

## John Clark Baker, Former Trustee, Is Killed in Accident

John Clark Baker, 347 Maple avenue, a former Village trustee, was fatally injured at 11:40 o'clock Tuesday morning, February 6, when his automobile was struck by a Chicago, North Shore & Milwaukee train at the Maple avenue crossing, less than two blocks from his home. He was immediately removed to the Evanston hospital, where he expired at 2 o'clock without having regained consciousness. Dr. B. L. Mitchell, 1200 Central avenue, was called, but the injured man was beyond medical help. The body was removed to Scott's funeral home, 1460 Sherman avenue, Evanston, where Deputy Coroner L. K. Rasmussen empaneled a jury at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

Surviving are the widow, Hester Sproul Baker, and one son, James E. Baker, now a student at Northwestern Law school. There is also one sister, Mrs. Edith Baker Dickson, 1726 Ridge avenue, Evanston.

The funeral will take place at 2:30 o'clock today, (Thursday) February 8, at Scott's funeral home, 1118 Greenleaf avenue, Wilmette. The service will be conducted by the Rev. John M. Schneider, 2948 Wilson avenue, Chicago, a fraternity brother of Mr. Baker, who also officiated at the marriage of Mr. Baker and Miss Hester Sproul. Interment will be in Memorial Park cemetery.

### Born in St. Louis

Mr. Baker was born at St. Louis, Mo., November 25, 1877. On August 4, 1904, he was married to Miss Hester Sproul at Elgin, Ill. Later in that same year he brought his bride to Wilmette, where they have since resided. He was educated at Northwestern university, where he made a record for brilliant scholarship. He received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1901, and Master of Arts degree in 1902. He was a Fellow in Physics in 1901-1902. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Nu.

For about twenty-five years Mr. Baker was associated with The Employers Liability Assurance Corporation, Ltd., of London, in their Chicago office. He retired in the summer of 1931 and with Mrs. Baker spent a year in California. He has recently been engaged in private law practice in a limited way.

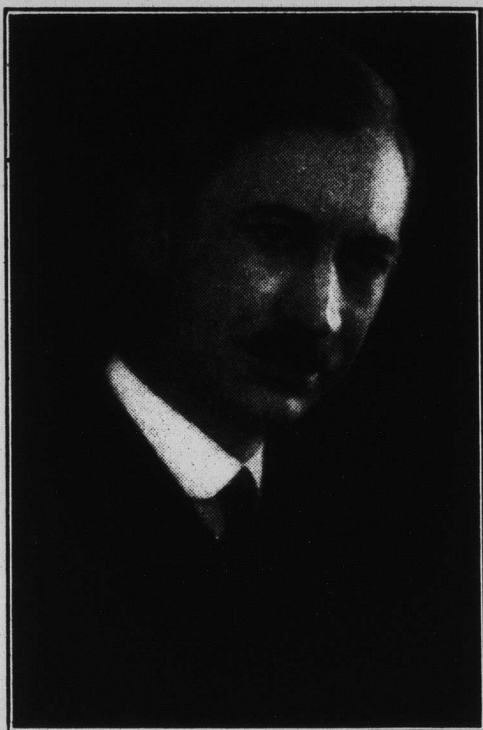
During the Spanish-American war Mr. Baker was commissioned a sergeant-major, and in the World war was a Captain of Infantry, stationed at Fort Snelling, Minn.

### Village Pays Tribute

For many years John Clark Baker was a prominent and notable character in the civic life of the village. In his religious life he was identified with the Methodist Episcopal church. During the years 1924 to 1928 he served as a trustee on the Village board with distinction to himself and benefit to the village. Immediately after convening on Tuesday evening the Village board and the audience arose and stood in complete silence for a moment in respect to his memory. It was ordered that resolutions of respect be spread upon the minutes and a copy sent to the family.

Testimony at the coroner's inquest

brought out conflicting reasons for the accident, questioning centering upon whether the crossing gates were up or down. Charles O'Rourke, the gateman, testified that he lowered the gates when the train was 600 feet north of the crossing and sounded the warning gong. Leo White, motorman, testified that he observed that the gates were down when the train was 400 feet from the crossing. Miss Edna Varney, Miss Margaret



Chambers Photo  
John Clark Baker

Varney and Ralph Varney, all of 1026 Greenwood avenue, who were passengers on the train and seated in the front seats of the forward car, all testified that they plainly saw the gates and that they were lowered only when the automobile was directly beneath them. Each testified that the south gate on the west side of the track came down on the automobile, just in front of the windshield and was thus broken off. The automobile, they said, was carried about 70 feet before the train was brought to a standstill.

Sergeant Herman G. Vance, of the Wilmette police department, testified as to the condition he found upon reaching the scene after the accident had been reported.

Because of the protracted illness of Mrs. McKinney, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes McKinney have moved from their home, 1035 Chestnut avenue, Wilmette, to 2000 Lincoln Park West, Chicago.

Mrs. Hobart Gary, 714 Central avenue, entertained her bridge club at luncheon Friday at Shawnee Country club.

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## Northridge Notes

The regular meeting of the Northridge Woman's club will be held Monday evening, February 12, at 8 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Joseph Hinshaw, 2022 Kenilworth avenue. This will be the garden program, and Mrs. Edward Scheidenhelm, secretary and past president of the Wilmette Garden club, will be the speaker. Her subject will be: "Practical Landscaping." Her purpose will be to give the club members a practical system for planning gardens for the average city home where the space is comparatively small. This subject will be of vital interest to all the club members.

On Monday, February 5, the literature department of the Northridge Woman's club met at the home of Mrs. John Petaja. The Rev. Lester Mondale of Evanston reviewed "Oil for the Lamps of China," by Hobart. An interesting review was given of the book—a very good picture of modern China's merchant class.

Following the review, tea was served by Mrs. Petaja, assisted by Mrs. John D. Kinnear.

## Skookum Holds Food Exhibition This Week

The Davis street (Evanston) store of Skookum Foods, Inc., will be the scene today (Thursday) of the opening of an extensive Food Show in which more than seventy nationally known manufacturers of food products are cooperating. Elaborate displays have been arranged for the event which include every department of the rapidly growing business.

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