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John Ling, 87, Old Wilmette Resident, Dies Last Thursday

John Ling, a resident of Wilmette for forty-two years, passed away at the Church Home for Aged Persons, 5445 Ingleside avenue, Chicago, last Thursday, October 25. Funeral services were held there on Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Burial was private at Memorial Park cemetery.

Mr. Ling, who was in his eighty-seventh year, came to America from Hull, England, when a lad of nine years. He received his early education in the schools of Albany, N. Y., and Clinton, Ia., coming to Illinois in 1864 when he began the study of law at Wheaton college.

From 1870 until 1926 Mr. Ling practiced law in Chicago. He was one of the oldest members of the Chicago Bar association, and his name appears on the honor roll of that organization. In the early life of the village of Wilmette, Mr. Ling took an active part, and he maintained his interest until his death.

Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Anna Hall Ling, of Chicago, a daughter, Mrs. Frederick Norman, and two grandsons, John F. Norman, and J. Marshall Ling, of Wilmette.

Lincoln Steffens to Speak at Club on Election Night

The Woman's club of Wilmette has started an innovation by entertaining the members, their husbands and friends Election night. The club house will be open to the guests from 7 o'clock on, with card tables ready and a splendid radio turned on so that all returns may be received.

At 8:30 o'clock Lincoln Steffens, the well known reporter-writer and lecturer, will talk on "Dictators at Home and Abroad." Mr. Steffens sees foreign countries as the future of America, Mussolini an exaggerated political boss, the Russian Revolution an extreme reform movement. China's fate, he considers the fate of all nations, even our own, unless we can learn to profit by the experiments of other peoples with our problems. This viewpoint, which regards other continents as laboratories, not only brings one the tragedy of current history, but suggests a basis for a science of politics. His lectures are free, face to face reporting of interviews with dictators, with premiers and with mobs. They are vivid, humorous, moving attempts at understanding. He is accused of changing his mind but pleads that he cannot himself face new facts all the time without drawing new conclusions, which, by the same token, he presents as also tentative, to be considered, not swallowed. In brief he has no convictions to enforce, only facts, incidents, stories, to be thought over in the mood of his variety of titles.

Mr. Steffens has reported what is called foreign news for years, covering the wars and the revolutions, the peace conferences and the attempts at reconstruction abroad in American terms and with a sense of their meaning to Americans. He is very much of a humorist and can cleverly make the driest facts interesting and he will add a spice of humor to the election returns.

Mme. Alvane Resseguie, well known contralto, a member of the North Shore Musical society and soloist last spring with the North Shore Music festival, will give several selections during the evening. After the lecture coffee will be served and the card tables and radio will be at hand until the last returns are in.

George E. Tarnow, 126 Fourth street, will return Friday from a trip to southern Illinois and Iowa.

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