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MRS. JOHN H. HARMON DEAD; FUNERAL HELD

Well Known Member of Pioneer
Family Gone; R. C. Jacob-
sen Dies in Chicago

Mrs. Elsie Boulton Harmon, wife of John H. Harmon, 209 Laurel avenue, and a daughter of one of Highland Park's oldest families, passed away on Friday March 22, following prolonged illness.

Mrs. Harmon was born in Highland Park and lived here all her life. Her father was George Darcy Boulton, formerly vice-president of the First National bank of Chicago and a man well known in financial circles in town. He has been dead some years. Her mother lives in Beaumont, California.

Other Relatives

Besides the husband and three children, Ethel, John and Emily Harmon, there survive also three sisters and one brother, Mrs. A. P. Van Schaick of Southport, Conn.; Miss A. M. Boulton and Kenneth Boulton of Beaumont, Calif., and Mrs. Roscoe Hazard of San Diego, Calif.

Mrs. Harmon was an active member of Trinity Episcopal church and much interested always in the work of the church. She was also a member of the Ossoli club of Highland Park and a woman who had many friends in the community by whom she was greatly beloved and whose sorrow at her removal is heartfelt. The relatives have the deep sympathy of all at this time.

The funeral service was held at Trinity church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, and interment was in the Lake Forest cemetery.

R. C. Jacobsen Dies

R. C. Jacobsen, formerly for years a resident of Highland Park, died last week, in Chicago, where the family has resided for some time. The funeral service was held last Friday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, at the Edgewater Beach hotel, in Chicago, and burial was in Rosehill cemetery. The Rev. Frank Fitt of this city officiated at the funeral.

Mr. Jacobsen was 68 years of age and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Paulina Jacobsen, and son, O. P. Jacobsen. He was well known in Highland Park where he made a host of warm friends during his residence, and the news of his death was received here with sincere regret. The wife and son have the sympathy of all their friends in their bereavement.

The Riviera A. C. will hold a benefit dance, Saturday evening, April 13 in Witten hall. Music will be furnished by a well known orchestra. An invitation is extended the public to attend.

Mrs. Frank Fitt was operated on at the Highland Park hospital Tuesday morning. Reports this morning indicate favorable progress.

CORNELIA OTIS SKINNER

Brilliant Dramatic Artist



Great interest is being expressed in this community because of the announced appearance of Miss Cornelia Otis Skinner through the Highland Park Woman's Club at the Elm Place auditorium on Saturday evening, April 6 at 8 p. m.

The amazing talents of this charming daughter of Otis Skinner are being heralded in a most appreciative manner.

Miss Skinner is finely equipped with a marvelous voice, high intelligence, keen sense of humor, uncommon naturalness and a real experience both of society and stage.

Miss Skinner uses nothing but her charm, her youth and her vivid personality to make such an impression upon her audiences that they become a part of her plan to entertain. She is a combination of the finished actress and the brilliant author of living characters drawn from many types.

The large demand for tickets indicates that this community is supporting her visit here. Mrs. Wilford C. Shipnes is in charge of reserved seats, and Mrs. Frank O. Straight, general admission tickets.

The history of Highland Park written by Mrs. John A. Reichelt Jr. will be an interesting feature of the souvenir program in charge of the program chairman, Mrs. Nathan H. Anspach. Proceeds go to the building fund of the club.

Card Party April 3 to Benefit Baseball Team

A card party will be held Wednesday, April 3 at St. James hall by the St. James Holy Name society for the benefit of the baseball team. Refreshments will be served and prizes will be awarded. An invitation is extended the public to attend.

Mrs. Bremer's Father Passes Away Tuesday

Mr. C. Waterman of Plato Center, father of Mrs. Fred Bremer of Oakwood avenue passed away Tuesday, March 26. Funeral services will be held Friday at two o'clock at the St. Paul's church at Elgin, Illinois. Rev. Bierbaum officiating.

GAS ASPHYXIATION KILLS SMALL BOY

Mother and Brother Near Death
Note Signed by Former Says
She Is Responsible

Robert Wylie, 6, is dead and his mother, Mrs. Cora Wylie, wife of James Wylie, motorman on the North Shore Line, and an older son, James, Jr., 11, are in the Highland Park hospital suffering from near gas asphyxiation. The woman, was found by her husband at 2:30 Wednesday morning, clutching a small rubber tube attached to a gas stove, from which fumes filled the house and the two children lay also overcome beside her on a bed which had been arranged on the kitchen floor. Beside her lay a note addressed "To Chief of Police," and with her name signed to it, which said:

"I alone am responsible for this act and I am not insane nor temporarily deranged." It continues, giving instructions as to disposal of the remains when found, and ends as follows:

Says "Nobody Cared"

"Flowers are to be strictly omitted. No one cared enough to bring us one; so they needn't go to any expense after we're gone."

The horrified husband at once called the Highland Park police and police officers Patton, Driscoll and Flinn and Assistant Fire Chief Cummings and Firemen Proctor, Mann and Schalk hurried to the Wylie home, 230 North Green Bay road, where everything possible was done to revive the three victims. Dr. Jacks was also summoned and directed the efforts at resuscitation. Finally the woman and older boy showed signs of recovery and they were hurried to the hospital. After two hours of strenuous work with the pulmotor the firemen were forced to desist, and the younger lad, Robert, pronounced dead by the physician.

Unable to Explain

Mr. Wylie told the police that he could not account for the affair in any way. He said that when he left for work at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon his wife appeared normal as usual and there was no intimation of the tragedy.

Reports to the police from the hospital late yesterday afternoon were that the boy was much better and his mother slowly regaining consciousness.

The body of the younger boy was taken to the H. M. Prior funeral parlors and Coroner J. H. Taylor of Libertyville was summoned. The time of the inquest had not been fixed late yesterday.

The sorrowing relatives have the deep sympathy of their many friends in the sad circumstances.

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