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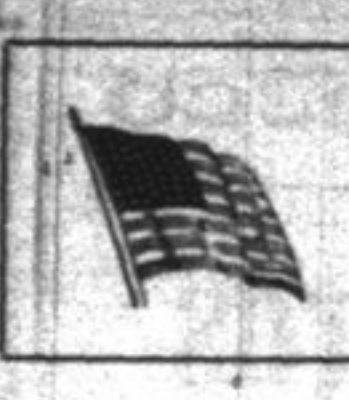
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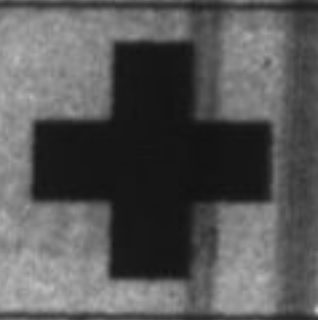
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## CARA PRATT MASON

Born September 11, 1855 Died September 30, 1917



On Sunday, September 30th, at 2:30 in the afternoon, Cara Pratt Mason, beloved wife of Alexander Osborne Mason of this city, passed quietly away at her home on the banks of the lake. She had been an invalid for nearly three years but the end came abruptly and without distress.

Cara Pratt, daughter of Norman Hyde and Louisa A. (Sloan) Pratt, was born in Kewanee, Ill., on September 11, 1855. She was educated in Chicago and Europe; graduated from the Conservatory of Music, Stuttgart, 1879; Neue Academie der Tonkunst, Berlin, 1880; became a pupil of Dr. Lebert and Dionys Pruckner (court pianist of Wurtemberg) and of Theodora Kullak (court pianist of Prussia) and became a member of the class of Franz Liszt, Weimar, in 1880. Returning to America she took up the work of a professional pianist until her marriage to Alexander Osborne Mason, on September 3rd, 1882. Mrs. Mason became the mother of five children, James Alexander (deceased), Norman Clifford, Marion Louise (Mrs. W. F. Peter), Archibald Osborne and Blanche Adalina Van Dyke. She was baptized and educated in the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Although Mrs. Mason attained a considerable fame as a pianist she was better known as a composer of songs: Awakening, The Year's at the Spring, Flower in the Crannell Wall,

A Song of Life, Seven Songs from "The Silence of Love," Short Songs from Many Lands Three Serious Songs, etc. and instrumental: Minuet, SaFabande, Nocturne, Fantasie, Capriccio, etc. Her songs are widely known and sung in concert and other of her works have been orchestrated and played by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra under Frederick Stock.

The Masons have made their home in Highland Park for more than twenty years and Mrs. Mason has many devoted friends and admirers here. She is survived by her husband, four children and two brothers, Julius Pratt and Charles Hyde Pratt (both of South America). Funeral services took place yesterday, Wednesday, October 3rd, at 2:30 o'clock, at the Trinity Episcopal Church, the Reverend P. C. Wolcott officiating. Mrs. A. R. Jones and Miss Priscilla Carver took charge of the music which consisted of compositions well loved and often played by Mrs. Mason. Mrs. W. C. Egan took charge of the arrangement of the flowers. The pall bearers were Mr. W. C. Egan, Mr. Robert Gregory, Mr. Samuel Slade, Mr. Frederick Ullmann, Mr. George R. Jones and Mr. Allan Jones.

The family wishes to express deep gratitude to the many friends of Mrs. Mason who have done so much to show their sympathy at this time.

### "TWO MONSTER BENEFITS" PLANNED FOR OCT. 20th

Great Lakes Naval Band to Give Concert at Medinah Temple, Chicago

On Saturday afternoon and evening, October 20th, at the New Medinah Temple, Cass and Ohio Sts., Chicago, there will be given what perhaps may be called the greatest musical performance that Chicago has ever known, for the benefit of the Navy Relief Society.

An important feature of these concerts will be Lieutenant John Phillip Sousa, the March King, leading the greatest band that has ever been organized, the Great Lakes Naval band numbering over three hundred pieces. Lieut. Sousa has given his services to the government for the period of the war, and it was thought his talent could be used to best advantage in organizing and training this great band. Other celebrities will be presented.

The receptions accorded this band in Kansas City and New York have been unprecedented and Chicago now has the opportunity at Medinah Temple to give a royal welcome to "her" band.

At both performances the great Medinah organ will be played by Mr. Charles M. Kirk, official organist. This organ is conceded to be the finest in the world, having cost \$40,000. It will lend materially to the strength of the program.

Reserve the date, afternoon and evening of October 20th, get your tickets early. The entire performance will be under the direction of Gerard VanSchalk. Tickets will be on sale October 10th.

### "BIG FOUR" HELPS HIGHLAND PARK'S HOSPITAL

Enthusiastic Quartette of Little Girls Hold Bazaar and Make \$25.00 For Local Use

Red Cross Work, Navy Relief, Liberty Loan Bonds and Smokes for Samlites are very patriotic indeed, but when Highland Park needs a hospital it needs it—that's all. Everyone is inspired to do some patriotic work, and there is much for all to do.

It seems as if every Highland Park-er is doing something to "help make the world safe for Democracy." But, what is doing in the hospital line? Some people are getting anxious and it's the little folk, too. Its four little girls.

The "big four" are Elizabeth Tuttle, Elizabeth Doty, Marian Metzel and Florence Boyd, assisted by Edith Vail, Nancy and Olive Dean, Louise Carr and Barbara Tapper seeing the need of an up to date hospital (such as has been promised and we think isn't far away) held a bazaar Saturday afternoon at the home of Miss Boyd on E. Central Ave. The little girls had three tables, a candy table, a cake table and a fancy work table. Many of the wares on these tables were made by the young ladies themselves. As a result of their labors, the Highland Park hospital treasury will be swelled to the extent of a thirty five-dollar addition. Congratulations girls.

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### WHAT THE D. A. R. WILL DO THIS WINTER

Special Meeting of Local Chapter, Friday Plans Work of 1917-1918 Season

The local chapter of the North Shore D. A. R. held a special meeting on Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Gordon Buchanan. The meeting was called to decide on the program for the winter. It has been a hospitable custom of this chapter to hold delightful social meetings each month, with interesting papers, a little business of the chapter, and refreshments. Since this chapter of ladies represents "Pure Patriotism" it was thought best to devote all its energies to war work. Therefore, these monthly meetings are to be discontinued and the D. A. R. will be in charge of the Red Cross Shop Wednesday of every week, during the season of 1917-1918. Once a month on the D. A. R. Day, after the shop is closed at four o'clock in the afternoon, the chapter will hold a business meeting. In the middle of the winter a musicale is being planned, at which time guests will be bidden.

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### HARRIET VITUM TO ADDRESS Y. W. C. A. GIRLS

Congress Held Under Patriotic League Auspices to End October Thirtieth

Miss Harriet Vitum has been secured by the Y. W. C. A. to give the evening address, October 13th, that concludes the Girls Congress under the auspices of the Patriotic League. This is a rare treat for the Highland Park people to be enabled to hear this talented woman and she should be given a cordial welcome.

### THE SUBURBAN SPECIAL DANCE APPEARS AGAIN

First of Series to be Given Saturday Evening, October 13th at Ravinia Park

Tom Welsh announces the first of a series of Suburban Special dances to be held at Ravinia Park, Saturday evening, October 13. Good music which tends to make any dance a great success is promised by the host.

### PUT YOUR MONEY INTO LIBERTY LOAN BONDS

DEFENSE COUNCIL'S ADVICE

Governor Lowden says "Nothing on Earth Matters if We Don't Win This World-Wide Conflict." U. S. Can

The Highland Park Defense Council held its regular meeting last Tuesday night, with Mr. Mason, President in the chair. Mr. John Tuttle reported that the bulletin board ordered by the Council had been placed at the C. & N. W. station. An immediate use was found for it in posting a notice of the departure of the next quota of drafted men today. Mr. Spencer, chairman of the Patrol committee reported that the same programme would be carried out in sending off these men as had been followed in seeing the first quota off.

The following is a letter sent to the physicians of Highland Park by the Chicago Chapter, American Red Cross:

Dear Doctor:

It is the duty and intention of the Red Cross to care for the dependent families of the soldiers, sailors and marines. Therefore, the Chicago

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### NEW STATION FOR VINE AVE. SOON

Chicago North Shore Electric Line to Erect Modern Waiting Room and Station

The Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee Electric Railroad Co. will build a new station at Vine Ave., Highland Park. The architect's plans are not as yet quite complete, but when they are, the building will be begun at once.

The building will accommodate the large crowds of students from the high school, who wait for cars at that point.

The building of the station will involve the enlarging of the platform. A large and modern structure is promised with toilet facilities and heat. A station agent will be in charge.

It is hoped that the students from the high school will be proud enough of the building to take better care of it than they have of the present one.

### BENEFIT DANCE AND BRIDGE PARTY SATURDAY

Ossoli Club Gives Annual Affair to Raise Money for Philanthropic Work

The Auxiliary Committee of the Philanthropic Committee of the Ossoli Club is giving its annual benefit on Saturday night, October 6th, at the Highland Park Club, to raise funds for the philanthropic work, carried on by the club during the year. The committee feels that with times so hard, it will have many unusual calls for assistance, and hopes for the hearty cooperation of all those interested in this work. The entertainment this year will consist in a combination dance and bridge party, and admission will be one dollar per person. The committee promises fine music and a good time to all, and hopes for a large attendance.

### WHAT'S DOING IN THE MOVIES NEXT WEEK

June Caprice in "Patsy" and Mr. and Mrs. Drew Comedy Friday

Motion pictures for next week are: Sunday, "To the Death", featuring Mme. Petrova, a Fox Comedy and a screen magazine, Monday "The Fatal Ring" and four acts of vaudeville; Tuesday, Jack Mulhall in "The Midnight Man," Pathe News, and a Newer comedy; Wednesday, Jack Gardner in "Men of the Desert," and comedies; Thursday, Alice Joyce and Harry Morey in "Richard the Brazen" and Pathe News; Friday, June Caprice in "Patsy" and a Mr. and Mrs. Drew Comedy; Saturday, Douglas Fairbanks in "Down to Earth" and a Pathe Travelogue.

### OUR SECOND QUOTA OF MEN OFF TO CAMP

Sixty Drafted Boys Left Home City Today for Training Camp at Rockford

When the special train left Highland Park at 12:45 today at noon, Highland Parkers bid au revoir to the second quota of drafted men from the south half of Lake County. These sixty men entrained at this city for Camp Grant, Rockford.

At nine o'clock this morning the men gathered at the Highland Park Club house and after the necessary registration, etc., dined at eleven o'clock.

Mayor Hastings delivered the address at the station and the Rev. P. C. Wolcott offered prayer.

Pupils from the grammar schools formed in line and reviewed the procession of men from the club to the station.

The high school enlists, the band, the girls auxiliary and pupils from the high school joined in giving the boys a proper send off.

### ELM PLACE P. T. A. TO ENTERTAIN TOMORROW

Members and Friends Invited to Meet at School for Social "Get Together"

The Elm Place Parent-Teacher Association bids a most cordial welcome to friends of the association to attend the first meeting of the year, a reception to meet the new teachers and for every one to get acquainted.

The evening promises to be most informal, beginning with "movies" in the auditorium and ending with refreshments in the primary room. Everyone should come early and do his bit toward making this year a successful one for the parent, teacher and pupil.

### FIRST VESPER SERVICE OF THE WINTER SEASON

Mr. J. Edwin Johnson of United States Navy, Great Lakes, Soloist

The first Vesper service of the year will be held Sunday afternoon, October seventh, at half after four o'clock at the Presbyterian church. Mr. J. Edwin Johnson of the United States Navy, Great Lakes, baritone who sang at the Patriotic Mass Meeting in September will sing.

Mr. Allan Benedict will preside at the organ.

### COMPANY C TO BE MUSTERED FRIDAY

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED

Regimental and Battalion Staff Officers to be Present and Assist in the Impressive Ceremony

The Home Guards of Highland Park is no longer a social organization—it now belongs to the State of Illinois. It is Company C of the 1st Regiment of Illinois Reserve Militia. Friday most of the men received their uniforms and at the assembly at the High School Gymnasium Monday nearly all were in full uniform and the balance either measured for, or given a uniform. The State has assigned to this Company the Krag-Orngrenson rifle—the same pattern that was used in the Spanish-American war, which is a better firearm than many of the European countries now use and is quite acceptable to Company C, as several men in the unit are Spanish-American war veterans. The matter of intensive drilling has been taken up and the men are being put through squad work at the gymnasium twice a week, in order to perfect themselves in a short time. Manual or arms, rifle practice, inspection, study of the trenches at Fort Sheridan, competitive drills and shooting with other companies of the regiment and long hikes are all on the program for the near future. Every man in Company C feels deeply the responsibility and would consider it an honor to be called to the front to defend right and justice and good government. It is a significant fact as showing the quality of the Captain Luctus A. Hine, that although the Highland Park Division was the last to sign the Muster Roll, they are among the first to be chosen by the State. Other units of the Battalion are Glenoee, Winnetka, Wilmette. The Company will be mustered into State service tomorrow night at the High School. The matter of financing the Company is very encouraging, \$234.39 has been subscribed by the members of the Company and \$400 has been appropriated by the Highland Park Defense Council to go toward purchasing uniforms and necessary equipment. The two organizations, thus working in harmony can make Highland Park's Company one of the best equipped in the regiment and one of which we will all be justly proud.

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### CHARLES ALEXANDER SMITH Who died at his home Sunday, September 30, 1917

Mr. Charles Alexander Smith, founder and president of the Smith, Barnes & Strober Co. passed away at his Belle Ave. home, Highland Park, Ill., Sunday morning at eight o'clock. Mr. Smith was born in Michigan, 1837, where he spent his early youth. In the 50's he came to Chicago and entered the harness and saddlery business, later he travelled into the northwest country as salesman for a hardware house and later bought a hardware store in Chicago. This business he sold and started in the manufacture of pianos. At the time of the Chicago fire he burned out, and was left penniless. Although financially broken he was not disheartened and he started the business over. Being very successful in this line of work he became the largest piano manufacturer and distributor in the country, having a large plant in Milwaukee, Wis., with head stores in all principal cities in the United States. This colossal business is the outcome of a giant mind and a tireless ambition.



Mr. Smith was a home man. He loved and enjoyed it, and was always glad to have his friends call upon him. He was a royal host, lived near nature and was very fond of flowers, plants, birds, and took great comfort in entertaining his friends near the edge of a deep ravine where they could see beautiful nature, develop from a bud in spring until it put on its autumn robe. In his business he was all business, becoming a part of it, hence his success. Mr.

Smith has a wide acquaintance in Chicago, and his charity reached far beyond local limits, given in a quiet way.

Mr. Smith, who was a citizen of Highland Park for twenty years, was a member of the Highland Park Club and Exmoor Country-club, and was a Mason, being the oldest member of Garçon City lodge at the time of his death.

Surviving are his widow, a son, Chas. H. Smith, of Chicago, and a daughter, Mrs. Dr. Wolfenden of Evanston.

Funeral services were held at his residence, Belle Ave. yesterday (Wednesday) at 1:30 p. m. Interment was in Rose Hill.