Blackwood.

John J. Friedrich, Edward Strauch-
en and A. W. Hopeman have been
named as a committee to represent the
Builders' Exchange at the funeral.

Since the death of the former mayor
was announced telegrams of con-
dolence have been received at the
South Goodman street residence from
mayors of other cities and other of-
ficials by whom Mr. Edgerton was
known personally. Many of the tele-
grams contained personal tributes.
Scores of beautiful floral tributes also
have been and still are being received
at the house, a number of these being
sent by city officials and city employes,
as well as by contractors who had
known Mr. Edgerton through long
years of association in the contract-
ing business.

Additional tributes were paid to the
former mayor last night, one of these
being contained in a telegram from
Mr. Edgerton's former secretary, Ber-
nard J. Haggarty, now connected with
the reportorial staff of a Baltimore
newspaper. It follows:

"In the death of Hiram H. Edger-
ton, the city of Rochester loses its
most useful citizen and an honest,
kindly, courageous gentleman passes
from this life. For six years he lived
in the shadow of death with a courage
that never faltered. His glowing
spirit and strength of purpose domi-
nated and sustained his brave but
tired heart. Many soldiers decorated
for valor, had courage much less
steady and robust than that displayed
by Mr. Edgerton in the last six years
of his life.

"Merit and ability often pass un-
noted until displaced by mediocrity
and incapacity. But the constructive
genius and integrity of Hiram H. Ed-
gerton were fully recognized in his
life. No memorials of bronze or
granite are needed to keep his mem-
ory green. His love for and his un-
selfish devotion to Rochester stand
in every part of the city. He loved
his city and his people and wore out
his life in their service.

"His only pride was in the trust
they reposed in him. Rochester has
within one short week lost the two
most contributed most to her
development. Poor Rochester."

The Rev. C. Waldo Cherry, pastor
of Central Presbyterian Church, of
which Mr. Edgerton was one of the
oldest members in point of years
affiliated with the church, said:

"I consider Mayor Edgerton to
have been one of the prime factors in
the development of Rochester into a
beautiful and pleasant place in which
to live. He gave himself without stint
to the service of his fellow citizens.
He was a man of absolute honesty
and integrity. He at all times strove
to maintain the high moral standards
of the community and it was his
pride that he had succeeded in driv-
ing organized vice from the city. I
believe that, in the years that are to
come, Rochester citizens will appre-
ciate more and more his character
and the service he rendered to the
city."

George J. Otto, secretary and con-
fident of George W. Aldridge for
twenty years, paid Mayor Edgerton
high tribute.

Charles S. Owen, who was commis-
sioner of public safety under Mayor
Edgerton for the first seven years Mr.
Edgerton was mayor, arrived in
Rochester from San Francisco at 1
o'clock yesterday morning.

"It came as an awful shock to
me," said Mr. Owen yesterday. "We
learned last Tuesday night from the
San Francisco papers of Mr. Aldridge's
death, and it took all the heart for
pleasure out of me. When I arrived
at the station and was met by my
family, my wife told me of Mr. Edger-
ton's death. I wondered whether any-
thing worse could be told me. I
knew them both and loved them; I
knew their ideals and their demands
for efficiency; I knew of their accom-
plishments and I knew their capacity
for friendships. We shall learn, slow-
ly perhaps, but surely, what the lives
of those two men have meant to the
city."

Today there was a constant stream
of visitors at the Edgerton home. Mrs.
George W. Aldridge and her son,
George W. Aldridge, jr., and Phar-
cellus V. Crittenden called at the
house yesterday, being among the first
friends of the family to offer their
condolences. Throughout the evening
city officials and other friends visited
the house, expressed their regrets and
offered their sympathy to Mrs. Edger-
ton and her daughters. The condi-
tion of the former is understood to be
poor. Mrs. Edgerton has been in
ill health for a considerable time and
the death of her husband has proven
a severe shock to her.

Action on the death of Mr. Edger-
ton will be taken tonight at an ad-
journed meeting of the Common
Council. After adopting a resolution
on his death the meeting will be ad-
journed. Similar resolutions have
been adopted by the Kiwanis Club,
of which Mr. Edgerton was the first
honorary member, and other organi-
zations with which he was identified.
The City Planning Commission has
postponed for one week its regular
meeting, which was set for yesterday.

At a special meeting of the library
board today noon resolutions were
drawn expressing the appreciation of
the distinguished services of Mr. Ed-
gerton in behalf of the Rochester Pub-
lic Library. He was called the
"Father of the Public Library because
to him it owed its beginning and the
fostering care it has received since
that time." He also established the
museum. One of his last acts a,
mayor was to provide by ordinance
and appropriation for compiling the
history of Rochester's part in the
World War. In closing the resolu-
tion states: "The famous motto 'I
will apply to him: 'if you take the
monument, look about you.'"

ELKS TO HOLD MEMORIAL TO DEAD MEMBERS

To Pay Tribute to George
W. Aldridge and Former
Mayor Edgerton Tomorrow
Night—Initiation To
Be Held. 9[^]-[^].[^]

A special session of the Rochester Lodge, 24, B. P. O. Elks, will be held tomorrow night when a large class of candidates will be initiated. Notices have been sent out to more than 200 candidates who have been elected to membership in the lodge as a result of the "selective invitational membership campaign" which is now being conducted under direction of Leading Knight Charles W. Miller. Close to 1,500 applications already have been received and of those elected to membership less than 100 already have been initiated. It is the intention of Exalted Ruler D. Lee Miller to hold several special sessions in order to receive the new members into the lodge.

The meeting tomorrow night will be featured by a memorial to both George W. Aldridge and former Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton, both of whom had been members of Rochester Lodge for many years. A silent tribute will be paid to both these members during the session and resolutions prepared by a special committee headed by Past Exalted Ruler Richard J. Decker will be read and adopted. Also, a resolution adopted by the advisory committee of the lodge, which provides that all money received from candidates, in the form of both initiation fees and dues shall be turned over to the trustees and placed in a separate building fund will come before the members for adoption. This marks the first step that has been taken to fulfill promises of an enlarged clubhouse for the membership.

Many members have signified their intention of accompanying the Antlers, the uniformed drill team, to the Atlantic City convention of the Grand Lodge next month. Special rates have been secured on the Lehigh Valley Railroad and accommodations for two members have been secured at the Hotel Marine, on the Board Walk at Atlantic City. The committee in charge of the Atlantic City trip is composed of Past Exalted Ruler Edward J. Ward, chairman; George W. Miller, Frank A. Flora, Charles E. Welch and Charles W. Anderson.

Historical Society* '%%t Adopts Memorial Onf₂ Mr. Edgerton's Deaths

A memorial was adopted on the death of Hiram H. Edgerton at a meeting of the board of managers of the Rochester Historical Society, held at noon today in the offices of the president, Charlee H. Wiltzie. Mr. Edgerton was life honorary president of the society and the second in its annals to receive that honor.

Mr. Edgerton's Life Work Built Upon Rock Of Absolute Integrity, - Says Mr. Ogden. Long His Secretary

Charles E. Ogden, who was secretary to Hiram H. Edgerton during the first four years the latter served Rochester as its mayor, said this morning:

"Mr. Edgerton was a wonderful man, profoundly interested in the progress and development of Rochester. Absolute integrity was the rock upon which he built his life's work. Everyone who ever came in contact with him in a business way perfectly understood this fact. His word was as good as his bond, and his chief ambition was to do the thing he had in hand so that it should be without flaw, and return full value. He never slighted anything that he might be the gainer. As a business man he was regarded as the soul of honor.

"He was a man of broad vision, and naturally was devoted to public affairs. For nearly a half century he was a part of the government of this city, in one way or another, and he worked for its advancement with the keenest interest and the most intense pride. It was perfectly natural that he should come to be the city's chief executive. He had served it in many ways, in its counsel, on its Board of Education, and on important commissions.

"When he went to the City Hall as mayor he was perfectly prepared for the tasks before him. What he did in a constructive way for this city, much of it in the face of opposition, and some of it under bitter assault, will remain an everlasting monument to his steadfast determination and his constructive genius. The public library system, carrying books directly to the people in all parts of the city; Exposition Park, where the city holds a great display once a year, and where healthful recreation for young people is going forward all the year around;

the removal of the disagreeable and dangerous sewage from the lower Genesee river; giving us the right to claim that wonderful gorge as something of which Rochesterians may be proud; the plan for the subways which will result in direct shipping advantage to every manufacturer in the city—these are some of the outstanding achievements of this far-sighted, keen-visioned man.

"But it was the intensely human side of his life that drew around him a band of loyal and devoted friends. Those who knew him best were proud of his public honors, but they loved him for his personal worth. They knew the real man. Most great men have their cronies, and he had his, but his circle of friends, among whom his quaint sense of humor played its part, was not a limited one. He was devoted to his family, and was proud of the five generations which were grouped together during the early part of his administration as mayor. And I have never known a family more loyal and devoted than was his.

"I went with him when he entered the City Hall for the first time as mayor of Rochester. The executive rooms were filled with flowers. He smiled as he read the cards of his business, political and personal associates. Then there came a tinge of sadness over his face he bent his head over a cluster of roses. There were tears in his eyes when he looked up at me and pronounced the one word, 'Mother,' which was on the card he had taken from the flowers. This was the way his administration began, and the flavor of love which was about the flowers that morning is about the memory of this large-hearted man as he goes to his last great reward."

TSXA^JUO Edgerton Park? ?**".*-*-*

Rochester's fine bathing beach, acquired during the last administration of Hiram H. Edgerton, seems to have no name of its own. Ontario Beach Park, the name commonly used, is really associated with the former privately owned amusement ground.

The suggestion made that the name Edgerton Park be officially bestowed has merit. When a man has been honored by his fellow citizens with seven consecutive elections to the highest municipal office it is only fitting that there should be some memorial of such a term of public service.

People who come after will wonder what manner of man was chosen as mayor for so many years. Naming of a park after him will suggest that he was a man interested in the comfort and recreation of the people of Rochester, as well as the city's material growth.

Incidentally the name will be more handy than the present designation. Some of us still cling to the name South Park, finding Genesee Valley Park too large a mouthful. In this instance the change will be toward simplicity.

Why not Edgerton Park? 7 *Y

Engineers Adopt Resolution.

The Department of Engineering adopted resolutions yesterday on Mr. Edgerton's death. They recite the large number of public improvements that he fostered, and tell of their affectionate grief at his passing.

Mr. Edgerton was a charter member of the Builders' Exchange and its second president. He with twenty other contractors met on January 10, 1888 and began the organization of the exchange. Of the twenty men who signed the articles of incorporation, six are still living, and four are still active members of the Exchange. They are Joseph E. Summerhays, John J. L. Friederich, Edward S. Stallman, A. W. Hopeman, and these four men have been designated by the exchange to attend the funeral. A letter expressing the sentiments of the members of the Exchange has been sent to the family.

From Scout Leader.

Mrs. Edgerton yesterday received the following letter from George H. Grant, Boy Scout leader, after he and his comrades had met and taken action on their friend's death:

"Dear Mrs. Edgerton: We feel that we have lost one of the greatest men alive. One who piloted our city through trouble and danger; who was beloved by all and who is mourned by rich and poor, one who was an example among men. The shock to you, we know, is very great, but it is not true that he is not dead, he has awakened from the dream of life. This letter is probably but one of thousands but we hope its contents will add to the consolation carried by all the others."

MAYOR ASKS LOYAL SERVICE TO PUBLIC

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Deaths of Aldridge and Edgerton
Evoke Appeal to City Employees.

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Because of the death of (icWge W. Aldridge and Hiram H. Edgerton, two men who did much in promoting the civic development of Rochester. Mayor Van Zandt has issued an appeal to city employees to remain loyal to their obligation or public service and so work as efficiently as possible that Rochester may continue the development brought about through the activity of these two prominent citizens. The appeal is as follows:

No time could be more opportune to again urge the fullest co-operation on the part of all identified with the administration in striving to afford a maximum of service to the public. We should be untrue to our trust were we to falter now.

Courtesy and devotion to our several duties, making the interests of the public paramount, will go farthest in keeping faith with those who have placed responsibility upon us and to build a lasting memorial to the counselor whose guidance we have lost to us. Need for the serious consideration of our official duties was never more pressing, and we may look for sharp criticism should we fail to meet the test.

- lose adherence to the rules and regulations laid down for the several departments and bureaus must be insisted upon by those in charge, who will be held to strict account by the public.

Our task has become more difficult, but united and earnest effort will enable us to successfully accomplish it. That unity of effort I appeal for

C. H. VAN ZANDT,
Mayor.

Common Council Pays Tribute to Former Mayor, Eulogizing Record

By rising vote the Common Council last evening unanimously adopted the following memorial to former Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton, which was offered by Alderman Martin B. O'Neil, the floor leader:

Hiram Haskell Edgerton has gone to his final rest. He was seven times elected Mayor of the City of Rochester. He was a conscientious citizen and a warm personal friend.

He was born at Belfast, Allegany County, New York, April 19, 1847, the son of Ralph H. and Octavia C. Edgerton. In 1858 the family moved to Rochester where the future Mayor was educated. He engaged in the lumber business and continued in that line of work until 1880 when he took up the contracting business. He was identified with this business until he became Mayor of the city in 1907. He held numerous positions of trust. He was commissioner of the East Side Trunk Sewer Commission, president of the Common Council, school commissioner, and president of the Board of Education. His earthly life was ended Sunday, June 18, 1922. He married Medora DeWitt in 1858, who, with his daughters, Mrs. Benjamin T. Roodhouse and Mrs. Henry Lempert, his granddaughter, Mrs. E. Russell Bingeman, and Great-grandchild, Edna Frances Bingeman, survive him.

From Mr. Edgerton's business and inclination he was public spirited and always engaged in planning and constructing those works which increased the importance of the city. His vigorous endeavors have resulted in a lasting realization of his idealism. The material things which were erected under his supervision, as a builder and contractor, benefited the business life of Rochester. Some of these were the Wilder building, the postoffice and government building, rebuilding of the Granite building, and the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company's stores. In his public life he continued to increase the comforts of the inhabitants. The mention of only some of these makes an imposing list and wonderfully exemplifies his marvelous ability to conceive big things and his unusual skill in creating Rochester, as we know it to-day. Making Exposition Park where a reformatory stood and preventing the existence of a prison near the heart of the city alone would entitle Mayor Edgerton to the plaudits of his fellow citizens, and when the great expansion of park area is considered, its natural beautification and its adornment by public buildings, the inestimable value of his work appears. The construction of an additional conduit from Hsno-lock Lake and the building of the additional adequate reservoir, the construction of the sewage disposal systems, the garbage disposal plant and incinerator, the building of flood protection walls on the river and the deepening thereof, the acquisition of a large number of new pieces of fire apparatus, the elimination of four grade crossings, the preliminary plans for a new bridge across the Genesee and the beginning of construction on the new street and railroad in the bed of the old Erie canal are an imposing array of improvements, testifying to his earnest devotion to beneficent acts for the dwellers in the city.

Mr. Edgerton always loved children. He had an affection for all his fellowmen. He was revered for his good judgment and his indomitable spirit. He endeared himself to all people by his kindness and geniality.

All who were privileged to know this great Mayor deeply mourn his loss. The spirit of the man still lives. It is an inspiration and encouragement which will forever glow in the hearts of his friends and will point out the path to continued human love and public zeal for those of us who are left. Be it

RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Rochester that profound sympathy and heartfelt condolence be extended to the members of the family of Hiram Haskell Edgerton, and that in the passing of this great hearted, broad-minded man a grievous loss has come upon us. And be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution and the foregoing memorial be spread upon the minutes and be engrossed and presented to his family.

ROCHESTER TO HONOR FORMER MAYOR TODAY

Edgerton's Body To Lie in
State in City Hall

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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH SERVICE PUBLIC

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Templar, To Furnish Escort
and Guard of Honor; Burial
in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Rochester will pay its final
Tespets to former Mayor Hiram
H. Edgerton today. A great con-
course of people are expected at
City Hall, where the body of the
former Mayor will lie in state
from 10 o'clock in the morning
until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.
fThe rotunda of City Hall has been
draped with the same drapery
that was used last Friday in the
Court House, where the body of
George W. Aldridge lay in state.
The public will enter City Hall at
the front door, pass by the bier
and leave on the Fitzhugh Street
side

Funeral Arrangements.

Funeral arrangements are that
there shall be private prayer at the
Mayor's lata home at 9 o'clock. At
9:30 o'clock the body will be escorted
by a detail of police and a detach-
ment of Monroe Commandery,
Knights Templar, to City Hall, where
the doors will be opened at 10 o'clock.
It is the wish of the authorities that
fcilty employes be permitted to pay
their respects to the former Mayor
from 10 o'clock till 11 o'clock and
that the public attend from 11 o'clock
•until 3 o'clock. At 3 o'clock the doors
•will be closed to the public and the
body will be taken to Central Church,
•where Rev. Dr. C. Waldo Cherry will
pconduct services at 3:30 o'clock. Fol-
lowing the services at the church, the
body will be taken to Mount Hope
Cemetery for burial, accompanied by
the family and honorary bearers, all i
of whom are old personal friends of
Mr. Edgerton.

Funeral arrangements were per-
fected yesterday, with the anno-
Sent of active and hoi orary bearers.
The active bearers will be Howard
Hiram C. Hoyt, E. Russell
alter
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V. Whitmore and William F. tfar
rows.

Honorary bearers are:
Honorary Bearers.

Mayor Clarence D. Van Zandt. Jus-
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Cutler, George A. Carnahan, George
E. Werner, George Eastman, I. v.
Crittenden. Charles H. Wilsie. James
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Samuel C. Pierce, Bradley Carroll,
Harry J. Bareham, Beekman C. Little,
George S. Taylor, Simon J. Fennell,
Charles L. Pierce, C. Arthur Poole,
Joseph M. Quigley, Frank A. Jaynes,
Adolph M. Spiehler, LeGrand Brown,
George Herzberger, George E. Cripps,
Armour S. Lloyd, William F. Yust,
Edward J: Putnam, Clarence C. Piatt,
James B. Williams, William E. Black-
wood and Norman Van Voorhis.

John J. Friedrich, Edward Strauch-
en and A. W. Hopeman have been
named as a committee to represent
the Builders' Exchange at the funeral.
The honorary bearers will meet at City
Hall at 3 o'clock.

Many Visit Edgerton Home.

From early in the day until late last
night personal friends and acquaint-
ances of the late Hiram H. Edgerton
formed a continual stream of grieving
visitors to the Mayor's home at 30
Bouth Goodman Street, where many of
them took a last farewell of an old-
friend and beloved neighbor and citi-
fcen.

The Mayor's body, lying in its casket
Jn the front room of the house was
surrounded by a wonderful collection
of floral tributes, fully 150 beautiful
pieces attesting the thoughtfulness of
relatives and friends. Near the casket
was an electrically illuminated color

were present to greet all visitoi's as
they arrived, among them were a num-
ber of wc. rking men who had worked
for the Mayor in the days when he was
a contra-

Police Arrangement*.

Police arrangements were completed
yesterday by Harry J. Bareham, Com-
missioner of Public Safety. At 7 o'clock
four officers will report at South Fitz-
hugh and Main Streets and at 8.30
o'clock, all traffic through South Fitz-
hugh Street between Main Street and
the canal will be stopped. At 9 i
mounted men will report at the Edger-
ton residence to escort the procession
to City Hall. The procession from Mr.
Edgerton's home will be from South
Goodman Street to East Avenue to
Main Street East to South Fitzhugh
Street, leaving the house at 9.30 o'clock.
A detachment of Monroe Commandery,
Knights Templar, will escort the body
from the home to City Hall, where
members of the Commandery will form
a guard of honor. Twelve policemen
in dress uniform also will form a guard
and remain at City Hall until the body
is removed.

Police and Fire Department employes
and other city employes will assemble
in South Fitzhugh Street, the police on
the west side of the street and the fire-
men on the east side, leaving an open-
ing for the funeral car and bearers as
they reach the hall. Members of th«
Common Council will meet in the Com-
mon Council chamber at 2.30 o'clock in
I the afternoon and pay their respects in
a body.

At 1 o'clock the police will clear Main
Street from Fitzhugh Street to Plymouth
Avenue and Plymouth Avenue will be
cleared from Main to Allen Street, also in
Church Street from Fitzhugh to Plymouth.
At S o'clock all traffic will be stopped in
Main Street from State Street to Plymouth
Avenue; in Plymouth Avenue from Main
Street to Allen Street, and in Church Street
from Fitzhugh Street to Plymouth Avenue.
Funeral services will be conducted by ltev.
Dr. C. Waldo Cherry at Central Presby-
terian Church at 3.30 o'clock.

Resolutions and memorials began to pour
in yesterday. The Common Council adopted
a memorial last night which was intro-
duced by Alderman Martin B. O'Neill. It
recited the achievements of the Mayor and
ordered that the resolution be spread upon
the minutes and that an engrossed copy be
sent to the family.

Other similar resorptions were from
the Engineering Department, the Li-
brary Board and the Builders' Exchange.
Many letters and telegrams of sym-
pathy and condolence reached the
Mayor's home from Mayors of other
cities and from persons in many parts
of the country who knew the Mayor.
Among the tributes received was a let-
ter to Mrs. Edgerton from George H.
Grant, Troop 31, Boy Scouts of America.
Mrs. Edgerton feels the death of her
husband keenly, but is bearing up
bravely, members of the family say.

Many of the Mayor's old friends are
recalling the annual dinner tendered
him at Genesee Valley Club on his 70th
birthday. A few friends proposed a
little dinner, but when they began to
plan who should be there it wa, found
to be impossible to limit it to fewer
than ninety, and that number of citi-
zens met without any publicity to do
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him, including a replica of Cobb's Hill
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That dinner was kept up each year un-
til last April, when the Mayor's Tailing
strength would not permit him to at-
tend so, mstead, they sent him a hand-
some bouquet of flowers, hand-

Dinner Given in Honor of Seventieth Birthday of Mr. Edgerton at Genesee Valley Club Was Unusual Compliment

D. & C. June 21-1922
The dinner was the most unusual of the people who held Mr. Edgerton in esteem was the story of the party given in his honor at the Genesee Valley Club on the occasion of his seventieth birthday. No public mention ever has been made of the party, which is said to have been the most pretentious ever given at the club.

A group of his intimate friends decided to give a testimonial dinner to the mayor. It first was decided to limit the number to fifteen persons. One by one his intimate friends urged the others to be included until the list totaled ninety. Then it was decided to limit the party to this number, regardless of the urgent requests of many others that they be included.

Gathered at the dinner were George W. Aldridge, George Eastman, and other men long friends to the mayor. Active in arranging the details of the party were J. C. Kalbfleisch and H. C. Hoyt.

tentious character of the dinner. He believed that it was to be an informal gathering. At the head of the table was a horseshoe of flowers and in it was a miniature model of the Cobb's Hill reservoir, lighted with electric lights.

Among the gifts presented to the Mayor was a handsomely embossed book containing the autographs of each of persons attending the dinner. This gift he greatly prized and appreciated.

Mayor Edgerton liked to be among people, especially young folks and children. Every Wednesday noon a group of men, calling themselves the Chase and Cracker Club, meets at the Oak Hill Country Club. It was only a week ago last "Wednesday that he attended the meeting of the club, joking with its members in his characteristic manner.

Cherished Tribute to the Late Mayor from Boy Scout Leader

Post June 20-1922
Of all the tributes to Hiram Haskell Edgerton, the one received this morning by Mrs. Edgerton from the Boy Scouts is perhaps one of the finest. Mrs. Edgerton received the following letter from George H. Grant, a Boy Scout leader, after he and his comrades had officially met to take action on their benefactor's death. She cherishes the letter as one of her choicest possessions.

"Dear Mrs. Edgerton: We feel that we have lost one of the greatest men alive. One who piloted our city through trouble and danger; who was beloved by all and who is mourned by rich and poor, one who was an example among men. The shock to you, we know, is very great, but it is not true that he is not dead, he has awakened from the dream of life. This letter is probably but one of thousands but we hope its contents will add to the consolation carried by all the others."

Tribute Paid Former Mayor Edgerton When Washington Junior High School gives Diplomas to Its Largest Class

Post June 21-1922
Tribute to former Mayor Edgerton as a man who was always interested in the welfare of Rochesterians was expressed by Samuel P. Moulthrop, principal of No. 26 School, in an address to 240 boys and girls of Washington Junior High School who received certificates of graduation at exercises in the school hall last night. Mr. Moulthrop spoke feelingly of his 44 years' association with Mr. Edgerton in public and private life.

MR. EDGERTON PANELED O LETTER IN LAST DAYS

Post June 21-1922
Kindly Message to Old Friend Was
Opened After Ex-Mayor's Death.

Symbolical of the sweet and endearing friendships that Hiram H. Edgerton had throughout his life is the following letter he sent to John M. Steele, commissioner of jurors, who long has been counted among the innumerable intimate friends of the late mayor. The letter was mailed on May 24th by Mr. Edgerton in response to a message of congratulation sent by Mr. Steele on the occasion of the former mayor's seventy-fifth birthday on April 10th. Mr. Steele was out of the city and he did not open the letter until after his friend's death. It is as follows:

Dear John: You know the reason why your congratulatory letter has not been answered before. One who has not had letters of this kind, which come from the heart, know but little of the joy and pleasure they bring.

My association with yourself and the other boys has been so close and friendly that the remembrance of them can hardly be expressed in words. I miss you one and all and the pleasant evenings we have spent together will never be forgotten. I hope find trust that you is not far away when they will be continued.

Health, prosperity and good fortune be for you and yours for all time.

LEAVES FINE MONUMENT
H. EDGERTON.

Exposition Directors Say Civic Event Is
Memorial to Mr. Edgerton.

At a meeting of the directors of the Rochester Exposition Association called yesterday noon by President William W. Hibbard, the following resolution of tribute to Hiram H. Edgerton, introduced by Treasurer Charles H. Wiltsie, was adopted:

The directors of the Rochester Exposition Association have learned with profound regret of the death of our honored member, the Hon. Hiram H. Edgerton, seven years or of Rochester, creator of Exposition Park, founder of our annual exposition and its honorary president for fourteen years.

Words fail us in attempting to express our deep appreciation of his great M to this community, not only in making possible the holding of our great full exhibition in a park of such beauty and convenience, but in the making of the vast public improvements that marked his long - as a public servant and caused Rochester to become famed as a city of s and enlightenment.

Exposition Park stands as one of the monuments to his far-seeing vision and is recognized on all sides as a great civic

We shall always remember his integrity, his great love for Rochester, his wise counsel and his kindly sympathetic nature. His democratic character made him beloved by the citizens and thousands mourn his loss as a personal and grievous loss.

Resolved, that we express to his family our deepest sympathy and that a copy of this resolution be sent to his family.

CITY PAYS RESPECT TO THE DEAD

Traffic Stops and Citizens Bare
Heads as the Cortege
Passes.

At 9 o'clock this morning Rev. C "Waldo Ciefjry, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Edgerton was one of the oldest communicants, held H prayer service at the home. Only immediate members of the family were present, the bearers and others interested in the transfer of the body to the City hall remaining outside. From early morning, all unnecessary traffic on Oodman street, between East and Park avenues, was suspended, a traffic officer being placed at each intersection to see that this order was carried out.

The cortege was headed by a detachment of mounted policemen. There was one other automobile in line beside the hearse. Following this latter vehicle there was a line of traffic officers, eight in number, under the command of Lieutenant Henry Coppen-7-n. The bearers acted as a guard of honor during the journey, walking on each side of the hearse with their side arms crossed behind their backs. Those who acted in this capacity were Past Commanders- Samuel P. Moulthrop, John Calder, Charles H. McCbesney and Morris F. Clark, Charles Frank and Frank E. Homer.

In front of the Court House and the City hall there were hundreds of persons who had taken up their station there to await the arrival of the body. As the procession moved up Pittsburgh street it passed between two lines of police officers from the 1st and 2nd divisions. The march was under the command of Chief James C. McPherson, Commissioner of Public Safety Harry J. Baraman. On the sidewalk leading from the curbstone into the hall was a double line of public officials drawn up to do honor to the deceased. Through the aisle which they formed the casket was carried to the steps of the building, where another detachment of policemen in full dress uniform had been posted. As the bearers and their precious burden passed by the last official in line, they fell in behind and followed it into the edifice.

First among them were Mayor Clarence D. Van Zandt and James L. Hotchkiss. They were followed by Albert Flannery, the Mayor's secretary; Commissioner of Public Safety Harry J. Bareham, Sheriff Henry W. Morse, Commissioner of Parks William S. Irley, Superintendent of City Planning Edwin A. Fieher, Deputy City Engineer Le Orand Brown, Superintendent of Public Works Herbert W. Pierce and Charles Welsh.

In Main Hall.

The catafalque upon which the casket reets was placed in the center of the main hall a few feet inside the inner doors. The rear part of the hall is cut off from the rest by a large sheet of white cloth upon which several yards of bunting had been hung. All of the corridors are draped in black and white bunting, while an American flag is suspended at each end of the main corridor. Floral pieces and cut flowers are banked against the walls. One of the

which teaching circumstances surrounding the whole affair is the fact that the body lies just outside the door leading upon a second floor into the mayor's office, and that the catafalque was placed in the main hall, and the preparations for opening the casket were going on. After they were relieved by four of their brother members.

After the casket had been opened the friends who had been gathered in the building, filed past the bier and took their last look at the features of him who held the reins of city government for so long. Under the subdued light cast by the electric bulbs and the two candles, which had been placed one at each end of the casket, it could be seen that each and every one of them was affected by the sight of their departed comrade. Mr. Hotchkiss appeared to be the one most affected, as he hesitated as he approached the opening and gazed into it. There was scarcely a dry eye, among them before they made their way out of the building.

uniformed Men.

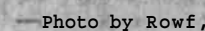
Following the officials came a line of firemen and policemen, after which all city employees came in double file. The lines passed one on each side of the bier and out through the Fiuhigh street side. After these had passed through the general public was allowed to enter. The lines were made up of persons of all descriptions and ages; some who could scarcely walk, and others whose eyes appeared to be so immature as to excite doubt as to whether they realized the full significance of the occasion. On all sides could be heard profound expressions of regret at the passing of "Uncle HI." as he was affectionately known from the highest to the lowest.

The features of the former Mayor bear no outstanding traces of the terrific struggle for life which marked the last few years he spent on earth. Instead there is a calm and peaceful expression which seems to convey the idea of gladness over the termination of the battles and vicissitudes of life. For some time previous to his death it was known that Mr. Fdgerston was deathly ill, but it was only through his extreme fortitude and courage that he bore up under it, breaking down only when death removed his best friend, Mr. Aldridge.

The Funeral.

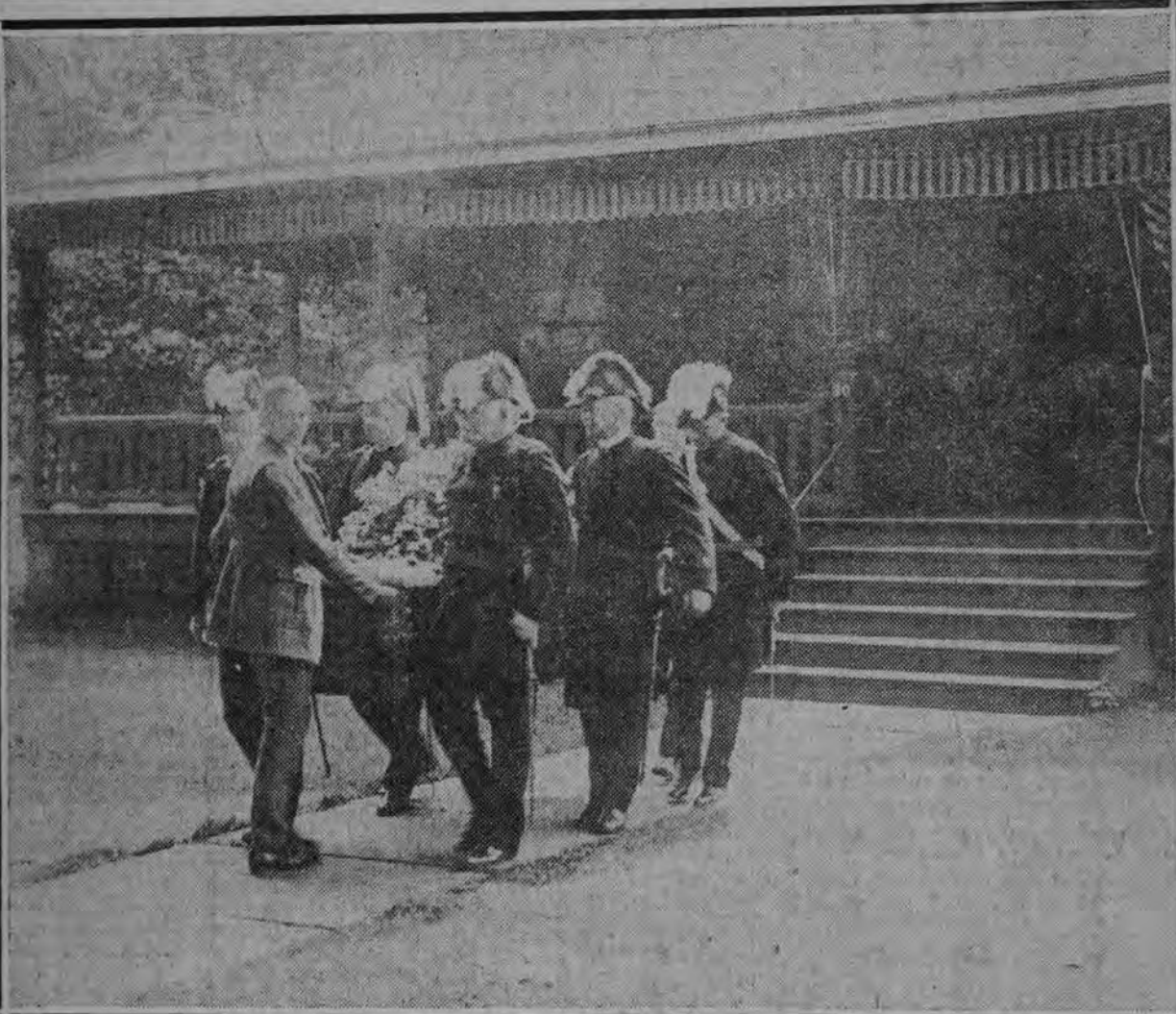
At 3 o'clock this afternoon the casket will be closed and taken to the Central Presbyterian church. In Plymouth avenue north, in a hearse proceeded by a detail of mounted policemen. The active and honorary bearers, the members of the Common Council and the department heads will walk behind the hearse. The procession will move from the City hall in Fitzhugh street to Main street west, to Plymouth avenue, to the church. Street car service will be suspended during that time.

The services there will be conducted by Dr. Cherry. The following have been appointed to set as ushers: William T. Farrell, Franklin W. Judson, Harry B. Winkley, H. C. Orsigen, Arthur, Julius, Clark, C. Charles Welch, Harry Ruppert, Charles Luke, Samuel, O. Fairbank, Meade, Rappleyer, Extra, Boiler, James, Goodheart, will be seated in the family lot. Only a few intimate friends and the honorary and active bearers, besides the family, will accompany the body to its last resting place.



picture taken together of George W. Aldridge and former Mayor Hiram H. Kdperton.

Carrying the Former Mayor's Body from His Home



Council Tribute to Former Mayor Edgerton

By rising vote the Common Council last evening unanimously adopted the following memorial to former Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton, which was offered by Alderman Martin B. O'Neil, the floor leader:

Hiram Haskell Edgerton has gone to his final rest. He was seven times elected mayor of the city of Rochester. He was a conscientious citizen and a warm personal friend.

He was born at Belfast, Allegany county, New York, April 19, 1847, the son of Ralph H. and Octavia C. Edgerton. In 1858 the family moved to Rochester where the future mayor was educated. He engaged in the lumber business and continued in that line of work until 1880, when he took up the contracting business. He was identified with this business until he became mayor of the city in 1907. He held numerous positions of trust. He was commissioner of the East Side Trunk Sewer commission, president of the Common Council, school commissioner, and president of the Board of Education. His earthly life was ended Sunday, June 18, 1922. He married Medora De Witt in 1868, who, with his daughters, Mrs. Benjamin T. Roodhouse and Mrs. Henry Lempert; his granddaughter, Mrs. E. Russell Bingeman, and great-grandchild, Edna Frances Bingeman, survive him.

From Mr. Edgerton's business and inclination he was public-spirited and always engaged in planning and constructing those works which increased the importance of the city. His vigorous endeavors have resulted in a lasting realization of his idealism. The material things which were erected under his supervision, as a builder and contractor, benefited the business life of Rochester. Some of these were the Wilder building, the post-office and government building, rebuilding of the Granite building, and the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr company's stores. In his public life he continued to increase the comforts of the inhabitants. The mention of only some of these makes an imposing list and wonderfully exemplifies his marvelous ability to conceive big things and his unusual skill in creating Rochester, as we know it to-day. Making Exposition park where a reformatory stood and preventing the existence of a prison near the heart of the city alone would entitle Mayor Edgerton to the plaudits of his fellow citizens, and when the great expansion of park area is considered, its natural beautification and its adornment by public buildings, the inestimable value of his work appears. The construction of an additional conduit from Hemlock lake and the building of the additional adequate reservoir, the construction of the sewage disposal systems, the garbage disposal plant and incinerator, the building of flood protection walls on the river and the deepening thereof, the acquisition of a large number of new pieces of Are apparatus, the elimination of four grade crossings, the preliminary plans for a new bridge across the Genesee and the beginning of construction on the new street and railroad in the bed of the old Erie canal is an imposing array of improvements, testifying to his earnest devotion to beneficent acts for the dwellers in the city.

Mr. Edgerton always loved children. He had an affection for all his fellowmen. He was revered for his good judgment and his indomitable spirit. He endeared himself to all people by his kindness and geniality.

All who were privileged to know this great mayor deeply mourn his loss. The spirit of the man still lives. It is an inspiration and encouragement which will forever glow in the hearts of his friends and will point out the path to continued human love and public zeal for those of us who are left. Be it

Resolved, by the Common Council of the city of Rochester, that profound sympathy and heartfelt condolence be extended to the members of the family of Hiram Haskell Edgerton, and that in the passing of this great-hearted, broad-minded man a grievous loss has come upon us. And be it further

Resolved, That this resolution and the foregoing memorial be spread upon the minutes and be engrossed and presented to his family.

Arrangement* for the funeral were completed yaterday afternoon. These provided for services in Centra! Presbyterian Church, beginning at a:50 o'clock. The Jc ido Cherry, pastor of the church, officiated and the services were brief sml simp!*, in accordance with the often expressed wishes of Mr. Edgerton. '

Casket lying in state amid wealth of floral tributes this morning in rotunda to City Hall, the walls of which are draped in black and white.

Surrogate Selden S. Brown also adjourned court at noon today.

Members of the Board of Supervisors delegated to attend the funeral were John Mengering, Edward C. Hanna, William S. Clark, Leslie J. Miller and David R. Singleton.

MEMORY OT FORM* MAYOR HONORED WHERE HE SERVED CITY SO LONG



Former Mayor Edgerton's flower-laden casket, surrounded reverently by the official city family, led by Mayor Van Zandt, is shown in the top picture. The photograph was taken in the City Hall after thousands of Rochesterians had filed past to pay their last respects to the honored public servant. The center picture shows the honorary bearers following in procession the casket as it was carried from the City Hall. The procession is led by James L. Hotchkiss, Supreme Court Justice A. J. Eodent, George Eastman and P. C. Ctenden, and others. The bottom picture was taken as Knights Templar carried the casket into the City Hall yesterday morning after it had been brought from the Edgerton residence.

LEADING CITIZENS BEARERS AT FUNERAL; THROGS SADLY VIEW CORTEGE AS IT PASSES

Simplicity and Dignity Mark Services in Church and Removal of Body from Home to City Hall and Later to Cemetery.

With appropriate honors the body of Hiram H. Edgerton, man of the masses, faithful and efficient public servant, honest and constructive business man, lover of children, and devoted and loyal friend, yesterday afternoon was committed to its final resting place in the family plot in Mount Hope cemetery. There in the same cemetery last Friday afternoon was buried the body of George W. Aldridge, friend and political mentor of Mr. Edgerton, whose sudden death hastened the end of the beloved former mayor.

Rochester genuinely mourned the passing of Mr. Edgerton and yesterday gathered to do him the honor that his long and useful career of diversified public service thoroughly justified. The grief was real for Mr. Edgerton was held in sincerest affection and esteem by innumerable friends and admirers.

Simplicity marked the services in Mr. Edgerton's honor. They were in accordance with his ideals, his unselfishness. His whole-heartedness and his scrupulous regard for the interests of others. The services at the Central Presbyterian Church, at which Rev. C. Waldo Cherry, D. D., officiated were brief. At the grave only a prayer was offered as the body was lowered into the grave in the presence of the heart-broken family, and honorary bearers and intimate friends, who stood with heads uncovered and bowed in grief.

City Hall Bell Tolded.

The funeral cortege moved from the City Hall at 3:15 o'clock. The body had rested in state from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. The casket, carried by Howard Clapp, Hiram C. Hoyt, E. Russell Bingman, Whiting B. Morse, Walter V. Whitmore and William P. Barrows, passed through a cordon of twelve policemen standing at attention. As it was being carried out the City Hall bell was tolled.

Covering the casket were several floral pieces, a few of the several hundred that had been received by the family as messages of condolence and sympathy from loyal friends. One especially beautiful piece was made of orchids and roses, the token of a group of city officials who served under Mayor Edgerton. This rested immediately on top of the casket.

As the body was removed from the City Hall the heads of thousands of people were uncovered. Behind the casket walked the honorary bearers, city and county officials, and intimate friends of Mr. Edgerton, many struggling along the cobblestones with faltering steps, but with undiminished devotion. Members of the Common Council, headed by Abram DePotter, president, and Martin O'Neil, floor leader, took part in the funeral procession as a body.

Mayor Heads Bearers.

Immediately behind the casket and heading the honorary bearers was Mayor Clarence D. Van Zandt, who succeeded Mr. Edgerton after he had concluded his fourteen years of faithful administration in the city's interests. Following Mayor Van Zandt were James L. Hotchkiss, and Adolph J. Rodenbeck, Supreme Court Justice and former mayor. Next in line were George Eastman, Rochester's foremost citizen and staunch admirer and friend of Mr. Edgerton, and Dr. Rush Rheea, president of the University of Rochester. Next came Pharellus V. Crittenden and Charles H. Wilsie, and then a long line of honorary bearers, including such intimate friends of Mr. Edgerton as J. Clifford Kalbfleisch, John M. Steele, William Pitkin, Judge William W. Webb, Justice B. Cunningham, Calvin C. Laney and Charles S. Owen.

The full list of honorary bearers is as follows:

Mayor Clarence D. Van Zandt, Justice Adolph J. Rodenbeck, James G. Cutler, George A. Carnahan, George E. Warner, Attorney General P. V. Crittenden, Charles U. Wilsie, James L. Hotchkiss, Charles R. Barnes, Charles T. Chapin, William H. Craig, Charles S. Owen, Charles J. Brown, William W. Hibb, Martin L. Simon, Stein, William Baus, Eugene Raines, J. Clifford Kalbfleisch, John M. Steele, William Pitkin, William W. Webb, James M. E. Wilm, B. Cunningham, Judge Wilsie K. Gillette, Justice John B. Stephens, Judge C. Kohlen, L. Dutcher, Judge Ray, Judge Joseph K. Feeley, Judge Willet, R. Andrew Hamilton, Dr. Whitmore, E. Charles B. Ogden, Roy C. Kates, Allan C. Ross, James Lindsay, Harper Sibley, John Rauher, Fred Gleason, Joseph Summerhayit, Louis F. Edwards, John P. Hamilton.

Francis B. Mitchell, Bishop Thomss B. Hickey, Bishop David L. Ferris, Addison Chapman, cimsles H. Sumner, Samuel Johns, Henry Uexander, William Planigan, Alvin H. Dewey, Arthur D. Butherland, John Barhite, Henry C. Bn, Cornelius Crittendon, Edward S. Gordon, William Plumb, Clarence Wheeler, Mathews, Bernard J. ilagarty, Thomas J. Swanton, Frederick W. Zoller, Rabbi Max Landsborg, Dr. Charles R. Barber, Dr. Henry T. Williams, John Gregory, Herbert P. Lansdale, Eugene J. Dwyer, James Rongley, James S. Watsou, Charles C. Beahan.

Herbert W. Pierce, Joseph C. Wilson, S. Riley, E. A. Fisher, Henry Kunze, Dr. George W. Goler, John Dunbar, Albert M. Flannery, Charles F. Wray, James P. B. Duffy, Frederick W. Zimmer, Calvin C. Laney, Samuel C. Pierce, Bradley Carroll, Harry J. Bareham, Beekmau C. Litue, George S. Taylor, Simon J. Fennell, Charles L. Pierce, C. Arthur Poole, Joseph M. Quigley, Frank A. Jaynes, Adolph M. Sjiiebler, LeGrand Brown, George Herzberger, George E. Crippe, Armour S. Lloyd, William F. Yust, Edward J. Putnam, Clarence C. Piatt, James B. Williams, William E. Blackwood, Norman Van Voorhis and Abram DePotter.

Car Service Suspended.

Preceded by eight mounted officers, and with a detail of Monroe Commandery, Knights Templar, serving as a guard of honor, the hearse moved slowly through South Fitzhugh street, Main street west and Plymouth avenue north to the Central Presbyterian Church. Thousands of people crowded the sidewalks. Street-car service was suspended. The long line of bearers, city and county officials, and friends, made up the cortege.

Services at the church started promptly at 3:30 o'clock. As the body was carried into the church and deposited at the chancel, which was banked high with beautiful floral pieces, the people in the church stood. Dr. Cherry was in the pulpit and the organist played as the bearers entered the church. Following the bearers came the family. Mrs. Edgerton, bent with grief, was supported on the arm of her son-in-law, Henry Lampert, and her daughter, Mrs. Benjamin T. Roodhouse, of Wilmette, HI.

Church Service Simple.

There was a scripture reading by Dr. Cherry; a solo, "Crossing the Bar," sung by Mrs. Rae Potter Roberts, another Scripture reading, eulogy and prayer, by Dr. Cherry, and the services were concluded by the singing of "Onward Christian Soldiers," by the congregation. The recessional was an organ selection, "For all the Saints."

The ushers were Julius J. Clark, Harry P. Ruppert, Hiram I. Davis, Curtis W. Barker, Mead B. Rappleye, William Gragen, Roy Cromwell, Harry Crowley, Fred Wegner, T. P. McCarrick, Charles H. Tukey, Franklin W. Judson, Samuel R. Parry, W. T. Farrell, Ezra J. Boiler, Arthur Q. Pryor, James Gallivan and Charles Welch.

After the services were concluded the honorary bearers formed two long lines in Plymouth avenue through which the body was carried to the hearse. The cortege moved up Plymouth avenue, passing the home of the late George W. Aldridge, at No. 96 Plymouth avenue, where a large American flag was displayed at half-mast. From Plymouth avenue the cortege moved into Greig street, then to Clarissa street, to Mount Hope avenue and the cemetery.

Children in Groups.

Along the route through which the cortege moved were a number of people, including many children, for whom Mr. Edgerton had an unfeeling affection. Services at the grave were brief, consisting of a prayer by Dr. Cherry as the body was lowered into the fern-lined grave. Floral pieces were banked in profusion about the grave. Mr. Edgerton is buried in the family plot with his father, mother and sister.

The honorary bearers were grouped about the grave on the casket. The casket was lowered into its final resting place. It was a simple, unpretentious service, typifying the unostentatious life that Mr. Edgerton had led, yet which had been so productive of results in the community's interests.

A prayer was offered at the home, No. 80 South Goodman street, before the body was removed this morning. Headed by a detail of mounted police the simple cortege moved quietly out South Goodman street, to East avenue, to Main street east, to South Fitzhugh street, to the City Hall. The bearers, who acted as a guard of honor in the procession to the City Hall, were the following: Samuel P. Moulthrop, John Calder, Charles H. McChesney and Morris F. Clark, past commanders of Monroe Commandery, Knights Templar; Charles Frank and Frank E. Homer. The detachment of Knights Templar, which served as a guard of honor throughout the day, was in command of Captain-General Harry E. Engfer.

Police Arrangements Good.

As the procession neared the City Hall it moved through two lines, one composed of firemen and the other of policemen. On the sidewalk leading from the curbstone to the main entrance of the City Hall were two lines of city and county officials.

The police arrangements were of the same high order that prevailed at the funeral of Mr. Aldridge. Commissioner Bareham was in charge of the arrangements personally, and he was assisted by Inspectors Killip and Stein, and Captain Mehle.

One of respect to the memory of Mr. Edgerton the county and city offices were closed at 3 o'clock. The Board of Supervisors appointed a special committee to attend the funeral made up of Supervisors Mengerink, of the Twelfth ward; Hanna, of the Sixth ward, Clark, of the Eleventh ward; Hiler, of the Fifteenth ward; Singleton, of Hamlin.

Eulogy in Supreme Court.

In Supreme Court, equity term, before it was adjourned out of respect to Mr. Edgerton, the following statement was made by Eugene J. Dwyer, former president of the Common Council, under Mayor Edgerton:

"Before the adjournment of the court I want to say a word in memory of Hiram H. Edgerton, chief executive of this city for fourteen years, and a public servant whose loss to the community is irreparable. It is not strange that his life, so closely affiliated with that of his illustrious colleague, George W. Aldridge, should close at almost the same time. Such men as he and Mr. Aldridge need no encomiums at death. Their works and the influence of their noble souls will live during the ensuing years.

"Greater than, the ability, the courage, the unselfishness, and the human side of the characters of Mr. Aldridge and Mr. Edgerton was their charitable patience and silence in the face of unjustifiable attack. We should not reserve our tributes of appreciation of such men until they have passed into eternity."

Justice Rodenbeck's Statement.

Justice Rodenbeck, who presided said: "The clerk will record the words of encomium which have been uttered by Mr. Dwyer on the records of the court, and with it the expression of the great appreciation of this Court for the important and long-contained services that Mr. Edgerton has rendered to this community during the years of his administration of the office of mayor of this city. It is particularly touching that his death should follow so closely after the death of Mr. Aldridge, to whom he was very attached, and whose death I have no doubt predicted his own end. The"

two men during the last decade have performed inestimable service to the community in connection with the administration of the city's affairs, and as a testimonial to both of them, whose names are inseparably linked, this minute will be spread upon the records of the court, and the court will now adjourn until tomorrow morning."

William W. Hibbard, president of the Rochester Exposition Association, has called a special meeting of the Board of Directors, to be held at noon to-day in the office of Mayor Van Zandt to take action on the death of Mr. Edgerton.

Flag Drops as Casket Is Lifted Into Hearse

A strange incident in connection with Mr. Edgerton's funeral greatly impressed persons who witnessed it. As the casket was being lifted into the hearse yesterday afternoon, after being taken from the City Hall, just at the same instant the flag, flying in half-mast on the Municipal building, dropped from its support and fell to the roof, part of it hanging over the front cornice.

It was this building in 1873, of which Mr. Edgerton, as president of the Board of Education, supervised the construction. It was then the Rochester Free Academy. On the tablet in the main corridor of the Municipal building, under the date, 1873, is Mr. Edgerton's name as president of the Board of Education, and George W. Aldridge's name, father of the late leader, as president of the Common Council.

Mr. Edgerton began his public service when in 1871 he was elected school commissioner of the Fourth ward. He served four years, two of them as president of the Board of Education. He was largely instrumental in having the Free Academy, now the Municipal building, and No. 15 school erected during his term.

Dr. Cherry, in Eulogy, Says Hiram H. Edgerton Gave Himself for City; Had All Elements of Greatness

In eulogizing the achievements and character of Hiram H. Edgerton, his untiring activity in behalf of his fellow citizens, and his sterling honesty. Rev. C. Waldo Cherry, D.D., minister of Central Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Edgerton was among the oldest members, selected as his text the following passage from the Scriptures:

"And I John saw the Holy city, the new Jerusalem descending from God out of Heaven."

"So another man, Hiram H. Edgerton, 'had a dream of a city beautiful,' " said Dr. Cherry. "A city of parks and playgrounds. A city of happy homes and ennobling institutions. A city free from vice and immoral contagion. A city where men and women and little children could live and grow strong with the vigor of health and the graces of mind and soul."

"Fifty years ago Hiram H. Edgerton had a dream and gave his life to making it come true. He forgot his own ambitions, he put aside the dream of wealth and success. He gave himself to Rochester. He built himself into the structure of her progress. Every great building, noble park, school this city possesses to-day has on it somewhere the stamp of his personality."

"An ancient sovereign said, 'When I

die you will find Calais written upon my heart.' So if we could have looked into Hiram Edgerton's heart we should have found Rochester written there."

"It is our joy to-day that he lived to see his dream come true. With such patience, such devotion, such far-sighted wisdom he wrought, that the city of his dreams rose before his eyes."

"Sometimes people who live close to a mountain do not realize how great it is. Because we are too near at hand sometimes we do not realize the greatness of men with whom we live. But in the days to come men will place on the head of Hiram Edgerton the crown of greatness."

"For if to be good is to be great; if amidst the high places of authority and temptations of power to preserve a stainless honor and honesty, a simple goodness and kindness, a love of men and women and little children, then he was great. If it is great to serve, to forget oneself for others, if it is great to have high visions of achievement and then to have strength and courage and common sense and patience to carry them out, he was great."

"If it is great to be a benefactor, not to leave wealth behind you, but to have made life better and happier for millions who come after you, (then Hiram Edgerton is secure in the hearts and memory of the people whom he blessed."

Resolution on Death of Edgerton Is Adopted by Board of Estimate

At a meeting of the Board of Estimate to-day in the City hall, the following resolution was proposed by Mayor Clarence D. Van Zandt and unanimously adopted:

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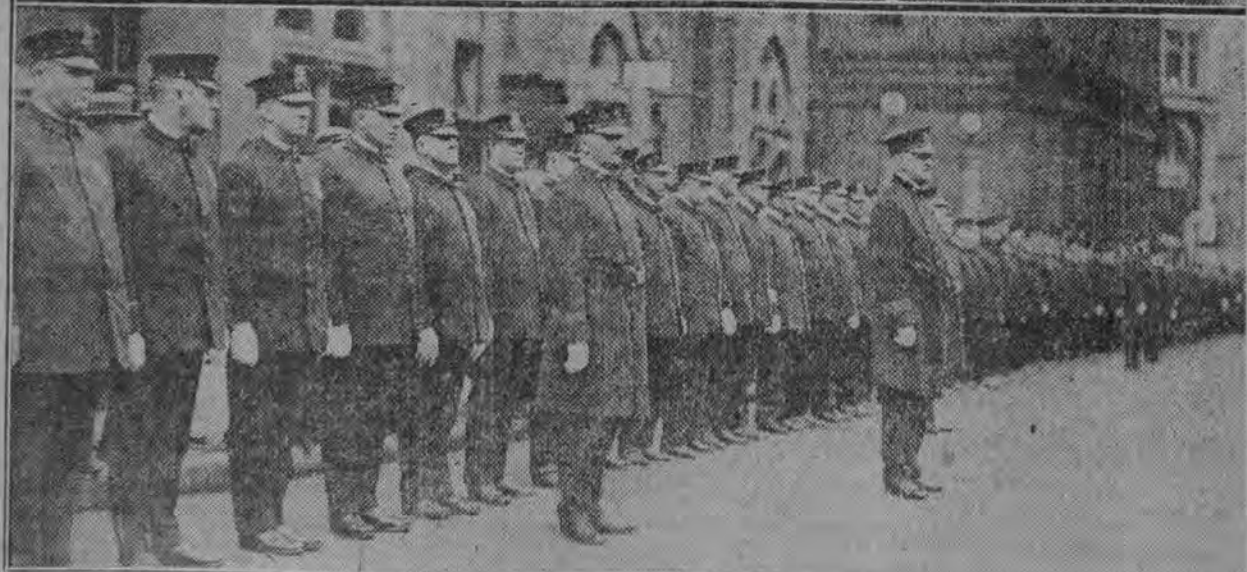
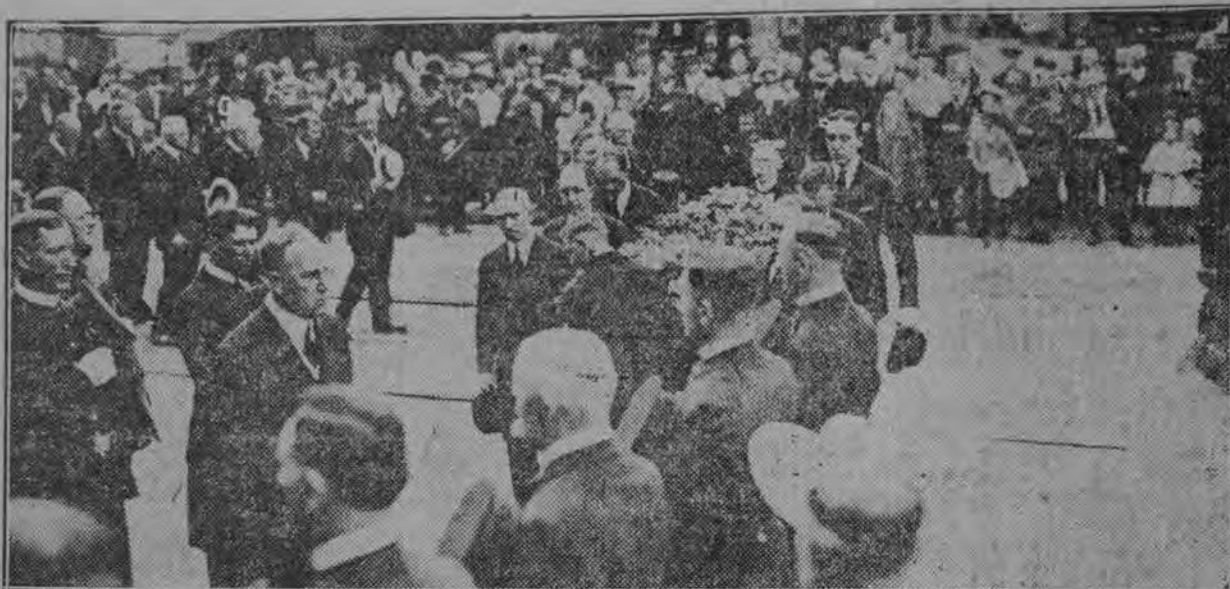
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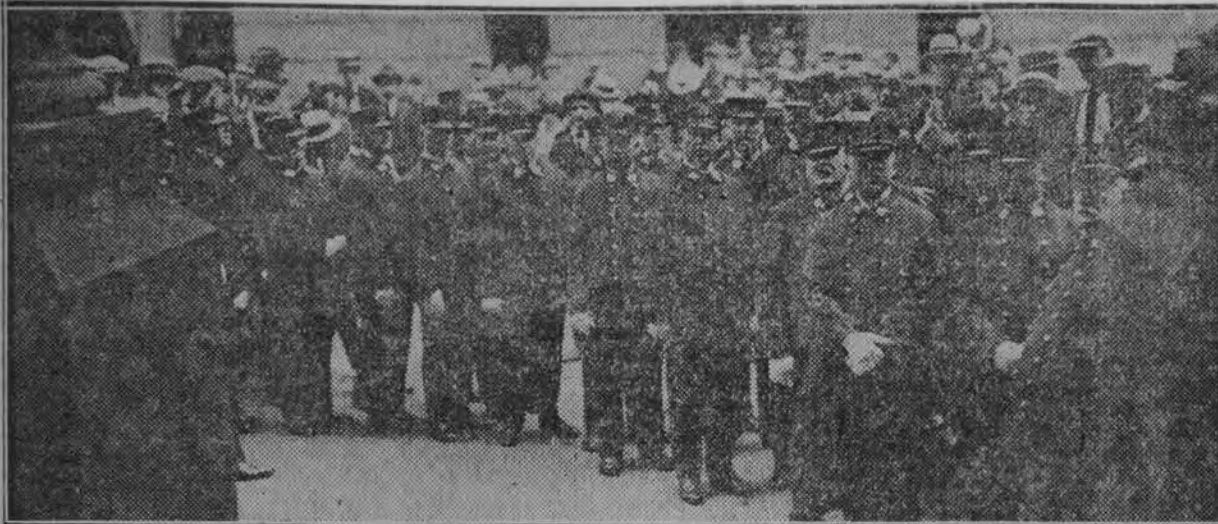
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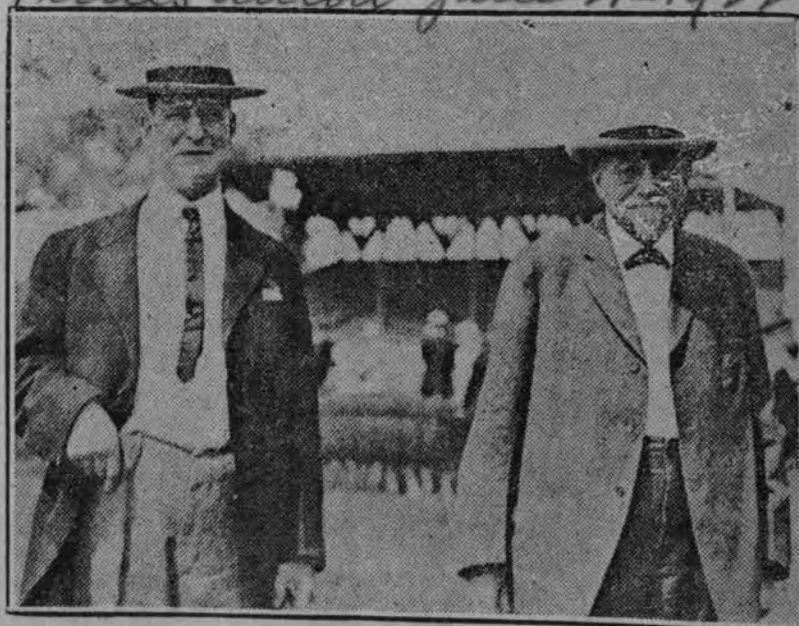
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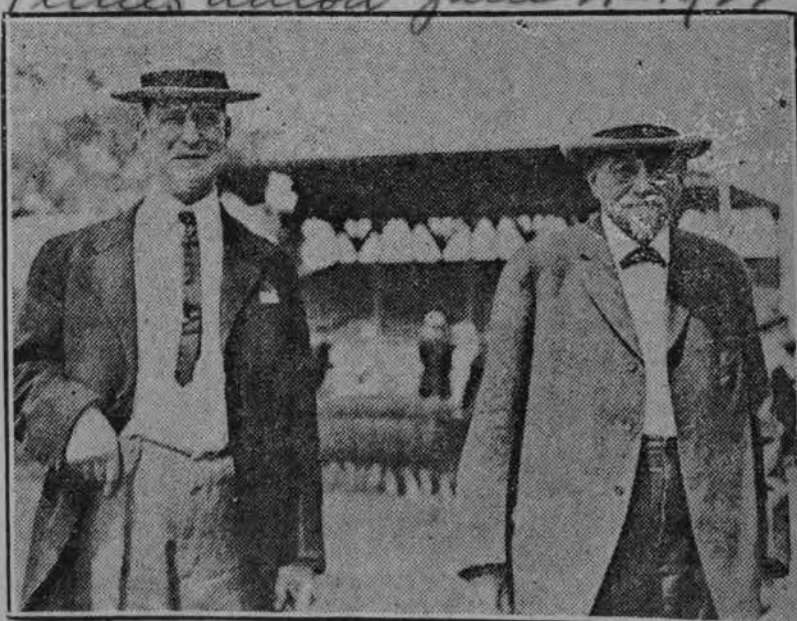
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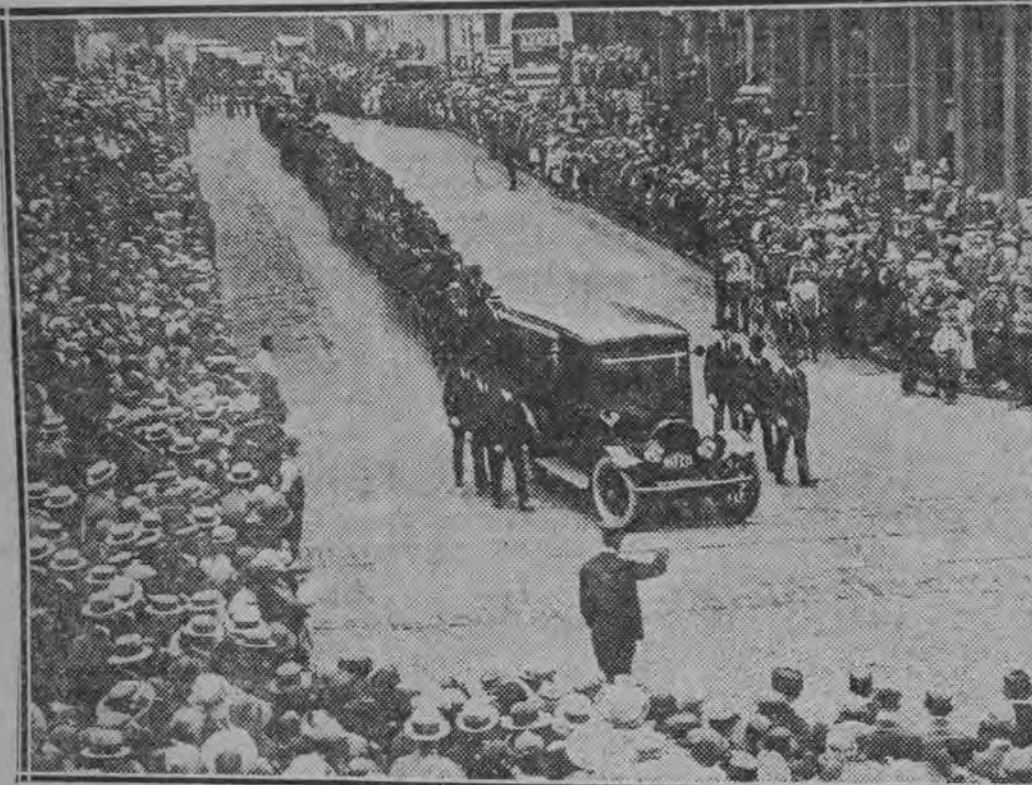
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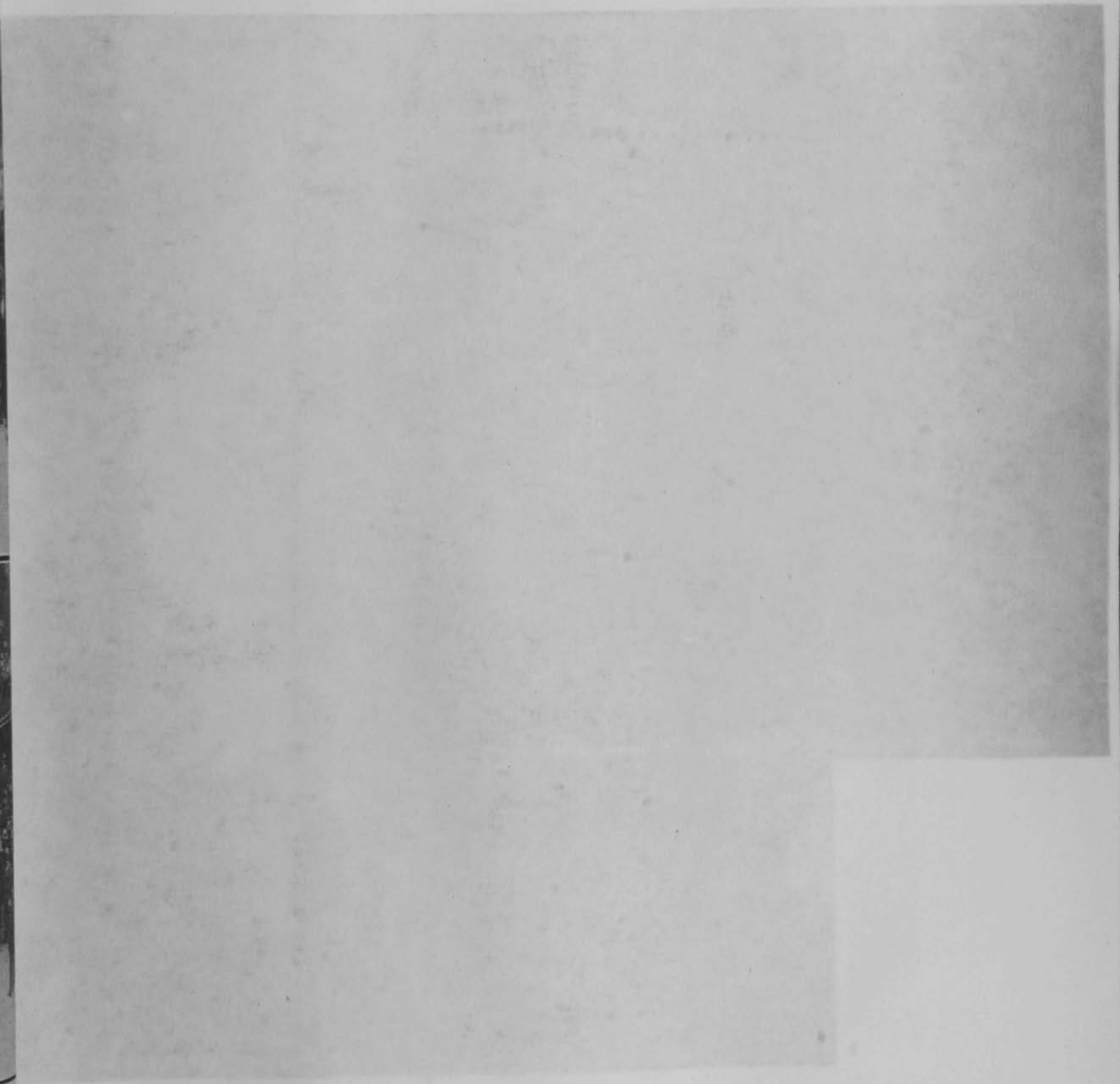
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At right - Policemen and firemen waiting for an opportunity to look for the last time on the face of the former mayor. Note the "H" formed by the waiting lines.





Beautiful Tribute Paid ; By Central Church Pastor To Former Mayor Edgerton

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would have found 'Rochester' writ-
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"It is our joy today that his dream
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Scenes Attending Funeral Of Former Mayor Edgerton



Upper picture—Casket, preceded by the Rev. C. W. Aldrich, being carried into Central Presbyterian Church, where funeral service was held yesterday. (right) and Supreme Court Justice Adolph J. Rodenbeck (left) at the head of the honorary bearers, on way from City Hall to Central Church.

SIMPLE SERVICE MARKS BURIAL OF MR. EDGERTON

ONLY MEMBERS OF FAMILY. FFAV
CLOSE FRIENDS AND BEAR-
ERS AT MT. HOPE.

IMPRESSIVE CHURCH SERVICES

Dr. Cherry Eulogizes Former Mayor
—Thousands Pay Tribute to Man
Who Served City Many Years.

The body of former Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton was lowered into the depths of its spruce lined grave in the family plot at Mt. Hope cemetery at 4.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Only members of the family, a few close friends and the honorary and active bearers were present to witness the ceremony. Rev. C. Waldo Cherry, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, officiated at the grave.

During the time that the body laid in state in the main corridor of the City hall, thousands of persons filed past the bier to pay their last silent tribute to the mortal remains of him who acted as benefactor for both rich and poor during the fourteen years he occupied the office of mayor of the city of Rochester. Shortly before 3 o'clock, when the casket was to have been closed, the stream of mourners became noticeably heavier. Among them were Mrs. George W. Aldridge, widow of Mr. Edgerton's friend, and her son. As she passed the bier Mrs. Aldridge deposited a red rose on the breast of the former mayor. Others who paid their last silent tribute were Simon J. Fennell, superintendent of buildings; Comptroller Joseph C. Wilson, City Treasurer H. Bradley Carroll, and other department heads.

At 3 o'clock the doors were closed and the bearers moved to their places beside the bier. Fifteen minutes later the doors opened, the City hall bell began to toll and the procession began to move. Mayor Clarence D. Van Zandt led the honorary bearers, James L. Hotchkiss and Judge Adolph J. Rodenbeck were next and directly behind them were George Eastman and Dr. Rush Rhees. As the procession passed, members of the Common Council and a body of city employees fell in behind.

Municipal Building Flag Falls.

As the casket was being lifted into the hearse, the flag which had been flying at half-mast over the Municipal building, in Fitzhugh street, since the death of Mr. Edgerton, was seen to fall to the roof below. Part of it hung over the cornice and fluttered listlessly in the face of a slight breeze. Although it developed that the cord sustaining the flag had broken, persons who witnessed the incident were considerably impressed. The building is now used partly as headquarters of the Board of Education, as a member of which Mr. Edgerton began his public career in 1872.

Thousands of person* lined the thoroughfares lending to the church. Heads were uncovered and bowed out of profound respect and grief as the hearse came along slowly. In some instances, where the on-lookers were accompanied by small children who were unable to see what was passing on account of the density of the crowd, the children were lifted high into the air to obtain a glimpse of the procession which was carrying to the grave the remains of him whose energies had been directed to bringing some little comfort and joy into their lives.

While the procession was in motion all street car and other traffic was suspended. As the casket was carried into the church and deposited at the chancel, which was banked high with flowers, everyone in the church stood up and remained in this position until the mourners reached the front of the church. Mrs. Edgerton, nearly overcome with grief, was supported by her son-in-law, Henry Lampert, and her daughter, Mrs. Benjamin T. Roodhouse, of Wilmette, Ill.

The services consisted of a short organ prelude, after which Dr. Cherry gave a Scripture reading. A sole, "Crossing the Bar," was sung by Mrs. Rae Potter Roberts, there was another Scripture reading, eulogy and prayer by Dr. Cherry, and then the services were concluded by the congregation singing "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Eulogized by Dr. Cherry.

"Hiram H. Edgerton had a dream of a city beautiful," Dr. Cherry said in his eulogy. "A city of parks and playgrounds. A city of happy homes and ennobling institutions. A city free from vice and immoral contagion. A city where men and women and little children could live and grow strong with the vigor of health and the graces of mind and soul."

"Fifty years ago Hiram H. Edgerton had a dream and gave his life to making this dream come true. He forgot his own ambitions, he put aside the dream of wealth and success. He gave himself to Rochester. He built himself into the structure of her progress. Every great building, noble park, school this city possesses to-day has on it somewhere the stamp of his personality."

"It is our joy to-day that he lived to see his dream come true. With such patience, such devotion, such far-sighted wisdom he wrought, that the city of his dreams arose before his eyes."

"Because we are too near at hand sometimes we do not realize the greatness of the men with whom we live. But in the days to come men will place on the head of Hiram Edgerton the crown of greatness."

"For if to be good is to be great; If amidst the high places of authority and temptations of power to preserve a stainless honor and honesty, a simple goodness and kindness, a love of men and women and little children, then he was great. If it is great to serve, to forget oneself for others, if it is great to have high visions of achievement and then to have strength and courage and common sense and patience to carry them out he was great."

"If it is great to be a benefactor, to leave wealth behind you, but to have made life better and happier

for millions who come after you, then Hiram Edgerton is secure in the heart* and memory of the people whom he blessed."

Simple Services at Grave.

The services at the grave were exceedingly simple, typifying the life which was led by the former mayor. The procession made its way to the cemetery through Plymouth avenue, past the house of the late George W. Aldridge, thence to Greig street, to Clarissa street, to Mount Hope avenue.

Out of respect to the memory of former Mayor Edgerton, the county and city offices were closed at 3 o'clock. A special committee appointed by the Board of Supervisors to attend the funeral consisted of Supervisors Mengerink, of the Twelfth ward; Hanna, of the Sixth; Clark, of the Eleventh; Hiller, of the Fifteenth, and Singleton, of Hamlin.

PAY TRIBUTE TO - FORMER MAYOR

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Directors Rochester Exposition Adopt
Resolution at Meeting Held at
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Directors of the Rochester exposition met at noon to-day to take action on the death of former Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton. The meeting was called to order by President William W. Hibbard and the following tribute and resolution, read by Treasurer Charles H. Wilsie, was adopted by a rising vote:

"The directors of the Rochester Exposition association have learned with profound regret of the death of our honored member, the Hon. Hiram H. Edgerton, seven times elected mayor of Rochester, creator of Exposition park, founder of our annual exposition and its honorary president for fourteen years."

"Words fail us in attempting to express our deep appreciation of his great service to this community, not only in making possible the holding of our great fall exhibition in a park of such beauty and convenience, but in the making of the vast public improvements that marked his long career as a public servant and caused Rochester to become famed as a city of progress and enlightenment."

"Exposition park stands as one of the monuments of his far-seeing vision, and is recognized on all sides as a great civic asset. We shall always remember him for his integrity, his great love for Rochester, his wise counsel and his kindly and sympathetic nature. His democratic character made him beloved by thousands of our citizens, and thousands mourn his death as a personal and grievous loss. Therefore be it

"Resolved, That we express to his family our deepest sympathy and that a copy of this resolution be sent to his bereaved family."

Fine Record of Comradeship Which City Will Not Forget



Photo by Rowe.

This is probably the best - i " ^ of the two men, who, having co-operated for years in public service for the betterment of Rochester, were taken d r a m " * " y death within the same week. Aldridge former mayor and Hiram H. Edgerton, mayor of Rochester for fourteen years, and George W. Aldridge, Republican leader, both were at the peak of their careers and in evident good health when photo-graph was taken.

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—Photos by Stone. Herald Photographer.

Above, left—Crowd in front of Central Presbyterian Church on arrival of the funeral procession of former Mayor Hiram Edgerton, Right—Departure of the body of former Mayor Edgerton from his home in South Goodman Street.



—Photo by
Rowe, Rochester
Camera Exchange.

At the extreme right—Two views of former MAYOR EDGERTON, the first taken in 1911, the second some years previously, showing the striking difference in his physical condition.



Former Mayor Edgerton Visited Own Grave Three Days Before Death and L[^]S[^]te[^]Cl[^]eteSuperintendent

Three days before, former UWayor Hiram H. Edgerton fell into eternal sleep, he made a trip through Mt. Hope Cemetery and cursorily Inspected the plot of ground in which, only a week later, he was buried.

In a greatly enfeebled condition, the ex-Mayor, accompanied by a nurse, called at the home of George W. Aldridge in order that he might pay his respects to the bereaved family of the political leader. Mr. Edgerton was greatly affected by seeing his friend of so many years lying dead, and when he left the Aldridge home he appeared more weary and broken in spirit than ever.

Directing his chauffeur to motor to Genesee Valley Park, on leaving the Aldridge home, Mr. Edgerton made a short trip over the park "roads, and then drove into Mt. Hope Cemetery through the southern gate. He proceeded slowly through the cemetery and stopped for a few moments at the lot where his mother, father and sister were buried, and where, a few days later, his mortal remains were laid. Talked with Cemetery Superintendent.

Leaving the cemetery through the north gate, Mr. Edgerton had his car stopped and dispatched his chauffeur for John W. Keller, superintendent of the cemetery, who had long been a friend of the former Mayor. Mr. Keller left the cemetery office and walked down to the Mayor's car.

"I talked to the mayor," said Mr. Keller yesterday, in relating the meeting to a reporter for The Herald, "for

several minutes, and mostly we talked about Mt. Hope. From the place where the mayor's car stood, it was possible for Mr. Edgerton to look over the cemetery fence and see the earth thrown up for Mr. Aldridge's grave. -

"Tears coursed down the mayor's face as he spoke of Mr. Aldridge. 'John,' he said to me, 'my old pal's gone, and I guess it won't be very long before you get me up here.' Admired Improvements.

"We talked of the improvements that had been made in Mt. Hope during Mr. Edgerton's administration. 'I tried to do,' said the mayor, 'everything that I could for you, while I was in office. You want to keep striving for the improvements you need. I noticed, that the east approach to my plot is not a very good road, while the road on the west side of the lot is fine. I wish, John, you would see what you could do to improve the east approach. I'd like it to be better when I come up here again.'

"The mayor spoke of the great improvement that had been made at the Mt. Hope Avenue approach to Highland Park since he had caused the removal of two marble stores that had long been an eyesore. He said that he hoped all of the roads of the cemetery would soon be improved.

"When he left, after our few minutes of talk, he said that he was going over to Highland Park. He seemed very, very tired, and I thought then that he would soon follow Mr. Aldridge, his old pal. He was a very sad, and broken man, when he drove away. That short trip was the last he ever made. That afternoon he returned to his bed, never to rise again. It is hard to get the pathetic picture of that fine old gentleman, worn, broken, weary, out of my mind."

FLORAL PIECES ON 'A

EDGERTON'S GRAVE WONDERFUL SIGHT

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More than 200 beautiful floral pieces, sent by individuals and associations in honor of the late Hiram H. Edgerton, were taken yesterday and deposited on the family lot on Mt. Hope Cemetery, where the former Mayor was buried Wednesday afternoon. It is one of the most magnificent piles of floral pieces ever seen in the cemetery. It took three wagons to take them from the home, City Hall and Central Church to the grave.

Memorials and resolutions of appreciation and condolence continue to come in honor of the former Mayor. Directors of Rochester Industrial Exposition met at noon yesterday and adopted a set of resolutions, and the Elks adopted resolutions for Mr. Aldridge and Mr. Edgerton late Wednesday night. The meter and gauge divisions of the water department also adopted resolutions, as did the Ad Club. Formal action will be taken on the death of the two men at a meeting of the Eighteenth Ward Permanent Republican Club when it meets at 8 o'clock tonight at 510 Central Park.

Name[^]Ma[^]roundl[^]*[^]* After Mr. Edgerton

Because of the great and deep interest that former Mayor Edgerton took in the development of the park and playgrounds of Rochester, the Department of Parks and Playgrounds has decided to name one of its playgrounds Edgerton Playground. This field will be taken over by the Department of Parks and Playgrounds. The one which has been operated by the Bausch & Lomb Company. #*f**-* 2M - /f^+x--

Chief Quigley Hears

-? Of Mr. Edgerton's Death

Commissioner of Public Safety

Harry J. Bareham this morning received a letter from Chief of Police Joseph M. Quigley, who is in San Francisco attending the convention of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. The chief says:

"My dear Commissioner:

"Your telegram informing me of the death of ex-Mayor Edgerton is received. I am very sorry that a life so useful to the people of Rochester has ended. He will, I am sure, live long in the memory of the people. He has left many monuments of his work for and devotion to the welfare of humanity. Death is certainly exacting a heavy toll from us.

"I will write you about the convention in the morning. What I most desired to accomplish here was put through this morning, that is the establishment of a central bureau of criminal identification under the control of the attorney-general of the United States and board of governors of the I. A. C. P. June 26 1919 V

SCHOOL BOARD ACTS ON EDGERTON DEATH

The Board of Education passed resolutions on the death of former Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton, yesterday. They recite the former mayor's part in carrying the chief burden of financing the public schools, his connection with the school board as commissioner in 1871 and later for two years, its president, and that he was largely instrumental in effecting the building of the Free academy, now the Municipal building, and Monroe School 15. The resolutions recall with gratitude and appreciation that throughout the fourteen years of his career as mayor he was ever a faithful friend of the public schools.

ALDRIDGE AND FORMER MAYOR TO BE HONORED

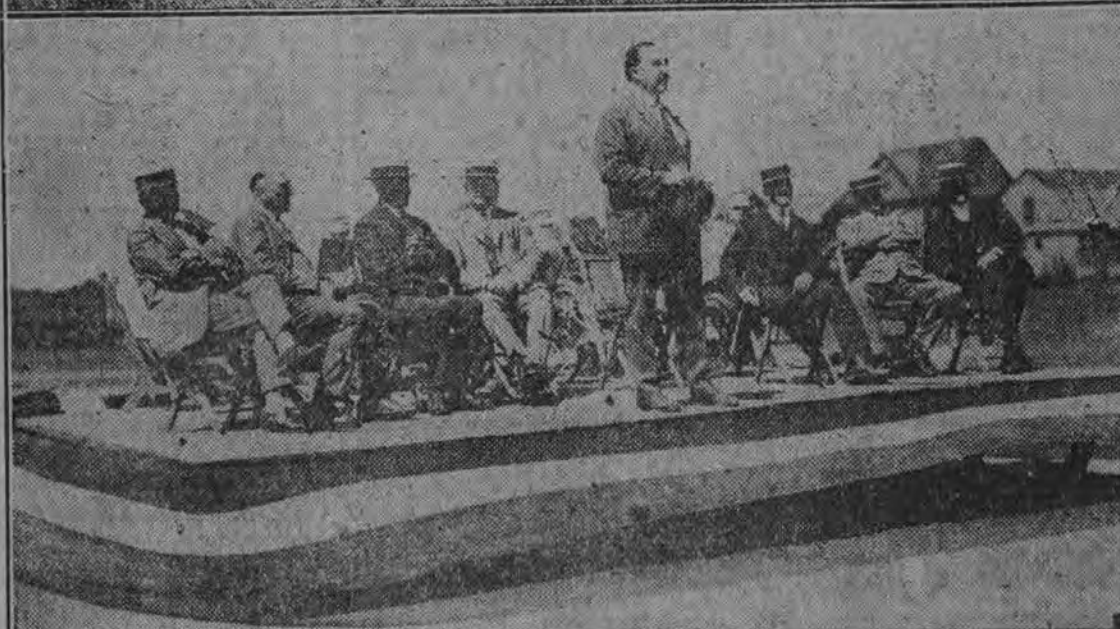
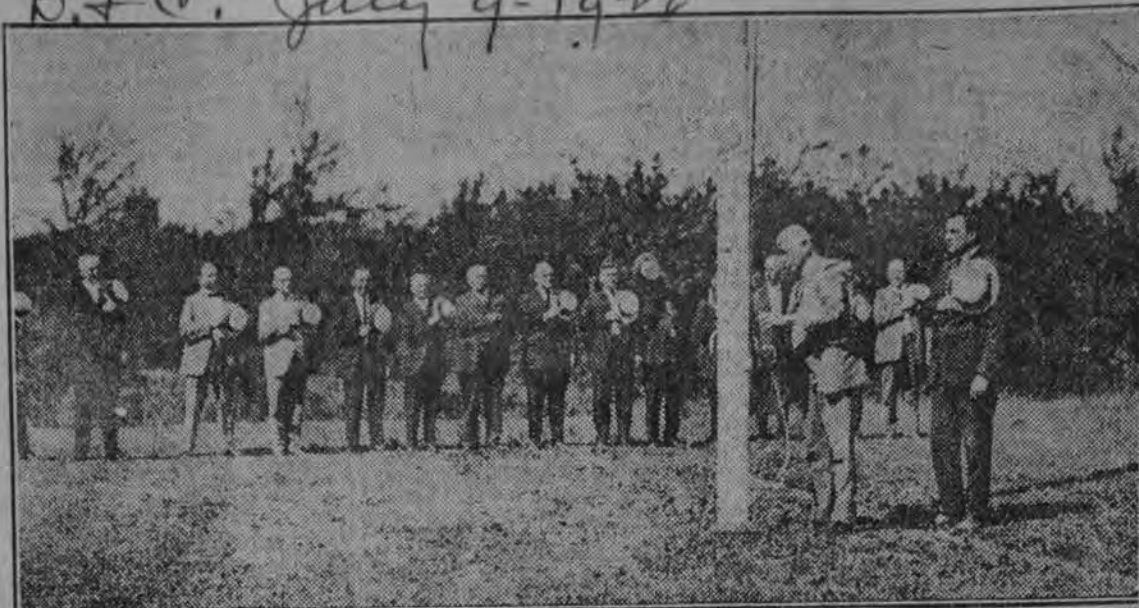
Killis Lodge to Pa/ Tribute by Resolution to Laid Members, ffisys'

Tribute will be paid to both George W. Aldridge and former Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton this evening at a special session of Rochester Lodge of Elks. Both men were members of the lodge and a committee headed by Paul Kxalted Ruler Richard J. Decker and composed of all past exalted rulers and officers of the lodge has been appointed to draft resolutions on the death of each and represent the lodge at the funeral of Mr. Edgerton this afternoon.

In addition to a silent tribute which will be paid to the two members at tonight's meeting, testimonials, in the form of a resolution, will be read and adopted by the lodge.

New flay wound Dedicated to Former Mayor Edgerton

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Top: Mayor Van Zandt, assisted by Robert H. Bernhart, superintendent of playgrounds and recreation, raising the flag at the official opening of Edgerton Playground in Avenue D yesterday afternoon.
Center: Corporation Counsel Charles L. Pierce delivering the dedicatory address.
Bottom: Group of girls who danced in dedicatory program.

DEDICATE NEW PLAYGROUND TO FORMER MAYOR

Officials and Large Crowd

Honor H. H. Edgerton at
Memorial Ceremony.

H. H. C.
MULLAN GIVES EULOGY

July 9 1922
Reviews Work of Man Who
Developed System of City
Playgrounds.

A flag raised by Mayor Van Zandt while the national anthem was played and seventeen officials stood with bared heads, culminated the formal dedication yesterday afternoon of the new playground in Avenue D to Hiram H. Edgerton, mayor of Rochester for fourteen years, whose sudden death occurred recently.

City, county and Federal officials united in the ceremony, which was a tribute to one phase of Mr. Edgerton's activities and accomplishments during his seven terms as head of the city administration. Mayor Van Zandt, Postmaster John B. Mullan, Supervisor Charles A. Engel of the Seventieth ward, Seventh ward, Alderman Charles H. Alderman Eugene M. Schied of the Schuman of the Eighth ward, Corporation Counsel Charles L. Pierce, Park Superintendent William S. Riley, Playground and Recreation Superintendent Robert A. Bernhard, members of the Seventeenth Ward Committee and other prominent men, all of whom had known Mayor Edgerton during his civic career, present. Automobiles lined both sides of the street for more than a block in the vicinity of the new playground.

Postmaster Gives Eulogy.

As chairman of the exercises, Corporation Counsel Charles L. Pierce described the acquisition of the new playground from the Bausch & Lomb Optical Company. The acquisition is temporary, as the playground is being rented just now, although it is planned to purchase it if possible. It is understood that the price desired is a little over \$50,000.

Postmaster John B. Mullan eulogized former Mayor Edgerton particularly in reference to his development of the park and playground system in the city. Back in 1808, just before Mr. Edgerton was elected mayor for the first time, the few playgrounds in the city were scattered, some under control of the Board of Education and others under the Department of Parks. In 1914 Mr. Edgerton established the Bureau of Playgrounds and Recreation, under the Department of Parks.

Playground Work Stressed.

It was emphasized that the memorial was for only one phase of Mr. Edgerton's accomplishments—the playground system. Although the Park Department has planted a number of trees and dedicated other memorials to Mr. Edgerton, Edgerton Playground is recognized as one memorial which will stand as a monument to his memory and to his ideals.

Park Commissioner Riley, Alderman Scheid and Supervisor Engel spoke briefly, preceding the address of acceptance of the playground by Postmaster Mullan on behalf of the city from the Department of Parks.

Led by the Park Band, which played during the exercises, the officials formed in line, with Mayor Van Zandt and Postmaster Mullan in the lead, followed by Albert M. Flannery, secretary to the mayor, and Supervisor Engel. In all there were just seventeen men in line. The band struck up the national anthem as the mayor hoisted the flag to the top of the staff and stepped back with his hat in hand and his head bowed, while the several hundred persons in the grandstand applauded.

Children Give Dance.

Following the flag-raising ceremony, fourteen little girls from No. 9 School, dressed in black lace costumes with silver crescents and each carrying a white and a blue balloon, danced out on the field. They gave the moonbeam dance which they presented at the pageant at Exposition Park during the Rochester Exposition last year. The dance brought great applause.

Little girls from Washington Junior High School, and No. 3 School, and Front street playgrounds then gave exhibitions of the games played at the playgrounds. They were led by their playground principals. About fifty children took part.

The Park Band, under the leadership of Theodore Dossenbach, played a number of selections during the afternoon. Katherine Williams, woman cornetist, who is under contract to play with the Turk Hank during July and August, played a solo and an encore.

Members of the Seventeenth Ward Committee who assisted in the dedication include: G. Weichler, Chester Kelly, Frank Widmer, Fred C. Frances, Schults, Paul Gearty, John Dittmah, Charles Miller and M. Tierinle.

The exercises concluded with a baseball game between the McVoi and the Oxtords, the latter winning by 7 to 3 score.

PLAN TO RENAME EXPOSITION PARK WIDELY FAVORED Af • ? . -

Prominent Persons Indorse
Suggested Memorial to
Hiram H. Edgerton.
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NO TRIBUTE TOO GREAT
Say Naming Park Would Be
Fitting Testimonial.

Representative men and women in all lines of endeavor yesterday unanimously indorsed the suggestion to change the name of Exposition Park to Edgerton Park in honor of the late Hiram H. Edgerton, who served seven terms as mayor of Rochester, and who was largely instrumental in bringing about the establishment of the park in the face of adverse criticism. The foresight of the late mayor in advocating the establishment of the park is now apparent to everybody. It is now one of the real assets of the city.

Scores of persons were asked about the suggestion yesterday at the supervisors' picnic and from each one of them came the response, "splendid," "fine," "just the thing to do." In fact not one word of disapproval of the scheme was spoken.

Mayor Heartily in Favor.

Mayor Clarence D. Van Zandt made it clear that he is firmly in favor of paying tribute to Mr. Edgerton, his predecessor. The mayor said he would do what the people want.

James L. Hotchkiss, Republican leader, heartily indorsed the suggestion to do Mr. Edgerton honor.

Coroner Thomas A. Killip, William H. Craig, Simon L. Adler, majority leader of the assembly; Harry J. Bareham, commissioner of public safety; Chief of Police Joseph M. Quigley; William S. Riley, commissioner of parks; Herbert W. Pierce, commissioner of public works; District-Attorney William F. Love, Sheriff Henry W. Morse, Franklin W. Judson, Senator James L. Whitley, were among the scores who indorsed the suggestion and declared that "it was little enough to do for the man who accomplished so much for Rochester."

Pharellus V. Rittenden, long an intimate friend of George W. Aldridge and Hiram H. Edgerton, declared that "it is the right thing to do and should be done at once." Mr. Crittenden said that a statue should be erected in Mr. Edgerton's honor in the park. He said he would contribute to the fund.

Mrs. Florence Van Wie, Vice-chairman of the Republican County Committee, and leader of the Republican women, declared that it would "be a splendid tribute to Mr. Edgerton and nothing more than he deserved."

Roosevelt Praises Plan

Frederick W. Zoller, president of the Union Trust company; Thomas J. Swanton, president of the National Bank of Commerce; Thomas E. Lannin, vice-president of the Lincoln-Alliance Bank, all gave their unqualified indorsement to the suggestion.

Theodore Roosevelt declared that Mr. Edgerton's achievements for Rochester are known throughout the United States. He said that few people living in Rochester realize the reputation that city has throughout the country and that Mayor Edgerton's foresight and his advocacy of public improvement was one of the greatest contributing reasons for the high standing of this municipality.

Mr. Roosevelt said that he met Mr. Edgerton through the late George W. Aldridge and was deeply impressed by his character, his sincerity and his genuine interest in Rochester.

"Another thing that endeared him to me was the fact that while he was mayor of this progressive city he was also a great grandfather," Mr. Roosevelt said. I hope the citizens of Rochester immediately rename Exposition Park. It is just the thing that should be done in Mr. Edgerton's honor.

Mr. Edgerton's Co-Workers Agree.

Abram DePotter, president of the Common Council; Martin O'Neill, floor leader of the council; City Engineer C. Arthur Poole; Edwin A. Fisher, superintendent of city planning, all expressed themselves in hearty favor of paying this tribute to Mr. Edgerton.

Supreme Court Justice Benjamin B. Cunningham, who served under Mr. Edgerton as corporation counsel, said that he was behind the plan "with all his heart." Justice Cunningham was always near to Mayor Edgerton and Mr. Aldridge.

Taylor D. Bidwell, vice-president of the Rochester Trust & Safe deposit Company; Charles H. Wanzer, of the Monroe County Savings Bank; Thomas A. Whittle; William W. Steele, of the Bradstreet Agency; William Enders, of the Qualtop Beverage Company, declared "that it was a capital suggestion and should be followed out immediately."

No Dissenting Voice.

Eugene J. Dwyer, Arthur E. Sutherland, Charles W. Murphy, Joseph P. Doyle, James M. Mangan, Jacob L. Rubenstein, Herbert Thomas, James P. O'Connor and Archibald Webster were among the attorneys who indorsed the suggestion.

Clinton N. Howard declared that the suggestion was one that should be followed out by the Common Council. James T. Holahan, contractor; Charles P. Odenbach, secretary of the Odenbach Company; Frank Waddell, president of the Dolomite Company; Mary Fshy, clerk of the Surrogate's Court; Count/Judge Gillette, County Engineer Georgi C. Wright, County Attorney George T. Webster, Clarence A. Smith, clerk of the Board of Supervisors, and in fact everybody who was asked about the matter also gave their indorsement, wholeheartedly and without restraint.

Chamber President Approves.

James E. Gleason, president of the Chamber of Commerce, questioned last evening, was enthusiastic in voicing his approval of the suggested testimonial to the memory of Rochester's former mayor.

"I think it would be a very fitting tribute to the memory of Hiram Edgerton after his long record of service and the splendid work that he did," said Mr. Gleason. "I do not know of a more fitting tribute, nor a more fitting way of honoring the memory of our leading men who have done much for the city. Mister Edgerton did more for Exposition Park than anyone else."

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Whatever permanent and material monument or other memorial the citizens of Rochester may eventually provide in remembrance of the fine services of former Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton, there is one thing which they should do without delay that would be a fitting-recognition in part of their obligations to him. Not only would it be peculiarly fitting, but it is a fact that it would be the one thing above all others that Mayor Edgerton, if he could make manifest his wishes, would like to have done.

It is known to all the former mayor's friends, and that includes a very large part of Rochester's citizens, that he took particular pleasure and pride in the development of Exposition Park. In his own mind, as well as in the minds of many others, this was considered the crowning achievement of his long and able administration. It was his ideal of a beautiful utility for the enrichment of city life.

That is the first consideration. The second is that the name Exposition Park is no name at all for Rochester's magnificent exposition grounds. It has no significance. To make a comparison, it is as if Highland Park were known as blower Garden Park. <>ne is as absurd as the other.

Here is a chance to remove an absurdity and honor a man who is richly deserving of honor.

Rename Exposition Park Edgerton Park.

That is the thing to do. It should be done, and done at once.

This is a matter which ought to secure unanimous assent on the part of the citizens of Rochester. It involves no expense in need-
ing consideration. There is no question of sentiment in giving up a name. In fact it means supplying a name where now there is none.

Let the friends of Mayor Edgerton set this project in motion without delay. It ought to be possible to make the change now, not
next winter or even next fall.

Now is the time to do it; to-day. Let the thing be done this morning. To-day let it be called Edgerton Park by the citizens. At the next meeting the Common Council can ratify the change. That is all that is necessary.

It will give a worthy name to something worth while, and something that now is worse than nameless. That will be the result.

EXPOSITION PARK AS MEMORIAL TO FORMER MAYOR EDGERTON IS CONSIDERED BY COMMON COUNCIL

Exposition Park, taken over by the city and developed to its present splendid proportions under former Mayor Edgerton, shortly will become Edgerton Park by resolution of the Common Council. Friends of the deceased Mayor are behind the move and no opposition is expected to develop. In his later years Mayor Edgerton divided his affections with Ontario Beach Park, also taken over under one of his administrations and developed as a city recreation ground. But the suggestion that the name of this park, it is pointed out by those favoring the change in name, of Exposition since the present name of the lakeside park is descriptive and suitable in every respect, in addition to which it is the name borne by the park for many years previous to the time it was taken over by the city.

Late Mayor's Greatest Pleasure.

Mayor Edgerton, in the latter years of his life, spent much of his spare time at Exposition Park and suggestions made to him for its betterment and extension never fell on deaf ears. Of all the achievements of his long career as Mayor, he regarded the establishment and building up of the park as the greatest and in the last days of his life, his greatest pleasure was to visit the pleasant and impressive grounds which his care and foresight had brought into being.

In the old days, the State Industrial School stood where the park now is and when the state abandoned it, a plan was formulated at Albany to turn the school with its high stone wall and gray buildings temporarily into an adjunct of the state's prison system. Mayor Edgerton at once went into action against this plan and labored day and night for the sale of the property to the city. Through his influence at Albany, he gained his wish and the state turned over the grounds to the municipality. Such opposition as developed to the Mayor faded away as the park grew more beautiful year by year and no one today doubts the wisdom of his course.

The high stone wall was leveled but at first the exposition which later gave the park its name was not held there but at Convention Hall. The Mayor with other prominent citizens watched the growth of the annual exposition at Convention Hall and saw the advisability of transferring it to the new park. Suitable buildings were erected from time to time as the annual exposition grew larger, until today the exposition in connection with the Horse Show (which was a feature added later), carried the name of Rochester all over the country.

Exposition Park, as a name, was largely an accident, fastened on the grounds after the exposition was moved there. Never particularly appropriate, it has become less so of later years, since the park is frequently the scene of convent, mass meetings and the like exposition and the Horse Show

PARKS BMR WOULD RENAME PARK RIRJ ADGERTON

Commissioner of Parks William S. Riley, who returned home yesterday from a western trip, is a strong advocate of the renaming of Exposition Park in memory of former mayor Hiram H. Edgerton. In a statement issued yesterday Commissioner Riley said:

"I cannot feel but what I would like to say a few words in favor of this grand move, as I believe it is the right and proper thing to do. We all know Mr. Edgerton was an important factor in advancing our park system, and to him more than any one else, is the credit due to increasing the number of playgrounds from one to 25. He was fully conscious of what the children of Rochester needed for better health and play, and his interests were especially along these two lines. After the hard work that he put in in developing Exposition Park it seems most fitting that this park should be named after him, and I am heartily in favor of it.

"Besides this I feel very strongly that it is up to the people of Rochester to put up a monument much bigger than this one for Mr. Edgerton. I trust the time is close at hand when this will be carried out."

11/, Should Have Air Piagerlon Park.

Soon after the death of former Mayor Edgerton The Times-Union suggested that it would be eminently fitting to change the name of Ontario Beach park to Edgerton park as a memorial to the man who was for 14 years head of the city government. Lately it has been suggested that Exposition park should bear his name instead of Ontario Beach park.

The Times-Union does not care which park is called Edgerton park. The former mayor took a great interest in both of these parks. He did much to create the exposition and horse show of which the city is so proud and he also fostered the development of the public bathing places at the lake.

It would be highly appropriate to have either of the parks called Edgerton park. It is merely a question which change is preferable.

In the circumstances, it would seem that the public should have something to say about it. The wishes of the family also should be consulted in the matter. The Times-Union would like to receive expressions of opinion on the subject from its readers so that the Common Council may have some guide for its action.

Let us have an Edgerton park. Let the people have their way about making the change in the name. ^L*-e-g* / (J - / Q «^ «V^-»

MEMORIAL TO BE ERECTED TO LATE J. V. EDGERTON

Rochester Historical Society

Fosters Plan for Erection

by the People.

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TO REPRESENT EVERYONE

ESTIMATED THAT COST WILL BE
AT LEAST \$25,000 AND START
FOR FUNDS TO BEGIN.

It is now proposed to erect a memorial to the late Hiram H. Edgerton, mayor of Rochester for seven consecutive terms. The Rochester Historical society, of which he was life honorary president, formally launched the plan at a luncheon meeting held yesterday at the home of Mrs. Anah B. Yates, vice-president of the society, in East avenue.

Under the plan as outlined, it is proposed to organize the Hiram H. Edgerton Memorial association. This association will be broadly representative of organizations, groups and individuals that would naturally foster such a plan. The whole idea will be vitalized through a general committee and John Gregory, president of Central bank, has been chosen as chairman.

Various Suggestions Made.

What form the memorial will take will be decided by the committee and others interested. Various suggestions have been put forward, but no decision will be made until the public has had opportunity to give its fullest expression of desires. Final decision on the acceptability of the memorial will rest with the City Art commission, which will be asked to pass on it. Members of the commission which will be appealed to include James G. Cutler, chairman; James S. Watson, Francis B. Mitchell, George L. Herdle, and Mayor Van Zandt, ex officio.

It has been decided to erect the memorial in Exposition park. The society at its meeting yesterday formally approved the proposal of city authorities to rename Exposition park, calling it Edgerton park in recognition of the part Mayor Edgerton played in checking the state's plan to convert what is now the park, one of the city's best assets, into a prison.

No Sum Will Be Too Small.

It is estimated that at least \$25,000 will be required to properly carry out the plan. A start will be made within the next fortnight toward raising the sum. It is proposed to establish a booth at the coming exposition, with Mrs. Yates in charge. All the funds collected will be turned over to the general committee. It is the plan during the progress of the fund raising to give all an opportunity to contribute. No sum will be too small. The greater the number of individual subscriptions that go to make up the total required, the better, the intent being to make the memorial broadly representative of all rather than narrowly representative of a new organizations or groups or individuals.

The board of managers adopted the following resolution at the meeting:

"Resolved, That the Board of Managers of the Rochester Historical society, heartily approve of the plan of the city authorities to give the name Edgerton park to the present Exposition park in honor of its founder, Hiram H. Edgerton, for fourteen years mayor of Rochester, and who was the life honorary president of the Rochester Historical society.

"And be it further resolved that the Rochester Historical society propose to the public the organization of a Hiram H. Edgerton Memorial association with functions to raise funds by general appeal to all citizens of Rochester, for the erection, at the said Edgerton park, of a suitable memorial, which shall speak to future generations of the public services of Mayor Edgerton and of the place he held in the hearts of his townsmen.

"And be it further resolved that the said Hiram H. Edgerton Memorial association function through a general committee, representing all organizations and groups in the city of Rochester who would naturally be interested, and that the amount sought as an objective be at least twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), leaving the form and nature of the memorial to the judgment of the duly appointed committee of said association.

"And be it further resolved that the managers of the Rochester Industrial exposition be requested to provide a booth at the coming 1922 exposition, which booth shall be devoted to the purposes of the said Hiram H. Edgerton Memorial association."

Rochester's Who's Who.

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Listed in "Who's Who in America" are the names of 101 Rochester citizens. Each day in these columns one of this list will be printed with biographical notations. 14SC4JL ft/-

Hffiam H. EDGERTON

Former mayor, born at Belfast, Allegany county, N. Y., April 19, 1847; son of Ralph H. and Ootavia C. (Penhollowt Edgerton; educated at public schools, Rochester Free academy, Rochester Business Institute; married Medora L. De Witt of Henrietta, N. Y., 1868. Contractor, Rochester, 1868; has erected many churches, public buildings, business blocks in New York and other states. Member of the Board of Education, Rochester, 1872-6 (twice president); president of commission in charge of construction of East Side sewer; president of Common Council, 1900-08; mayor of Rochester, 1908-22; superintendent of municipal construction, 1922-. Trustee of Rochester Public library; honorary president of the Rochester Exposition association. Republican. Presbyterian. Mason (K. T.). Clubs: Genesee Valley, Rochester, Elks, Masonic. Address: 30 South Goodman street.

No Action Toward Municipal Dock lease to Canadian Steamship Lines MymhyPchester^o^^M^

No action was taken yesterday by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on the leasing of the municipal dock at Summerville to Canadian Steamship Lines, Limited.

At a meeting of the Common Council Tuesday night an ordinance was adopted, authorizing Mayor Clarence D. Van Zandt to negotiate such a lease with the steamship company, and the reason given for passing the ordinance at that time was that the Mayor wanted to sign the contract with the company yesterday. The ordinance provides that the Mayor shall execute the lease at a price to be approved by the Board of Estimate.

Property To Be Leased.

Property to be leased includes the immigration quarters, waiting room, baggage, freight and parcel room and ticket office. The leasing of this property does not give the company the exclusive use of it, but gives it the right to use it in common with other shipping interests that may enter into similar contracts with the city, according to City Engineer A. Arthur Poole. At the present time the Canadian Steamship Lines, Limited,

paid, pays the city \$7.50 each time one of its boats ties up at the dock.

There was an interesting story in circulation yesterday over the construction of the buildings on the dock. Former Mayor Edgerton wanted the dock located on the west side of the river in the Twenty-third Ward, and it was said that he considered its establishment on the east side of the river as one of the comparatively few mistakes of his administration. But circumstances conspired to have it placed on the Summerville side, and, when that had been decided, plans for the landings were drawn.

Those plans provided that the buildings should be parallel with the river and the ground was laid out to construct them that way. The ground had been staked, Mayor Edgerton went down there one day and looked it over.

"Here," he said. "I am not going to have those buildings put up that way. Just turn those plans around so that the building will stand at right angles to the river, instead of parallel with it." But, Mayor, "someone said to him.

"Nothing," he replied. "Do you think I am going to have the beautiful view of this river and that park on the other side shut out altogether?"

Expostulations were useless, and buildings went up at right angles with the river, and now everyone is satisfied that the utility of the buildings has not been impaired and that the beauty of the view has not been sacrificed.

BODY IS ORGANIZED TO ERECT MEMORIAL TO MAYOR EDGERTON

Historical Society Sponsors Plan to Raise \$25,000 Fund for It.

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With the Rochester Historical Society and other organizations backing the plan, it is now proposed to erect some suitable memorial to the late Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton, in recognition of his public service. Mayor Edgerton was life honorary president of the society. At a meeting of the board of managers held yesterday at the home of the vice-president, Mrs. Anah B. Yates, in East avenue, the tentative plans were made. It is proposed to enlist the broad interest of public and private organizations in the erection of the memorial.

This will be accomplished through the appointment of a general committee which will be the nucleus of the Hiram H. Edgerton Memorial Association, which it is proposed to organize. John Gregory, president of Central Bank and a member of the society, was selected as chairman of the general committee, which he will organize.

Task for Art Commission.

What form the memorial will take will be left to the decision of the general committee, subject to the approval of the City Art Commission, which includes James G. Cutler, chairman; Janu# S. Watson, Francis B. Mitchell, George L. Herdle and Mayor Van Zandt, ex-officio.

The minimum amount to be raised is \$25,000. With organization now started, collection of the fund will begin promptly. A suitable booth will be provided at the coming Exposition, with Mrs. Yates in charge. Sums of any size will be accepted toward the fund. The subscriptions received will be turned over to the city-wide committee.

The society gave its formal approval at the meeting yesterday to the proposal to rename Exposition Park as Edgerton Park in honor of its founder. The plan to erect the memorial and the organization of a memorial association as a preliminary to the accomplishment of the plan, is a further recognition by the

city and other organizations on the broad public interests of Mayor Edgerton, for fourteen years the city's chief executive.

Renaming Park Approved.

Covering the general plan, the board of managers adopted the following resolution:

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The proposal to affix the name "Edgerton Park" to what casually and unofficially came to be known as Exposition Park, has much to commend it.

In the first place, the new name, by obvious implication, would testify to the city's affection for the citizen who served it so long as Mayor and who conceived and caused to be accomplished the plan for this particular park. Then, too, the re-naming of the park in such a way as to perpetuate the knowledge of how the park came to be where and what it is, would be a real service to local history.

Whenever possible, names of public thoroughfares and of areas intended for public use or enjoyment ought to carry in their titles the message of their origin or of some historic incident associated with them. Street names and the names of parks and squares ought to link the days that are gone—the days of settlement and of arduous struggle and sacrifice—with the present time, with its preoccupation with its own multifarious affairs. Instead of searching for supposedly high-toned names of foreign origin, or of no perceptible meaning whatever, the City Fathers would do well, when they have a few streets to name, to look up the history of the neighborhoods wherein the streets lie. Almost invariably the family name of a pioneer or some locally historic incident will suggest what should be done. Very often a touch of something verging on romance will be found ready to hand, capable of making picturesque and fascinating the history and geography of the town.

A great deal of the naming of our streets, we regret to say, has been done in carelessness or ignorance of what propriety and historic values require. Sometimes, as in the changing of Carroll Street to State Street, it has been done as if the purpose of the Common Council was not to preserve history, but to obliterate it. It is well that a reaction should set in. Perhaps this movement to pay appropriate tribute to the public career of Hiram H. Edgerton will be the beginning of the desired reversal of precedent.

Mayor's Cabinet Approves Renaming Exposition Park

Unanimous approval was given the plan to change the name of Exposition Park to Edgerton Park by Mayor Van Zandt and his cabinet at their regular weekly conference in the Mayor's office yesterday afternoon.

The plan received the approval of the family of Hiram H. Edgerton, mayor of Rochester for fourteen years, who died recently. Mr. Edgerton relinquished his office as head of the city administration last January because of failing health. He will Exposition Park while in office

and it is deemed no more suitable monument to his memory, nor more appropriate memorial of what he did for the city of Rochester could be offered than by naming it in his honor.

Mayor Van Zandt is expected to send a communication to the Common Council asking that the change be made, at the next meeting of the aldermen on August 22d. As a result of the action taken yesterday, the plan will be adopted immediately, and without question, it is expected.

EDGERTON PARK NEW NAME FOR Exposrnon PK.

Common Council Takes Ac- tion Honoring Former Mayor-New Explosives Ordinance Introduced - Other Business.

As foretold in the Times-Union yesterday afternoon the Common Council last night changed the name of Exposition Park to Edgerton Park, in honor of the late mayor Hiram H. Edgerton. The ordinance to this effect was adopted after the reading of a communication in which such a step was requested by Mayor Clarence S. Van Zandt. The ordinance changing the name was introduced by Alderman Friedler of the Fifth ward.

In anticipation of the action of the Council, Exposition officials have ordered two big electric arches to be placed over the main entrances. The signs read "Edgerton Park" in letters two feet in height

Suggests Gymnasium

As Edgerton Memorial

Editor, Times-Union:
While attending the Exposition at Edgerton park I overheard this remark, "Edgerton park, what a cheap way to honor a past servant of a city." That remark may have been made by an out of town resident. Who knows?

The renaming of Exposition park in honor of our late mayor required little though, effort or expense. Why not build in that park something that is much needed by our city, something that would be endorsed by Mr. Edgerton if he were alive and something that will help make better citizens of our young people? I know of nothing more needed in our city than a municipal gymnasium. Why not build one in Edgerton park, name it "The Edgerton Memorial Gymnasium," and thus fill its greatest needs and at the same time make a fitting memorial to our honored and much respected deceased mayor.

Mr. Edgerton was always anxious, about the welfare of our boys and girls, our young men and young women. He was always ready to do anything that would promote higher ideals among them and to do all in his power to develop good citizens of these young people. What is there outside of our public and night schools that can and I will do more to promote true patriotism and good citizenship than a municipal gymnasium, which provides a fitting place in which our boys and girls and young people may spend their leisure moments in real and clean recreation? West Side Tax Payer.

FORESTRY HEAD FAVORS "EDGERTON PARK" HERE

Charles Lathrop Pack, president of the American Forestry association has written to Mrs. Anah B. Yates, a member of the Rochester Historical society, commending plans for the renaming of Exposition park, to Edgerton park, as a memorial to Hiram H. Edgerton, by whose efforts mainly the park was secured to the city. Among other things Mr. Pack says:

"In the suggestion to rename Exposition park to Edgerton park in honor of your former mayor, it seems to me there is a fine opportunity for honoring that man. It may be that there is an opportunity for a memorial avenue of trees in that park or a semi-circle of trees in a place of prominence in honor of him.

"At Pasadena, Cal., they have a 'Hall of Fame' of trees in one of their parks that looks directly at the mountains. These trees were planted in honor of famous men of California.

"Here in Washington a hall of fame has been planted in the Lincoln Memorial grounds in honor of Burroughs, Muir and other naturalists.

"Whatever form the memorial for Mr. Edgerton takes it seems to me it should have the proper setting of memorial trees, the planting of which all citizens of Rochester should have a part."

Mayor Pays Tribute to

Mr. Edgerton at Opening

At the official opening of the fifteenth annual Rochester Exposition and Horse Show yesterday morning, Mayor Van Zandt before turning the key gave a short address in tribute to the occasion, speaking as follows:

"Mr. President of the Rochester Exposition Association, ladies and gentlemen:

"The Common Council has already officially changed the name of Exposition Park to Edgerton Park, but in our hearts to-day we dedicate it anew to Rochester's greatest mayor, Hon. Hiram H. Edgerton.

"This park was his dream, and we are glad to see that dream come true. It is with mingled sentiments we stand here to-day; pride in the spot that Mr. Edgerton created; regret that he is not with us at this time.

"Only a slight tribute is this park to the man whose solicitous regard for the city made it and so many other advantages of Rochester possible. It will stand as but one of many monuments for which the people of the present and future generations will bear him in grateful memory.

"And at this time it is fitting to briefly acknowledge the debt due Mr. Edgerton's untiring co-worker in bringing about the success of the Exposition which has done so much to carry our city's fame afar - Edgar P. Edwards, secretary and manager of the Exposition"

"EDGERTON PARK" SIGNS ARE ORDERED

Will Greet Visitors at Ex-
position Show on

Opening Day.
RENAMING OF PARK

CONSIDERED PROPER

Tribute to Former Mayor Who
Worked for Big Show Each
Year-New Features To
Be Found This Time.

In anticipation of the action of the Common Council which changed the name of Exposition Park to Edgerton Park last night, in memory of the late Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton, Exposition officials have ordered two big electric arches to be placed over the main entrances. The signs read "Edgerton Park" in letters two feet in height

Ever since the inception of the park the opening ceremony at the Exposition has been the turning of the keys in the locks and the opening of the gates by the late Mr. Edgerton. Each year there was a large crowd present to witness the ceremony. Mayor Van Zandt, as the honor president of the Exposition Association, will open the gates this year and undoubtedly there will be a formal ceremony in rechristening the park.

Rochester's Greatest.
Deaths of 80 many of Rochester's prominent citizens-for instance, Former Mayor Edgerton, George W. Aldridge, Mgr. Curran-in 1922. It was suggested the question which for the citizens of Rochester, now in the Westchester Hall of Fame.

The Inquiry Is what names ought to be selected, to the number of ten, representing (Individuals Identified with Rochester in the period lines its founding; whom it should honor first, either for benefactions, public spirit, for distinction reflected on Rochester by great professional or business achievements or by their personal renown. Will renders of Over The Perculator make up their lists and send them Names of contributors will not

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Contributions to Edgerton Memorial
To Be Received in Booths
at Exposition.

No time will be lost in perfecting the organization of the Hiram H. Edgerton Memorial Association, committed to the plan to collect a fund of at least \$25,000 for the erection of a suitable memorial in former Exposition Park, which, by act of the Common Council has been renamed Edgerton Park.

The Rochester Historical Society has appointed women members of the directorate which will include representatives of societies and organizations, public and semi-public, scattered over the city. Those appointed are Mrs. John Oouthout, Mrs. Granger A. Hollisteil, Mrs. Alexander Lindsay, Mrs. Frank Elwood, Mrs. Charles H. "Wiltsie, Mrs. George "W. Aldridge, Mrs. Arthur G. Bates, Mrs. Harvey F. Remington, Mrs. Lucius W. Robinson, Mrs. Sherman Clartc, Mrs. Jeremiah G. Hickey, Mrs. Levi S. Ward, Mrs. Henry Strong. Other members will be appointed later.

To Collect at Exposition.

The beginning of collection of the fund is timed for Exposition week, when two booths will be opened at Edgerton Park, one at the Exposition proper and the other at the horse show. There contributions in any amount will be received. It is emphasized that the desire is to make the fund widely representative of the townsmen of the late mayor and sums, no matter how small, will be gladly received. Pledge cards will be supplied to those who desire to defer payment. An Edgerton memorial badge and certificate will be given to each contributor. An autograph list of contributors to the fund will be obtained. It is proposed to preserve this list in the archives of the Historical Society in the Museum building at Edgerton Park.

In Charge of Booths.

The following will be in charge of the booths at the park on successive days of the Exposition: Monday, Mrs. Sherman Clark; Tuesday, Mrs. Mortimer Adler; Wednesday, Mrs. Richard Ford; Thursday, Mrs. Henry Danforth; Friday, Mrs. Bert Van Wies; Saturday, Frank F. Dow.

Two treasurers have been appointed Mrs. Harold Field and Mrs. Edward D. Putnam. From now forward, the organization of the memorial association is expected to go forward rapidly, plans now formative taking definite shape.



"WHEN A GOOD MAN DIES,
FOR YEARS, BEYOND OUR KEN,
THE LIGHT HE LEAVES BEHIND HIM
LIES UPON THE LIVES OF MEN."

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

IS A MEMBER OF THE

**Hiram H. Edgerton
Memorial Association**



Rochester, New York
1922

MONUMENTAL GATE AT PARK TO BE MEMORIAL TO MAYOR EDGERTON

Grecian Design to Be Executed at
Cost of \$25,000 by Committee.

A gate of Grecian architecture at the entrance of one of the most impressive monuments to his memory, Edgerton Park, will be the civic memorial of Rochester to the man who, as mayor, guided the destinies of the city for fourteen years, developing its parks and playgrounds and enhancing its beauty and desirability.

Public sentiment for such a memorial crystallized at the last Exposition, after Mayor Van Zandt had announced regretfully that the city's finances were not sufficient to stand to the cost of a memorial to Mr. Edgerton. The Rochester Historical Society appointed a committee to take up the matter and the final decision has been made that a memorial gate, similar to those at Harvard University, will be the most appropriate tribute.

Central Committee Formed.

A bronze portrait bas-relief panel of the late mayor will be on one side of a large stone monument in the center of the gate, which is to be placed at the Backus street entrance of the park. On the other side will be a shallow arched niche and fountain. The panel is to be modeled by Joseph E. Renier, sculptor, a fellow of the American Academy in Rome.

A rather severe and simple Grecian treatment will be used throughout, with a sparing amount of carving to accentuate certain parts.

The cost of the memorial gate, for which plans already are drawn, is estimated at \$25,000. The Historical Society's Edgerton Memorial Committee raised \$5,000 in pledges at the last Exposition. Opportunity for additional donations will be given within a short time. No difficulty is expected in obtaining the funds.

The plans for the gate have been approved by the Municipal Art Commission. A central committee, headed by Park Commissioner William S. Riley, long a personal friend of the late Mayor Edgerton, has been formed to further the memorial. This includes the following members: Edgar F. Edwards, secretary; George F. Argetsinger, William C. Barry, P. V. Crittenden, Alvin H. Dewey, George Eastman, Edward R. Foreman, Fred Gleason, Edwin S. Gordon, John H. Gregory, William H. Libbard, James L. Hotchkiss, J. C. Kalbfleisch, Charles S. Owen, Herbert W. Pierce, William Pit-

kin, Dr. Rush Rees, Harper Sibley, Simon L. Stein, Mayor Van Zandt, Charles H. Wiltsie and Mrs. Fred W. Yates.

Mr. Edwards, secretary of the Exposition, has been named treasurer of the committee, as well as its secretary, to take charge of subscriptions received.

To Unveil at Exposition.

The committee in charge of construction of the memorial, headed by Charles H. Wiltsie, hopes to have the memorial completed by the time the Exposition opens. A public ceremony will mark the unveiling. The building committee have had the services and advice of Edwin S. Gordon and William G. Kaelber, free of charge, on plans for the structure.

Assisting Wiltsie on the Building Committee are Commissioner of Public Works Herbert W. Pierce, Fred Gleason, Edwin S. Gordon and William S. Riley. The committee plans to exhibit a model of the gate at one of the central stores next week.

Commissioner Riley gave a resume of the plan in a statement yesterday as follows:

"During the last Exposition a movement was started by members of the Rochester Historical Society for the erection of a memorial to the late Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton, for fifty years a faithful public official of Rochester and for fourteen years the chief executive of the city. Nearly \$5,000 in cash and pledges were received by the women in charge of the booths at the Exposition. Under the direction of Mrs. Frederick W. Yates.

Peristyle as Background.

"A few weeks ago several personal friends of Mr. Edgerton met at the call of Charles H. Wiltsie, president of the Historical Society, and discussed plans for carrying to completion the movement. Eventually a central com-

mittee was formed, with myself as chairman and Edgar F. Edwards, manager of the Exposition, as secretary.

"After discussing various forms of a memorial, such as a statue, a tower clock, a fountain, it was agreed by all that no elaborate monument of any kind was desirable, but that the memorial should be simple in keeping with the life of Mr. Edgerton. Therefore it was decided that a memorial gate at Exposition Park (now renamed Edgerton Park in honor of the creator of the park), would be the most appropriate tribute that could be paid to his memory, along the lines of the memorial gates at Harvard. Exposition Park was the result of his foresight, broad vision and constructive ability; the park itself is a monument to him; logically, therefore, the park is the place for a memorial to him.

"Messrs. Gordon & Kaelber, architects, offered their services freely and prepared several sketches of the memorial which finally has been agreed upon, and which it is proposed to build at the Backus street entrance to Edgerton Park, on the axis of Phelps avenue, in which position it will have the peristyle of the Exposition as a background.

Description of Model.

"The memorial will consist of a large stone monument in the center, the Backus street face of which will have a tablet framed with plasters at the sides and a pediment at the top, in which will be a bronze portrait bas-relief panel of the late mayor. On the reverse side of the monument, will be a shallow arched niche and fountain. This center feature will be flanked on each side by a rather broad, low stone wall, containing panels for suitable inscriptions, the walls terminating in piers surmounted by urns.

"At the axis of the sidewalk on each side of Phelps avenue there will be monumental stone gate posts and ornamental iron gates, which will give added breadth and dignity to the memorial.

"There never has been any question in the minds of the committee that funds can be raised for the memorial. In fact, they feel that the money could easily be obtained from among the business, political and social intimates of the man we are about to honor; but the committee feels that this would not be proper. There are thousands in Rochester who would be disappointed if they were not given an opportunity to share in the work; and furthermore a memorial erected by a few friends would not be the public testimonial to his virtues that the man's life and services deserve.

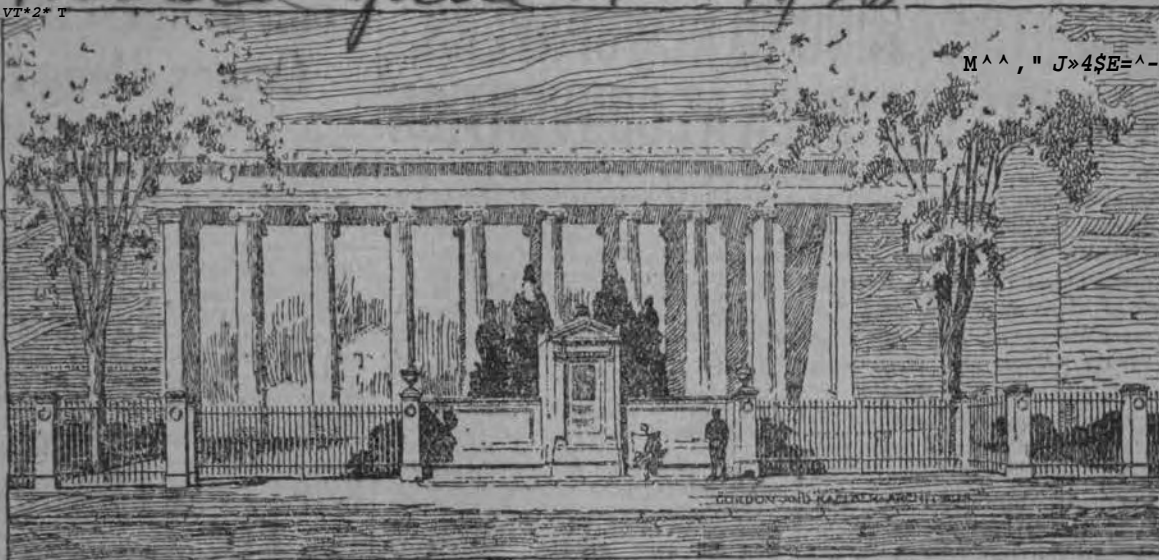
Contributions Voluntary.

"However, there is to be no general campaigning for funds. The committee prefers to regard this as an opportunity for Mr. Edgerton's admirers to pay this final tribute to his memory. Everyone is invited to subscribe, whether it be \$1 or a thousand times that sum, but every contribution must be entirely voluntary. No one will be urged to give. Contributions should be made payable to the Edgerton Memorial Committee and should be so noted to Edgar F. Edwards, treasurer of the committee. No. 10 F W I A K K J - 2
It is estimated that about \$5,000 will be required to carry out the plans of the committee.

Will Unveil Edgerton Memorial Gate during Exposition

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Drawing of proposed memorial gate to the late Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton to be effected at the Phelps Avenue entrance to Edgerton Park.

AFTER MANY WEEKS OF planning, work is actually under way on the memorial to the late Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton. to be erected at the Phelps Avenue entrance to Edgerton Park. Both the stone cutters and Joseph E. Renler, a New York sculptor, who will make a bronze portrait bas-relief panel of the late mayor for the center of the monument, have promised to complete the work in time for unveiling at the Exposition in September.

Historian Picks Inscriptions.

The front elevation with three panels for inscriptions is shown in the accompanying illustration. Three panels are on the reverse side of the monument. Edward H. Foreman, city historian, has been at work several weeks on the proposed inscriptions and has been assisted by Charles H. Wiltse, president of the Rochester Historical Society.

In speaking of the inscriptions yesterday, Mr. Foreman said:

"In a remarkable degree Mayor Edgerton combined practical common sense with idealism and, withal, he was a very human and likable man. His attempt has been made in this memorial to exhibit the qualities in which he was so prominent. The three panels on the front of the monument will be devoted to Edgerton. The center panel will exhibit the mayor prominently over all, with his portrait in bronze and the chief biographical facts below. The left wing panel will be devoted to his practical accom-

plishments as a great city builder, and the right wing panel will exhibit his idealism and supreme devotion."

Under the portrait will be the birth and death dates. 1847 and 1922, this being part of the bronze tablet. Under this there will be in bronze letters:

Mayor of Rochester
1908-1911

For Fifty Years

A Faithful Public Servant.

The proposed inscription for the panels on the Backus Street elevation are as follows:

Left Panel.

I Give Honor

For the great city builder
Whose many practical achievements
Increased human happiness
and enriched the lives of all our people.

They never fail who speak in deeds.
Right Panel.

He had a vision

Of the city beautiful
and gave his best

To make the dream come true.

Upon his heart was written

Rochester

Whosoever would be first among you
shall be servant of all.

"The parkside elevations are to be devoted to Edgerton, the man," continued Mr. Foreman. "The center panel will contain his farewell words upon retiring from office, expressing heartily his devotion to the people. The left wing panel will be devoted to the devotion and respect which he won in the minds and memories of men and the right panel will be devoted to his prize—his immortality in the lives of the people." "Edgerton," he said, "was a man who had been

selected for the center panel on the parkside, is as follows:

"My confidence in the future of Rochester is unbounded and my faith in the people is limitless. I know they will permit no backward steps."

The inscriptions for the other two panels on the parkside will be as follows:

Left Panel.

He most deserves a memorial
Who does not need one who has raised
him in the minds and memories of men.
Right Panel.

Beyond his earthly years he lives
Because he served
And, serving, won that greatest prize,
The people's love

Edgar F. Edwards, treasurer of the Edgerton memorial committee yesterday that since the announcement of the definite plans for the memorial had been made, several subscriptions had been received. Contributions to the fund should be sent to the Edgerton Memorial Committee at 809 Powers Building.

WORK STARTED ON MEMORIAL FOR EDGERTON

Edgerton Memorial as It Will Look When Completed

Stonecutting and Bronze
Sculpture Is Being ,
Tff- Done, ff *%

The stonecutters have begun work on the memorial to the late Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton, which is to be erected at the Phelps avenue entrance to Edgerton park and which it is hoped may be unveiled before the annual exposition next September. Joseph E. Renier, a New York sculptor, is also at work on the bronze portrait bas-relief panel which will be placed in the center of the monument.

Much thought and study have been given to the preparation of the inscriptions which it is proposed to place on the monument. The illustration printed herewith shows the front elevation with three panels for inscriptions. There are three similar panels on the back elevation.

Edward R. Foreman, city historian, for several weeks has been working out the proposed inscriptions with Charles H. Wiltsie, president of the Rochester Historical society. In speaking of the inscriptions this morning, Mr. Foreman said:

Common Sense and Idealism.

"In a remarkable degree Mayor Edgerton combined practical common sense with idealism; and, withal, he was a very human and loveable man. The attempt has been made to memorialize these peculiar qualities in the inscriptions. The three panels on the Backus street elevation will be devoted to Edgerton, the mayor. The central panel will exhibit the name 'Edgerton' prominently over all, with the portrait in bronze and the chief biographical facts below.

"The left wing panel will be devoted to the mayor's practical accomplishments as a great city builder, and the right wing panel will exhibit his idealism and supreme devotion."

Under the portrait will be the birth and death dates. 1847 and 1922, this being part of the bronze tablet. Under this there will be in bronze letters:

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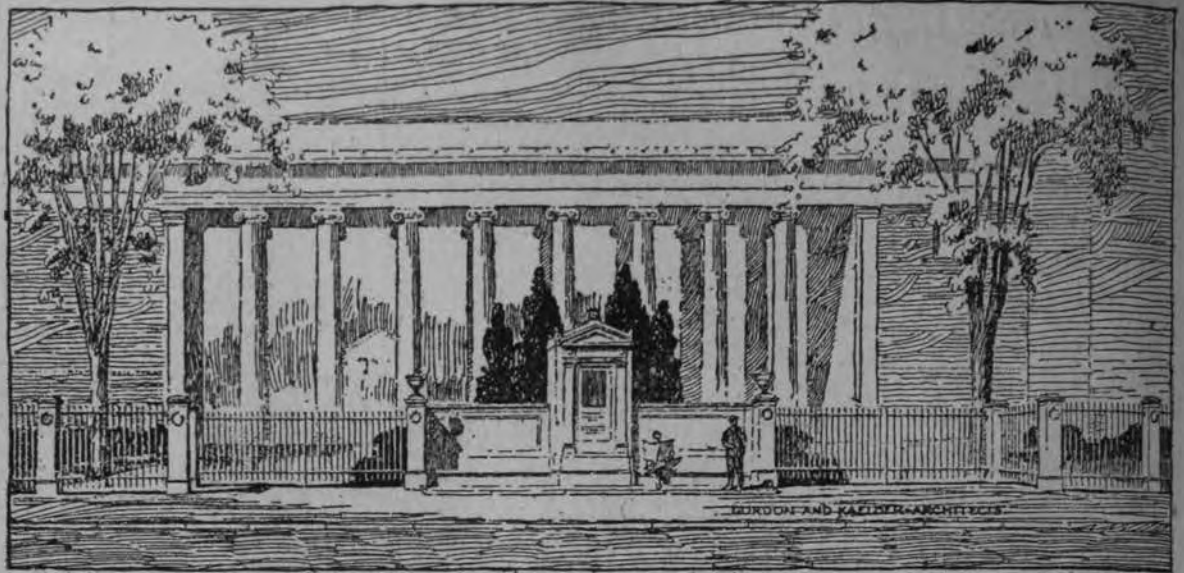
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and be servant of all.



"Edgerton, the Man."

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The quotation from the farewell address of Mr. Edgerton, which has been selected for the center panel on the parkside, is as follows:

"My confidence in the future of Rochester is unbounded and my faith in the people is limitless. I know they will permit no backward steps."

The inscriptions for the other two panels on the parkside will be as follows:

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Who does not need one—who has raised
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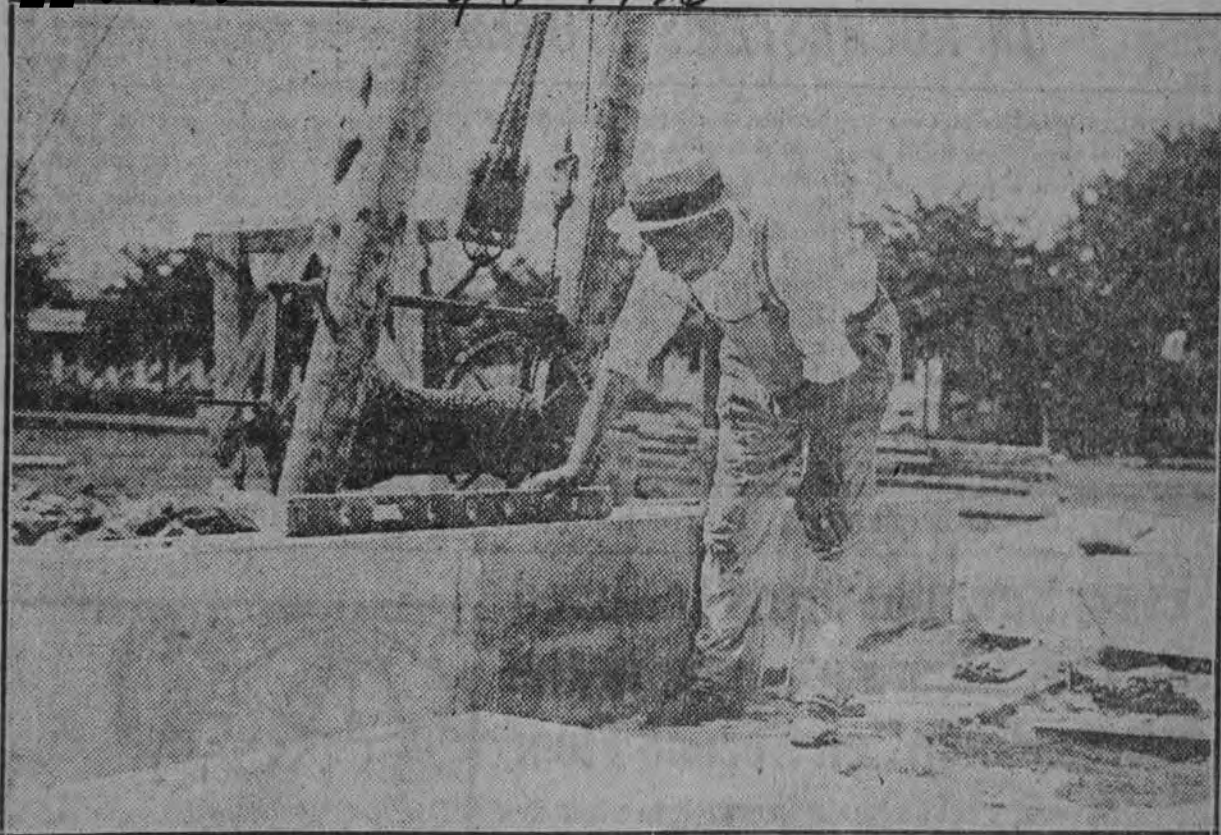
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Right Panel.

Beyond his earthly years he lives
Because he served,
And, serving, won that greatest prize,
The people's love.

Edgar F. Edwards, treasurer of the Edgerton memorial committee, said this morning that since the announcement of the definite plans for the memorial had been made, several subscriptions had been received. Contributions to the fund should be sent to the Edgerton memorial committee, 309 Powers building.

H ^{^c^<.*.~c} Erecting Memorial Gate to Former Mayor
Aug. 8 - 1923



-Photo by (Stone, Herald Photographer.

Setting the foundation of the memorial gate to tho late Mayor Hiram H. Erlgoiton Is being carefully done by JAMES BEAGLY, mason, of 28 Edmonds Street. Tho gate, which Is I located at the main entrance to Edgerton Park ln Bloss Street, will ho unveiled just before the Exposition and Horse Show is opened. Funds for the memorial gate are being contributed by friends and admirers of Edgerton.

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MEMORIAL GATE

THIS AFTERNOON
Herald
Structure in Honor of Late Mayor
Hiram Haskell Edgerton

Dedication services for the memorial gate of the late Hiram Haskell Edgerton, former mayor of Rochester, at the Backus Street entrance to Edgerton Park will be conducted this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock in the peristyle at the park.

Workmen have been at work night and day for the last week completing the gate and everything will be in shape early this morning. The gate is built entirely from private funds, voluntarily donated by men, women and children of Rochester. Solicitation for the needed money was made by the Edgerton Memorial Committee, headed by William S. Riley, commissioner of parks.

Mayor To Be Chairman.

Mayor Clarence D. Van Zandt will be honorary chairman for the dedication, which will open with a number of selections by the Park Band, under the leadership of Theodore J. Dossenbach. Commissioner Riley will give a short talk, explaining how the money, needed for the memorial, was secured and outlining the peculiar features of the gate. Bishop Thomas F. Hickey will read a prayer and President Rush Rhees of the University of Rochester will speak on "Hiram H. Edgerton—the Mayor." Rev. Dr. C. Waldo Cherry will tell of "Hiram H. Edgerton—the Man." Edward R. Foreman, chairman of the committee on inscriptions for the gate, will unveil the central panel, which includes a bronze portrait of the late Mayor.

Edwin S. Gordon and William G. Kaelber, architects, planned the memorial. The bronze portrait of the late Mayor was designed by Joseph Renier of New York City, fellow of the American Academy at Rome.

The gate is entirely of Indiana limestone cut by Whitmore, Rauber & Vicinus. It is 33 1-2 feet long. The central figure is seven feet wide. Most of the masons employed in the work formerly were sixteen feet high and the wing walls are thirteen feet long and seven feet high. The stone work was executed by Henry Lambert, under direction of the monument, was donated by Charles B. Knifcilmetz.

The state includes six panels dealing with the outstanding characteristics of the late Mayor.

MEMORIAL MODEL

IS ON EXHIBITION

Herald
Work of Constructing Tribute to
Late Mayor Edgerton

Is Progressing.
June 1913
Park Commissioner William S. Riley, chairman of the Edgerton Memorial Committee, said yesterday morning that work was progressing satisfactorily on the construction of the memorial. Mr. Edgerton was a much photographed man during his long career as a public official in Rochester, so that the committee was able to submit to the sculptor, Joseph E. Renier of New York, who is making the bas-relief bronze portrait, pictures which reflected the Mayor in a variety of moods. The committee selected a portrait taken about five years ago and the sculptor will work from this in the main, supplementing it with impressions gained from other pictures.

Model on Exhibition.

The model of the memorial is now on exhibition in the Main Street window of the McFarlin Clothing Company where it is attracting considerable attention. It will remain on exhibition until tomorrow night.

The center panel of the memorial will be a little over eight feet high and a little less than four feet wide. In the upper part of this there is a panel for the bronze portrait, the size being three feet three inches by two feet two inches. On each side of the center panel there will be rather broad low stone walls approximately eleven feet long, these containing inscriptions chiseled in stone. Extending from the stone walls will be an ornamental fence which will connect with the existing fence.

Those who desire to subscribe to the fund for the erection of the memorial should send their subscription to Treasurer Edgar F. Edwards, 309 Powers Building. Nearly \$5,000 in pledges and cash were received by the women's committee under the direction of Mrs. Fred W. Yates, at the last Exposition and this fund has now been turned over to Mr. Riley's committee. It is estimated that the memorial will cost about \$25,000.

The children of the Edgerton Park playground, always unite with Mr. Edgerton, had voluntarily subscribed \$20.00 in subscriptions of 5 cents and 10 cents each.

ROCHESTER WILL PAY HOMAGE TO EDGERTON MEMORY TO-DAY .AT DEDICATION OF GATEWAY

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Rochester will pay homage to-day to Hiram H. Edgerton, thirteen years mayor of Rochester, with the unveiling at Edgerton Park of the memorial gateway erected by citizens of the city in token of their veneration and respect for the man who, in the words of the main inscription on the massive stone monument, was "for fifty years a faithful public servant."

The exercises will be held at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. A platform has been erected for the speakers fit the Edgerton Park peristyle. Mayor Clarence D. Van Zandt is honorary chairman. William S. Riley, commissioner of parks and chairman of the Memorial Committee that raised funds for the monument among the friends and admirers of the former mayor, will preside.

The ceremonies will be opened by a prelude by the Park Band. Following opening remarks by Commissioner Riley, prayer will be offered by Bishop Thomas F. Fliekey.

The speakers will be Dr. Rush Rhees, president of the University of Rochester, and Rev. C. Waldo Cherry, J. D., former pastor of Central Presbyterian Church. Dr. Rhees will speak on "Hiram Edgerton—the Mayor." Dr. Cherry's topic will be "Hiram Edgerton—the Man."

Following the addresses, officials and auditors will march in procession to the Backus street entrance of the park, where the formal unveiling, which will be in charge of Edward R. Foreman, city historian, will take place.

The memorial gate was built by private funds, voluntarily contributed by men, women and children of Rochester. It was designed by Edwin S. Gordon and "William O. Kaelher, members of the firm of Gordon & Kaelher. A bronze bas-relief portrait, mounted upon the central panel, was modeled by Joseph Renier, of New York city, fellow of the American Academy in Rome. The material used is light Indiana limestone. Much of the work of erection was done voluntarily by workmen formerly in the employ of Mr. Edgerton.

Inscriptions on the gateway tell of the accomplishments and character of Mayor Edgerton. Below the bronze portrait is a panel with the words

ILLIAM HASKELL EDGERTON
Born April 10, 1847
Died June 18, 1922
MAYOR OF ROCHESTER
1908-1921

FOR FIFTY YEARS

A FAITHFUL PUBLIC SERVANT.

The panel on the left wing pays tribute to the mayor as a great city builder. It is as follows:

HAVE HONOR

FOR THE GIBBET CITY TILLER
WHOSE MANY PRACTICAL ACHIEVEMENTS

INCREASED HUMAN HAPPINESS
AND ENRICHED THE LIVES OF ALL

OUR PEOPLE

They Never Fall Who Stand in Deeds
On the right wing panel is the legend:

HE HAD A VISION

OF THE CITY BEAUTIFUL

AND GAVE HIS BEST

TO MAKE THE CITY BECOME COME TRUE

UPON HIS BEAUTY WAS WILLING

ROCHESTER

Whoever Would be First among Men
Should be Servant of All.

These three inscriptions are on the the Backus street elevations. On the park side elevations is another group. The central panel reads:

MY CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE
OF ROCHESTER IS UNBOLDENED
AND MY FAITH IN THE PEOPLE IS
LIMITLESS. I KNOW THEY WILL
PERMIT NO BACKWARD STEPS,

—Farewell address of Mayor Edgerton,
December 31, 1921.

The inscription on the left wing panel bears witness to the veneration and respect that the former mayor won from Rochester citizens:

THE MOST DEBILITATED
WHO DOES NOT NEED ONE—WHO
HAS RAISED
HIMSELF A MONUMENT

On the right wing panels are the words,

BEYOND THE BATHS OF FEAR
OUR LIVES

BECAUSE WE ARE BEYOND
AM: SERVING WON THE GREATEST
PRIZE

THE PEOPLE'S LOVE IS

The inscriptions were composed by a special committee of which Edward R. Foreman was chairman, assisted by Charles H. Willson.

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Unveiling of Gate Memorial to Seven-time Mayor Is Impressive Tribute.

In the eulogies of the speakers and the reverent homage of the 1,500 spectators that attended the unveiling of the memorial to Hiram Haskell Edgerton, late mayor of Rochester, in the peristyle at Edgerton Park yesterday afternoon, was discernible a note of thankfulness and sincere appreciation of the services rendered by Mayor Edgerton during his fourteen years in office. Hiram Edgerton, the mayor, is (lead. Edgerton, the men lives in the hearts of his friends. The spirit of Hiram Edgerton, public benefactor, is inscribed in bronze in a memorial gate at the entrance of the park which of all civic projects lay closest to his heart while he lived.

The service was executed with the dignity due a tribute to the dead. Yet through it all was the closer note of understanding and sympathy with which hundreds of his friends listened to the recountings of his public deeds by Dr. Rush Rhees, president of the University of Rochester, and his personal characteristics by Rev. Waldo C. Cherry, former pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, who delivered the eulogy at the funeral services for former Mayor Edgerton.

Mr*, Edgerton at Ceremony.

The addresses were given in the peristyle, where seats had been provided for the spectators, and the unveiling ceremony took place at the Backus street entrance to the park. A cordon of policemen placed there to prevent traffic from interrupting the service stood at attention as Edward R. Foreman, city historian, slowly drew back the national flags that draped the bronze tablet upon which is carved a striking likeness of the former mayor and the dates of his birth and death "as well as the dates of his tenure of service. Beneath was the inscription, "1877-1911. 34 Years a Faithful Public Servant."

When Mr. Foreman had finished reading the six inscriptions carved in stone on the gateway a bugler sounded taps and the Park Band played the postlude.



Photos by Staff Photographer.

Upper—Members of Edgerton Memorial Committee standing before memorial gateway at unveiling. From left—William W. Hibbard, Commissioner of Parks William S. Riley, James LA Hotchkiss City Historian Edward R. Foreman, Mayor Clarence D^ Van Zandt, I M. Rush Rhees, Edwin S. Jordan, Fred Gleason, Simon N Stein and Edgar F. Edwards.

Lower — City Historian Edward R. Foreman unveiling the memorial.

The spectators, who had moved to the peristyle to the street for the unveiling ceremony, hovered near Mrs. Edgerton during the unveiling service. Mrs. Edgerton was seated facing the Memorial.

Mayor C. IV Van Zandt was honorary chairman of the services. He sat on the raised platform in the peristyle during the services, accompanied by William S. Riley, commissioner of parks and chairman of the Memorial Committee, and the speakers, Dr. I. D. R. Cherry. Commissioner Riley gave a short address after the Park Band had played B prelude. Bishop Thomas F. Idkey gave the invocation.

City's Good Close to Heart.

In his address on "Hiram Edgerton, the Mayor," Dr. Rhees reviewed the benefactions enjoyed by the citizens of Rochester during the fourteen years former Mayor Edgerton was in office and pointed out that the origin of many of the beautiful and civic features that have made Rochester nationally famous for its homes and good government originated in Hiram Edgerton's dreams and practical plans for the betterment of the City.

The varied interests outside of his regular duties in which Mr. Edgerton participated or supported showed even more strongly how close to his heart the good of Rochester's citizens lay, the speaker declared. There was no phase of city government that former Mayor Edgerton did not closely supervise, he said.

Rev. Mr. Cherry spoke on "Hiram Edgerton, the Man." He stressed the fact that in all the political campaigns that took place while Hiram Edgerton was in office no opponent dared to question the unimpeachable honor and rigid integrity of the then present mayor.

A happy note was struck by the speaker when he pictured the subject of his address as a "gateway through which the people of Rochester passed to a cleaner and more beautiful city." Glowing tributes to the personal memory of Hiram Edgerton were paid by Mr. Cherry, who said that regardless of political and material differences men had had with him, there was none who did not love Mayor Edgerton for his broad understanding and deep sympathy for the troubles and difficulties of those with whom he came in personal contact.

Inscriptions Appropriate.

"Whatever may have been his faults, and he had them as do all of us. he was human, sympathetic, a gentleman at all times and ever ready to do all in his power to help whoever he could." Mr. Cherry said. "Rochester may not remember the mayor, but Rochester can never forget the man."

Edward R. Foreman, chairman of the Committee on Inscriptions, and Charles H. Wiltsie, the other member of the committee, were recipients of expressions of appreciation from many city officials and friends of the former mayor who said that the inscriptions on the gateway were exactly typical and fitting the honor paid by a great city to a public servant. The memorial is the gift of private individuals who contributed funds to build it.

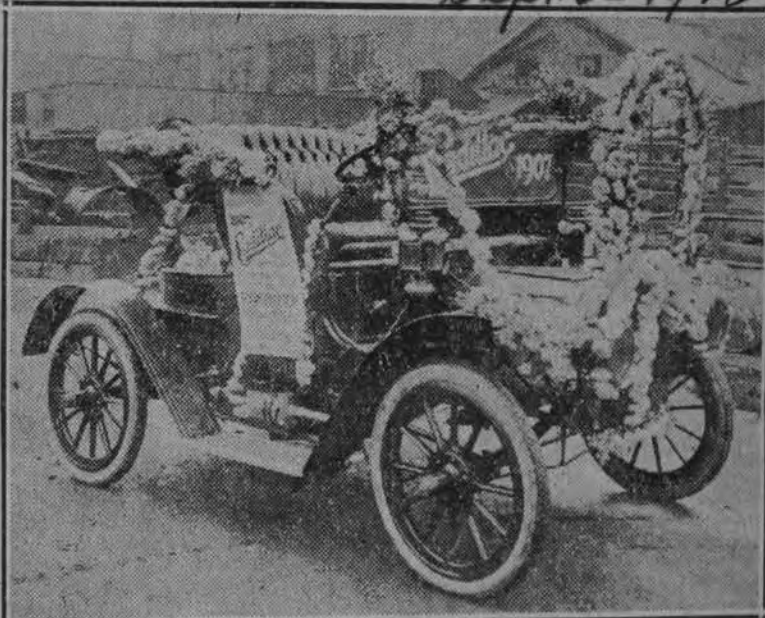
There are six inscriptions on the gateway, three on the Backus street elevation and three on the park side elevation. The central panel on the Backus street side contains the bronze bas-relief of former Mayor Edgerton and on each side of the central panel are inscriptions eulogizing his public services.

The following are the members of the Edgerton Memorial Committee: Chairman. William S. Riley; secretary, Edgar F. Edward; George C. Argetsmger, William C. Barry, P. V. Crittenden, Alvin H. Dewey, George Eastman, Edward K. Foreman, Fred Gleason, Edward S. Gordon, John H. Gregory, William W. Hibbard, James L. Hotchkiss, J. C. Kalbfleisch, Charles S. Owen, Herbert W. Pierson, William Pitkin, Dr. K. H. Rhee, P. H. Sibley, Simon N. Stein, Mayor C. D. Van Zandt, Charles H. Wiltsie and Mrs. Frederick W. Yates.

Car Of Late Mayor Edgerton

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1907 Cadillac Sept 5 - 1970



The late Mayor Edgerton's famous "one-lunger," entered in floral ; by Mabbett Motor Car Company.

One of the most interesting features of the floral parade today was the famous old "one-lunger" driven for many years by the late Mayor Hiram Edgerton. The car a 1907 Cadillac, was entered by the Mabbett Motor Car Company, 167 Court street. On the sides of the car, which was beautifully decorated, was the following placard:

"1907 Cadillac, former car of Father of the Exposition, Hon Hiram H. Edgerton."

A floral horseshoe was placed over the radiator, inside of the floral piece being a portrait of the late mayor.

