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PIONEER RESIDENT DIES FRIDAY NIGHT

HENRY MAECHTLE, GONE

Departs This Life at His Home After Prolonged Ill Health; Was Well Known; Funeral On Friday

Henry Maechtle, Sr., a resident of Highland Park for nearly half a century, died Tuesday evening, Dec. 11, at 5 o'clock. He had been in failing health for about four years, and in the last four months his decline was rapid, and his death was peaceful as the falling of a leaf.

Mr. Maechtle was born Sept. 24, 1857, at Port Washington, Wis., and came to Highland Park in 1876. Since that time his home had been in this city.

The Family On Nov. 1, 1887, he married Miss Wilhelmina Borchardt, who is living, and of nine children six survive. They are Henry, Edwin, Oscar, Milton, Rosina and Mildred Maechtle. There is one grandchild. One brother and two sisters also are living—C. Frederick Maechtle and Mrs. Charles Streiber of Highland Park, and Mrs. Edwin C. Young of Chicago.

Had Many Friends Mr. Maechtle was for many years engaged in the carpentering and contracting business in this city, and he had a host of warm friends in the community by whom he was held in high regard. He was for years a faithful member of the First United Evangelical church, having been converted to the Christian religion in February, 1904, after which he united with the church and continued a zealous supporter of his faith until called to join the church triumphant.

During his long residence in this city Mr. Maechtle made many friends by his genial disposition and sterling qualities, and there is general regret that his long and useful life has reached its close. The relatives have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

Funeral Friday The funeral service will be held at 12:30 o'clock Friday afternoon at the family home, the pastor of the First United Evangelical church, Rev. F. R. Cardwell, officiating, and burial will be in the North Northfield cemetery.

AUTOMOBILE HITS HIGH SCHOOL GIRL

Evelyn Peterson Hurt Seriously Sunday Evening Near Half Day; Two Men Held

Miss Evelyn Peterson, 16, a pupil in Deerfield-Shields high school, was seriously injured, when struck by an automobile late Sunday evening, near Half Day. The injuries consisted of lacerations of the scalp and possible internal hurts. She was taken to her home, and at last reported had partially recovered consciousness, but her condition was still causing her friends considerable anxiety. Myra Gerbert, 18, of Half Day, who was with Miss Peterson, also was hurt, suffering a fracture of a bone in the foot and other injuries. Miss Luella Gleason of Waukegan, another member of the party, was not injured.

Two Chicagoans, Frank Brown, driver of the car, and Edward Wendling, his companion, were held under bond of \$1,000 each on charge of assault with a deadly weapon. Their hearing was set for Dec. 18.

Miss Peterson is a daughter of Gast Peterson of Half Day. The girls were going in the same direction as the car which struck them. Wendling and Brown were coming from Chicago and are said to have been sober. Cars in the road and alongside forced them first to the middle of the highway and then to one side where the machine struck the girls. They stopped the car as soon as possible and returned. The two men declared the lights of an approaching car blinded them.

FEATURES NEXT WEEK AT HIGHLAND PARK THEATRE

Thursday and Friday, Wesley Barry in "The Printer's Devil"

Next week's program at the Highland Park Theatre includes the following pictures:

Tonight and tomorrow, "The Tie That Binds"; Saturday, "The Clean Up"; Sunday, Alice May in "The Critical Age"; Monday and Tuesday, "Where the North Begins" featuring the world famous police dog, Rin Tin Tin; Wednesday, Carmel Myers in "The Love Pirate"; Thursday and Friday, Wesley Barry in his very latest production "The Printer's Devil"; Saturday, Harry Carey in "The Miracle Baby"; Matinee at two thirty Saturday. See program on back page of this paper.

OSSOLI ENTERTAINMENT IS SUCCESSFUL AFFAIR

Annual Dramatic Program Saturday Evening Is One of The Best Given

The annual entertainment given by the Dramatic committee of Ossoli to the Highland Park club is always an event of great importance in the life of both clubs.

The Cabaret show of last Saturday evening proved to be one of the best programs ever presented by the Ossoli club. Following is the program:

1. Overture "No, No, Nora"
2. Mrs. Gallagher and Mrs. Shean Miss Gwen Purdy and Miss Jane Tapper
3. "That Old Gang of Mine" "Dreamy Melody" "Dirty Hands, Dirty Face" Miss Mary Kimball
4. Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Valentino Miss Katharine Martin Miss Geraldine Faxton
5. "That Red Headed Gal" Miss Gwen Purdy
6. "My Sweetie Went Away" Miss Carlene Ehle

Assisted by Mrs. Leslie Schaffler

Supported by Miss Josephine Faxton and Miss Virginia Purdy and Misses Carlene Ehle, Phyllis Edkins, Ruth Dunscomb Elizabeth Doty, Katharine Ehle, Dorothy Reay.

A CABARET IN PARIS Guests—Mesdames Sellar Bullard, Robert H. Herbst, William Peter, Rolland Hastings, Hoyne Anderson, Morton Traub, Roy Taylor, George Morris, C. G. Alexander; Misses Mary Kimball, Caroline Schofield, Margaret Forgan, Lenore Smith, Marion Norcross; Messrs. Roger Vail, Rodney Mason, Arthur Jerrems, Chisholm-Stubbs, John Beatty, Captain of Waiters—James Stevens (Continued on Page Twenty)

OPEN INSTALLATION OF A. O. FAY LODGE, SAT.

New Officers of Masonic Lodge to Be Installed; All Masons and Friends Invited

A. O. Fay Lodge No. 676 A. F. & A. M. invites all Masons and their friends to attend the annual installation of officers, Saturday evening, Dec. 15, at Masonic hall, at eight o'clock.

The following officers will be installed: William J. Brown, Worshipful Master; George Greene, Sr. Warden; Harold A. Root, Jr. Warden; F. Grant, Treasurer; William H. Thomas, Secretary; Henry F. Clow, Chaplain; Edward C. Ohrmund, Sr. Deacon; Albert Larson, Jr. Deacon; R. J. Stephens, Marshal; R. C. Bleimehl, Sr. Steward; A. B. Craig, Jr. Steward; D. S. Edwards, Organist; George Tucker, Tyler.

The installing officers will be Theo. J. Knaak; Installing Marshal, Gerald Parker; Installing Chaplain, Archibald Abercomby.

ELM PLACE P. T. A. TO MEET NEXT TUES.

Program of Christmas Carols by the Children; Mr. Smith Will Speak

The December meeting will take place on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 7:30, and will consist of a program of Christmas carols, sung by the children themselves. The fourth and fifth grades will sing between 7:30 and 8:00, and then go home and the older children will furnish the rest of the program.

Mr. Smith will give a short word of explanation as to the place of the Christmas story in education, and its special observance at Elm Place school. This is a unique feature of the school year, and as parents we want to be able to enjoy it with our children. Don't forget to save Tuesday, Dec. 18, and note that we start half an hour earlier than usual. It is to be the best meeting so far.

Because of the large attendance expected, the length of the program and a feeling of the parents that they prefer to spend the entire time listening to their children's entertainment, no refreshments will be served.

MRS. CARL PFANSTIEHL, Chairman Entertainment Committee.

SHERIDAN REBEKAH LODGE ELECTS OFFICERS

Monday evening, Dec. 10, Sheridan Rebekah Lodge No. 801 held their annual election of officers and the following were elected for the ensuing year: Edna Watkins, noble grand; Gladys Hopkins, vice grand; Gertrude Gooman, recording secretary; Ella Schar, financial secretary; Clara Marshall, treasurer; Ida H. Barber, deputy president; Anna Smith, Ellen Davis, Lulu Morris, George Marshall, Frank Schar, trustees. The installation of officers will be held some time in January.

LOCAL POST OFFICE NEAR FIRST CLASS

FEDERAL BUILDING SOON

Patrons Urged to Buy Stamps at Home to Boost Receipts; Get Them in Blocks; Delivery Dec. 25

Highland Park has an opportunity to boost its post office into the first class, with the prospect of securing a permanent federal building here in the not far distant future, if patronage of the local office is maintained at a standard sufficient to warrant these developments.

These possibilities are made apparent by the record business done by the local office in the last two years, and more especially by the notable increase so far in 1923, and it is reported that if patrons will give the office a good boost during the remainder of this month by purchasing stamps liberally here at home the post office will be able to go "over the top" into the rank of offices of the first class by next year.

Buy Stamps in Blocks Postmaster Hugo Schneider is especially anxious that patrons will purchase stamps in good-sized lots during the holiday rush, in order to lessen congestion in the office and to save time for both themselves and the office staff. Buy a dollar's worth or so of stamps at one time, if you know you are going to need them soon; rather than purchase two or three at one call. It will help greatly to relieve the jam about the stamp window these December days.

Mail Early "Mail your Christmas packages early" is the slogan to be followed by the public from now on, if they wish to have the gifts they send delivered by Christmas, because the post office department has issued an order that no deliveries are to be made after noon on Christmas day. Under the heading, "Christmas Dinner at Home," the following order, signed by John H. Barlett, acting postmaster general, has been sent out to all postmasters from the department at Washington, D. C.:

Official Order "It has always been the desire of the post office employees, particularly the carriers, to so clean up their (Continued on page 9)

NORTH AMERICAN UNION HOLDS ANNUAL ELECTION

J. T. Erickson Elected President at Meeting Held Friday Evening

On Friday evening, Dec. 7, 1923, Highland Affiliated Council No. 99, held its annual election of officers. Lake Shore Lodge No. 92 of Lake Forest, Garden City Council and the Supreme Council of Chicago were honored guests.

The entertainment committee consisting of James Bowden, Tom Simmons and Lester H. Seifert made the evening one long to be remembered. Officers elected for ensuing year were: President, John T. Erickson; vice-president, Hannah Seifert; chairman, Robert Brey; orator, George Seifert; secretary and treasurer, Tom Simmons; collector, David Barnett; prelate, Howard P. Sheahan; corresponding, Geo. Davis; warden, Mathias Martin; guard, John Repholz; trustees, John Pierce, Geo Marshall, and Jacob Relotz.

HIGH SCHOOL CLOSES DEC. 21, FOR VACATION

Reopens Jan. 7; Christmas Party to be Held on Final Day of School

The Deerfield-Shields high school will close Dec. 21 for the Christmas holidays and will reopen on Monday, Jan. 7, Friday afternoon, Dec. 21, following the close of school a Christmas party will be held at the school and for this elaborate preparations are being made by the pupils.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The White Gifts for the King Service, which has attracted such large congregations in previous years, will be given at the Highland Park Presbyterian church on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 23.

The Christmas tableaux will be presented and the chorus will sing selections from the Messiah. A more detailed announcement of the service will be given in the Press next week.

HELP A LITTLE CHILD TO ENJOY CHRISTMAS

Fill a stocking putting mate inside marking with sex and age of child. Send to Mrs. Henry Vail, 225 Laurel avenue, on or before December 20.

May 29, 1858 Ira J. Geer Dec. 7, 1923



ORIGINATE SEVERAL NEW IMPROVEMENTS

WATER AND SEWER LINES BEFORE WOMAN'S CLUB

City Council at Busy Session Plans Numerous Extensive Public Works; Bids on Fire Station

Several extensive new local improvements were originated at the regular meeting of the city council on Friday evening of last week; bids for the work of building an addition to the fire station were received and filed, and other business of importance received consideration.

Present at this meeting were Mayor Hastings and Commissioners Cheney, Preston, Card and Gourley. Bids were presented for the contract to supply labor and materials for an addition to the fire station as follows: W. W. Steele, Jr., and O. W. Wood, \$3452.00; Joseph Cabonargi, \$3150.00. On motion of Commissioner Cheney these bids were placed on file for observation.

Improvements Commissioner Card's motion originated a local improvement in the shape of a water main extension in Lakewood drive, to be made by special assessment at an estimated cost of \$5651.00.

Commissioner Cheney moved origination of local improvement in the form of a water main extension in Ravinia court, to be put in by special assessment, the estimated cost being \$3481.00.

Commissioner Preston moved origination of local improvement for the construction of a sanitary sewer extension in Lakewood drive, at an estimated cost of \$6242.00.

GENEROUS RESPONSE TO RED CROSS DRIVE

Highland Park showed its usual generous spirit in the recent Red Cross drive which terminated Thanksgiving Day.

HOUSEWARMING FRIDAY AT PRESBYTERIAN MANSE

The Reverend and Mrs. Frank Pitt invite their friends to a most informal housewarming at the newly decorated and enlarged manse, tomorrow (Friday) evening at eight o'clock. No written invitations have been sent out. Please consider yourself invited and pass the word along.

CARD PARTY DEC. 14 OAK TERRACE SCHOOL

The Parent-Teacher association of the Oak Terrace school will give a euchre and buceo party in the school auditorium Friday evening, Dec. 12. The public is cordially invited to attend. Prizes will be awarded.

IRA J. GEER DIES OF HIS INJURIES

END COMES LAST FRIDAY

Following Auto Accident Tuesday Evening; Funeral Dec. 10; Brief Sketch Of His Life

Sorrow, widespread and sincere, is expressed at the death Friday evening, Dec. 7, of Ira J. Geer, well known lawyer of Highland Park and Chicago, as a result of injuries received Tuesday evening, Dec. 4, when the automobile in which he was riding was struck by a train on a railroad crossing near Deerfield.

The funeral service was held at the family residence, 296 Prospect avenue, at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, Dec. 10, Dr. McClure, Dr. Wolcott and the Rev. Frank Pitt officiating. Honorary and active pallbearers included some of the leading men in Chicago's business and educational life are many other well-known men and women, warm friends of Mr. Geer, were among those who gathered to pay the last tribute of love and devotion.

Born in Massachusetts Ira Jewett Geer was born at Peru, Berkshire county, Massachusetts, May 29, 1858, descendant of a long line of New England ancestors dating back to colonial days. Ambitious to obtain a liberal education, he fitted himself for Williams college, where he was graduated with honors in 1882. For a year after graduation he taught as head of the English department in Hill school, Potstown, Pa., beginning the study of law at the same time.

He came to Chicago in 1883 and there continued his legal studies, specializing in real estate, and was admitted to the Bar of Illinois in 1885. From that time until his death he was actively engaged in the practice of his profession, giving special attention to its real estate phases and acting as confidential legal and investment adviser to many persons and important estates, institutions and trust funds.

Public-Spiritedness Marked Throughout a busy professional career Mr. Geer found time for much work of charitable and public-spirited character. For many years associated with the administration of the Chicago Nursery and Half-Orphan asylum, he was at the time of his death president and director of that institution. He was secretary and for a decade or more trustee of the McCormick Theological Seminary.

In the public school system of Highland Park Mr. Geer was always actively interested during his residence here, and that interest was extended to include the Deerfield-Shields township high school and he was president of the board of education of that school during the erection of the district in that capacity until he asked to be released, after nine years of painstaking and effective work for the school.

Numerous Connections Mr. Geer for many years was a director of the Academy of Sciences, (Continued on page 10)

GEORGE ARLISS IN THE GREEN GODDESS

At Pearl Theater Monday and Tuesday; Other Interesting Features

Pearl theater will present the following program next week: Tonight and tomorrow Norma Tallmadge in "Ashes of Vengeance"; Saturday, "Thundering Down"; Sunday, William Russell in "Times Have Changed"; Monday and Tuesday, George Arliss in "The Green Goddess"; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday "Ruggles of Red Gap" with Edward Horton, Ernest Torrence, Lois Wilson, Fritz Ridgeway, Louise Dresser and Charles Ogle; Saturday, "On the Banks of the Wabash with Mary Carr. Matinee at 2:30 Saturday. See complete program on back page of this paper.

BRUNDAGE TO SPEAK, DEERFIELD CHURCH

Attorney General to Deliver An Address There on Sunday Night; Owens Also

At the Deerfield Presbyterian church on Sunday evening, Dec. 16, the principal address will be delivered by Attorney General Brundage, whose subject will be "Law Enforcement." Major Percy W. Owens, the new prohibition director for Illinois, also is scheduled to speak on this occasion. The meeting will be in charge of the pastor, Rev. Martin Luther Thomas, and the program promises to be an interesting one throughout. On Sunday night, Dec. 23, the Hon. Thomas E. O. Bradley will speak on "The Trial of Jesus from a Lawyer's Viewpoint."

WOMAN TO TELL OF HUNTING GORILLAS

BEFORE WOMAN'S CLUB

Mrs. Bradley, Former Resident Here and Famous African Explorer, To Speak December 18

Next Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 18, the Woman's club will hear Mary Hastings Bradley, woman explorer, and author of "On the Gorilla Trail." This book is a record of the expedition on which Mr. and Mrs. Bradley and their five year old daughter, Alice, accompanied Carl Akeley into the heart of equatorial Africa to obtain specimens of the great equatorial gorilla for the American Museum of New York.

Although the English papers characterized it as "the maddest expedition ever undertaken," it met with extraordinary success; the gorilla group was obtained, including the largest gorilla ever brought out of Africa, the first gorilla pictures of the world were taken, and an ascension was made of Mt. Nyamulagira, the world's most active volcano.

Vivid Story The subject of Mrs. Bradley's lecture (Continued on page 8)

HOSPITAL OPENING IS SUNDAY, DEC. 16

New Building May Be Inspected At That Time; Original Unit Ready

The following announcement is issued by Sellar Bullard, president of the Highland Park Hospital association, "The Highland Park Hospital association takes pleasure in announcing that the hospital will be open to the public for informal inspection on Sunday, December 16, 1923 from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m.

"The new building is practically completed and the original unit will then be ready for occupancy. "The work on the grounds cannot be completed until spring, so the official dedication will not take place until a later date, but friends of the association are cordially invited to come this Sunday and see for themselves what has been accomplished."

ESSINGTON SPEAKS HERE TUESDAY EVE

Interest is manifested generally in the coming visit to Highland Park of State Senator Thurlow G. Essington of Streator, a candidate for nomination for governor on the Republican state ticket, who will speak in the city hall Tuesday evening, Dec. 18.