

Obituaries

JOHN HENRY FISCHER

Funeral services were held last Monday at St. Joseph's church, Wilmette, for John Henry Fischer, who died at his home, 1929 Wilmette avenue, Wilmette, on Friday, July 7. Mr. Fischer, 46 years old, had been ill since March.

He is survived by his widow, and by six children, Harold, Richard, Rodney, Ronald, Ralph, and Margaret Mary, all of the same address. He is also survived by a brother, George, who lives next door at 1933 Wilmette avenue. Mr. Fischer lived on Wilmette avenue all of his life.

He had been a carpenter, and for the four years preceding his death a Wilmette postman. He was also a member of the Peter J. Huerter Post of the American Legion, and had served it as commander and historian. At the time of his death he was Legion delegate to the Seventh district. Legionnaires served as pall bearers at the funeral services, and last rites were conducted at Sacred Heart cemetery by sailors from Great Lakes Naval station, where Mr. Fischer was posted during the World war.

MRS. BALBINE HENRICKSEN

Mrs. Balbine Steffens Henricksen died suddenly in St. Francis hospital, Evanston, Monday, July 3. Mrs. Henricksen, was the wife of John Henricksen, a Wilmette policeman, who lives at 468 Illinois road, Wilmette.

Before her marriage Mrs. Henricksen who lived in Wilmette all her life was employed for nine years at the former Brinkman grocery store in Wilmette, and later at the Public Service company offices in Evanston.

She is survived by her husband and four children, Joan, 16, Mary Ann, 11; Jack, 9 and Milburga, 7. She is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Mary Heinzen, 2145 Glenview road, and Mrs. Emma Wolschon, 1041 Oak street, Winnetka, and by three brothers, John, Anton, and George Steffens all of Wilmette.

Burial was at St. Joseph's cemetery, Thursday, following services at St. Joseph's church in Wilmette.

ARTHUR KATZEL

Arthur Katzel, who for nine years, until last September, owned the Katzel Grocery and Market on the corner of Wilmette and Prairie avenues, Wilmette, died last Tuesday in a Chicago sanitarium, following a long illness. Funeral services are being held tomorrow, (Friday) at the Mueller mortuary, Chicago, followed by interment at Mount Emblem cemetery.

Mr. Katzel, 48 years old, is survived by his widow, his son Arthur Jr., of Evanston, two brothers and three sisters.

He had been living in Chicago since September.

MRS. JAMES H. RUSSELL

Mrs. James A. Russell, a resident at 589 Drexel avenue, Glencoe, for more than 20 years, died Thursday, June 29, in Pasadena Calif., where she had been for several months. Funeral services and interment were at Sunnyside Mausoleum in Long Beach, Calif., on July 1.

Mrs. Russell, who was born Mabel Holthoff, was the wife of James A. Russell, a former president of the village of Glencoe.

In addition to Mr. Russell, she is survived by three daughters, Eileen,

Jane, and Mrs. Lorraine Randall who lives in Coronado, and by a son, James Henry, ten years old.

She is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Ralph Mapps, of Green Lake Wis., Mrs. Ben Thayer, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Maurice Needham of Chicago.

Mrs. Russell was a member of the Glencoe Woman's Library club and an officer of the Glencoe Chapter of the D. A. R. She attended Ripon college, in Wisconsin, and was a graduate of Stout Institute.

GEORGE A. HARPER

George Andrew Harper, a former resident of Wilmette, and dean of boys at New Trier High school from 1918 to 1927, died last Friday in Honolulu, following an emergency operation. Mr. Harper, 60 years old, lived in Tucson, Ariz., where he was vice-president of the Southern Arizona School for Boys. He had been vacationing in Honolulu at the time of his death.

He is the brother of J. R. Harper, superintendent of the Wilmette public schools. Besides his brother and a sister, Mrs. Albert Bickett, of Xenia, Ohio, he is survived by his widow, the former Mary Ellen Snyder, and two daughters, Helen and Mary, all of Tucson.

Came to Shore in 1906

Mr. Harper went to New Trier in 1906, five years after the school opened, to teach mathematics, and shortly became head of the mathematics department, which position he held until he was made dean. His brother taught physics at the school during part of this same period.

Mr. Harper had been a rheumatic cripple all of his life, from the time he suffered an arthritis attack at the age of seventeen. During his latter New Trier days, as a matter of fact, he was able to get around in a very bent over position only with the aid of crutches and canes. Everyone, however, marveled at his fortitude, and the fact that he would never admit defeat. Frederick Kähler, who succeeded him as dean at New Trier, said this week, that he was one of the most respected and revered men who ever entered the school, as well as one of the most intelligent.

Found School for Boys

When he resigned from New Trier in 1927, Mr. Harper went to Arizona, founded the school for boys and served it ever since, first as headmaster, then as vice president.

Mr. Harper was educated at the University of Chicago, and the University of Arizona, and is the author of a number of textbooks on algebra and geometry.

His nephew, Robert Harper, is a teacher of mathematics at New Trier at the present time, and his brother-in-law, William A. Snyder, is now the head of the mathematics department at the high school.

MRS. SYBELL S. VENNEMA

Mrs. Sybell S. Vennema passed away last Saturday at the Evanston hospital, following an illness of about a year. Mrs. Vennema, 58 years old, was the wife of John Vennema, Netherlands consul-general in Chicago, and a resident at 849 Willow road, Winnetka.

She was well known as a painter and sculptress, was a founder and past officer of the North Shore Art league, and a life member of the Art institute of Chicago. She had also been active for years in the Chicago Congregational union, as well as church work in Winnetka.

Mrs. Vennema was born in Chicago and had lived in Winnetka for 17 years.

In addition to her husband she leaves a son, John Jr., who attends

Duke university, a daughter, Mrs. Anderson A. Owen, 306 Woodstock avenue, Kenilworth, and a sister, Mrs. Parker A. Jenks of Chicago.

Funeral services were held at the Congregational church chapel in Winnetka on Monday, followed by interment at Memorial Park.

MRS. ELIZABETH MAAS

Mrs. Elizabeth Maas, 91 years old, passed away last Sunday noon in the Evanston Nursing home, following a brief illness. She was the grandmother of Miss Clara Maas, who lives at 2204 Thornwood avenue, Wilmette.

Mrs. Maas, born in Bohemia, came to Chicago in 1855 and had resided there until her death. As one of Chicago's early settlers, she was able to recall many interesting incidents about the city's history, particularly of the Civil war era.

Besides her granddaughter, Mrs. Maas is survived by a grandson, Frederick Philip Maas of Chicago. Her husband and son preceeded her in death.

Funeral services and interment were at Waldheim cemetery on Wednesday.

Driver Arrested After

Green Bay Road Crash

Hobart J. Gary, 800 Park avenue, driving north on Green Bay road at 4:15 p.m. Sunday, came into collision at Washington avenue with a car driven by Leo Kinsate of Glenview, also going north on Green Bay road.

Police investigation showed that Gary had stopped to let southbound traffic clear, then signaled for a left turn into Washington avenue and proceeded, when he was struck by the Kinsate car, which was traveling north in the southbound lane.

Police Officer Lewis Poppel gave Kinsate an arrest ticket on a charge of driving on the wrong side of the road, and Gary also signed a complaint.

GUIDE-LECTURE TOURS

"Animal Groups" is the subject of a guide-lecture tour for the general public to be presented at Field Museum of Natural History Wednesday, July 19, at 11 A.M. On Thursday morning at the same hour there will be a general tour of anthropological, botanical, geological, and zoological exhibits. On Friday the subject will be "Minerals and Prehistoric Life"; Monday, "Plant Life"; and Tuesday, "Primitive and Civilized Peoples." Each afternoon, except Saturday and Sunday, at 3 P.M. there will be general tours of outstanding exhibits in all departments. These tours are open to all museum visitors. Parties assemble inside the north entrance of the museum.

MOVIES FOR CHILDREN

The James Nelson and Anna Louise Raymond Foundation will present a free program of four talking motion pictures for children at Field Museum of Natural History Thursday morning, July 20. A feature of the program will be "Frolicking Fish," an animated cartoon by Walt Disney. Other films to be shown are "Adventures of a Mongrel Pup," "Water Fun," and "Footprints and bicycles." The program will be given in the James Simpson Theatre of the museum, and no tickets for admission are needed. Children from all parts of Chicago and suburbs are invited.

VIRGINIA M. RAGSDALE

Last rites were held in Billings, Mont., last Friday for Miss Virginia MacDonald Ragsdale who died of a fractured skull there on Wednesday, suffered in a fall from a horse. Miss Ragsdale was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Ragsdale, 1609 Spencer avenue, Wilmette.

The accident occurred Tuesday evening, July 4, when the horse Miss Ragsdale was riding shied out onto a state highway near Billings and was struck by an automobile moving in the same direction. She was thrown 25 feet by the impact.

Besides her mother and father, Miss Ragsdale is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Frank L. Shantz of Appleton, Wis., Mrs. L. G. Wood of New York, and Barbara of Wilmette; and a brother, John, also of Wilmette.

She is also survived by a great aunt, Mrs. Flora M. Wood, and an uncle, Sterling M. Wood, with whom she had been living in Billings for several years.

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