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R. G. EVANS, FORMER MAYOR, DIES DEC. 5

Five Times Executive Head of
City; Pioneer Resident
Widely Honored

Death of Robert G. Evans, former mayor of Highland Park for 10 years, which occurred Dec. 5, at his home on South First street removed from our midst one of Highland Park's pioneer citizens and a man who, perhaps more than any other, contributed to the growth and prosperity of his home city during the period of his active life.

In his long residence in the city Mr. Evans had made a host of warm friends whose sorrow at his death is sincere, and the entire community joins with them in sympathy for the bereaved relatives.

Lived Here 56 Years

Mr. Evans was aged 80 years, 10 months and 20 days, and had lived in Highland Park 56 years. He was born Jan. 15, 1849, in Rome, Oneida county, N. Y., into a home of humble circumstances. His father, Robert G. Evans, was a native of Carnarvonshire, Wales, and came to this country in 1844. His mother, Ann Pritchard Evans, came to the U. S. from Avonshire, Wales. They were married in New York and moved to what was then known as Holland's Patent, near Utica, N. Y., when Robert G. was about 12 years of age. There the father engaged in farming. The boy's education was in the rural public schools and was supplemented through his own ambition by further training in Whitestown academy. He taught school for several years until he came west, in October, 1873, to Highland Park and purchased a small general store on the north side of west Central avenue, between First and Second streets.

Family History

In February, 1874, he was married at South Trenton, to Miss Emma J. Jones, descendant of the White and Gardner families of pioneer New England days. To this union four children were born, two of whom survive—Arthur Everett Evans, for

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Dr. Stone to Address Men's Fellowship Club

Dr. John Timothy Stone, well-known Chicago clergyman, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Men's Fellowship club on Friday night of this week at the parish house of the Presbyterian church. Dinner will be held at six-thirty, price one dollar per plate. From six o'clock on the men will gather in the reception room of the parish house to get acquainted with each other and Dr. Stone. There will be special music for this occasion provided by local talent. Any man is most welcome to attend this dinner and meeting provided he notifies the committee of his coming at Highland Park 683 or 287.

Robert G. Evans



(Photo taken when he was mayor of Highland Park).

Park District Rinks Attract Big Crowds; Races December 29th

A total of 2,712 persons registered to skate at the two Highland Park rinks up to and including December 9th. Sunset park, being the larger, had 1,802 registered, while Lincoln park had 910.

The shelter houses at Sunset Wood are provided with sanitary conveniences and one has a refreshment stand where soft drinks, candies, sandwiches and coffee may be had.

All who use these rinks are requested to register and secure identification cards for which no charge is made to residents. Non-residents are charged and may skate on the Sunset Wood rink but can not use Lincoln park rink, which is reserved for local people only.

Skating Races

The skating races to be held on December 29th are attracting much attention and a worth-while event is looked forward to. Cups and prizes will be awarded to winners.

Bicycle Rider Hurt When Struck by Auto

A man, whose name was reported to the police to be Sam Leo, was believed seriously injured early Wednesday morning, as he was riding a bicycle on Deerfield road, near Ridge, when he was struck by an auto driven by a woman. According to the report there was fear that he had suffered a skull fracture, and his shoulder was thought to be broken. He was taken to the Highland Park hospital.

Eastern Star Holds Card Party Dec. 18

Campbell chapter No. 712, O.E.S. will hold a card party next Wednesday evening, Dec. 18 at 8:15 o'clock in Masonic temple. This party is for men and women. The public is invited.

The Christmas party which was planned for that evening has been abandoned.

Present "Ivanhoe" In Elm Place Auditorium Thursday, January 2nd

The second play in the series being sponsored by the Literature committee of the Fine Arts department of the Highland Park Woman's club will be "Ivanhoe" to be presented by the Goodman Players, Thursday afternoon, Jan. 2, at 2:30 o'clock, in the Elm Place school auditorium.

This play is from Sir Walter Scott's novel, one of the classics in fiction literature, a romance of the days of chivalry when Richard the lion-hearted rode to the crusades. The fascinating tale has been made into a play by Muriel Brown, and during its run at the Goodman theatre, in the Art Institute, Chicago, it has proved an attraction of superlative value, delighting both children and adults.

The Goodman players in this play have touched a high plane of artistic dramatic work, the cast being especially capable and the presentation a brilliant one throughout, and their appearance in this series is a distinct achievement for the committee in charge.

It is believed that "Ivanhoe" will attract a very large attendance at its presentation in the Elm Place auditorium January 2. Already the ticket sale has been large, but there are a few left which undoubtedly will be promptly taken for this notable classic with its romantic story of the days when knighthood was in flower.

Naive Card Party at Ossoli Dec. 10

The Christmas Package party given by Ossoli at the Highland Park club on December 10 was most interesting and largely attended. Each member was asked to take a "Christmas Package" in Yuletide wrappings. At the conclusion of the bridge these packages were awarded as prizes;—each member receiving one. Many unique and ingenious prizes, as one might readily suspect, were received. Tea was served in the lounge.

Because of the holiday season there will be no meeting on Dec. 24 which would ordinarily be the next occasion. On January 10 members and their guests will be entertained at a Buffet Luncheon and bridge.

Gerrit Thorne Now Head of Lions Club

At the regular meeting of the Highland Park Lions club last Thursday W. H. McKillip tendered his resignation as president of the club and the vice-president, Gerrit Thorne, will take over the leadership of the group for the remainder of the club year. The Lions regret the departure of Mr. McKillip from Highland Park, but plan to proceed with their program of civic welfare and community improvement as originally outlined. The club is growing in membership and influence and has a very promising future, it is believed.

SIMONS NEW HEAD COMMERCE CHAMBER

Takes Over Reins at Meeting
Tuesday Night; Fine Dinner and Session

J. W. Simons, newly-elected president of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce took charge, and with him the other new officers, at the regular meeting of the chamber Tuesday evening, at the Green Tea Pot.

At 6:30 p. m., a splendid turkey dinner was served by Mrs. Green to 56 members as a compliment to the retiring officers and the incoming president and directors.

Good Address

Professor Chester E. Willard of Northwestern university delivered a most interesting address and explained the seven human interests in business, as he saw them.

The minutes of the November meeting of the chamber were read, approved and ordered placed on file after proper corrections.

After a short address to the membership thanking them for the fine cooperation received, President Paul L. Udell turned the meeting over to J. W. Simons, newly elected president, who introduced the three new directors, L. B. Sinclair, Chas. Hunter and Robert Pease, each of whom made a short address.

Given Vote of Thanks

The retiring president and directors were given a rising vote of thanks for the duties performed in office during the past year.

A communication from the Chicago & North Western Railway advising that the sidewalk and crossing at Elm place had been repaired in accordance with our request, was read and ordered placed on file.

The resignation of Edward M. Laing, 543 Central avenue was read and accepted, and on motion of Paul Udell the secretary was instructed to write Mr. Laing a letter of acceptance with the regrets of the chamber.

The reading of Article 3, Section 1 of the by-laws of this organization was read, and the secretary instructed to read same for the third time at the January meeting.

In the absence of J. B. Garnett, chairman of the Christmas Lighting committee, Harry Reynolds made a report as to the progress made.

Lighting Problem

Gerrit Thorne made a motion and seconded by Herman Denzel that a letter be written the city officials asking that some lighting plan be devised whereby the flagman at Central avenue in Highland Park and Deerfield road in Blodgett on the railroads be made more visible.

On motion of Lyle Gourley, President Simons appointed L. B. Sinclair, Les Stanger and Fred Geiser as a committee to work with the city regarding stop lights at St. Johns and Central avenues, St. Johns and Sheridan road, and Vine avenue and Green Bay road.