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FUNERAL SERVICES FOR EDW. M. LAING

Held Tuesday at Sunset Valley
Where Sudden Death Ended
Useful Life Friday

The funeral services for Edward M. Laing, for more than 35 years a leader in civic progress in Highland Park were held at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday morning in the clubhouse of the Sunset Valley Golf club of which he was president. Members of the Highland Park East Park board were honorary pallbearers. Mr. Laing was superintendent of the park district.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Frank Fitt, former minister of the Highland Park Presbyterian church, who came from Grosse Point, Mich., to officiate at the obsequies of his old friend. The pallbearers, friends and colleagues of the deceased, were Edward Brown, Earl Purdy, Fred Richman, John Huhnke, John L. Udell and Mr. J. C. Dwyer, the latter of Chicago, a former employee of Mr. Laing in Highland Park contracting work.

The honorary pallbearers, members of the Park board, were Milton Hardacre, Everett L. Millard, Clarence H. Witt, Fred Silber and S. A. St. Peter and the board's attorney, Bowen Schumacher.

Pays Fitting Tribute

Mr. Fitt in a few well chosen words paid a fitting tribute to the life and deeds of the man who had spent a large share of his life in activities beneficial to his home community and who was held in highest esteem by his fellow citizens for his faithfulness, integrity and efficiency, his loyalty and his varied and notable capabilities.

Interment was in Rosehill cemetery.

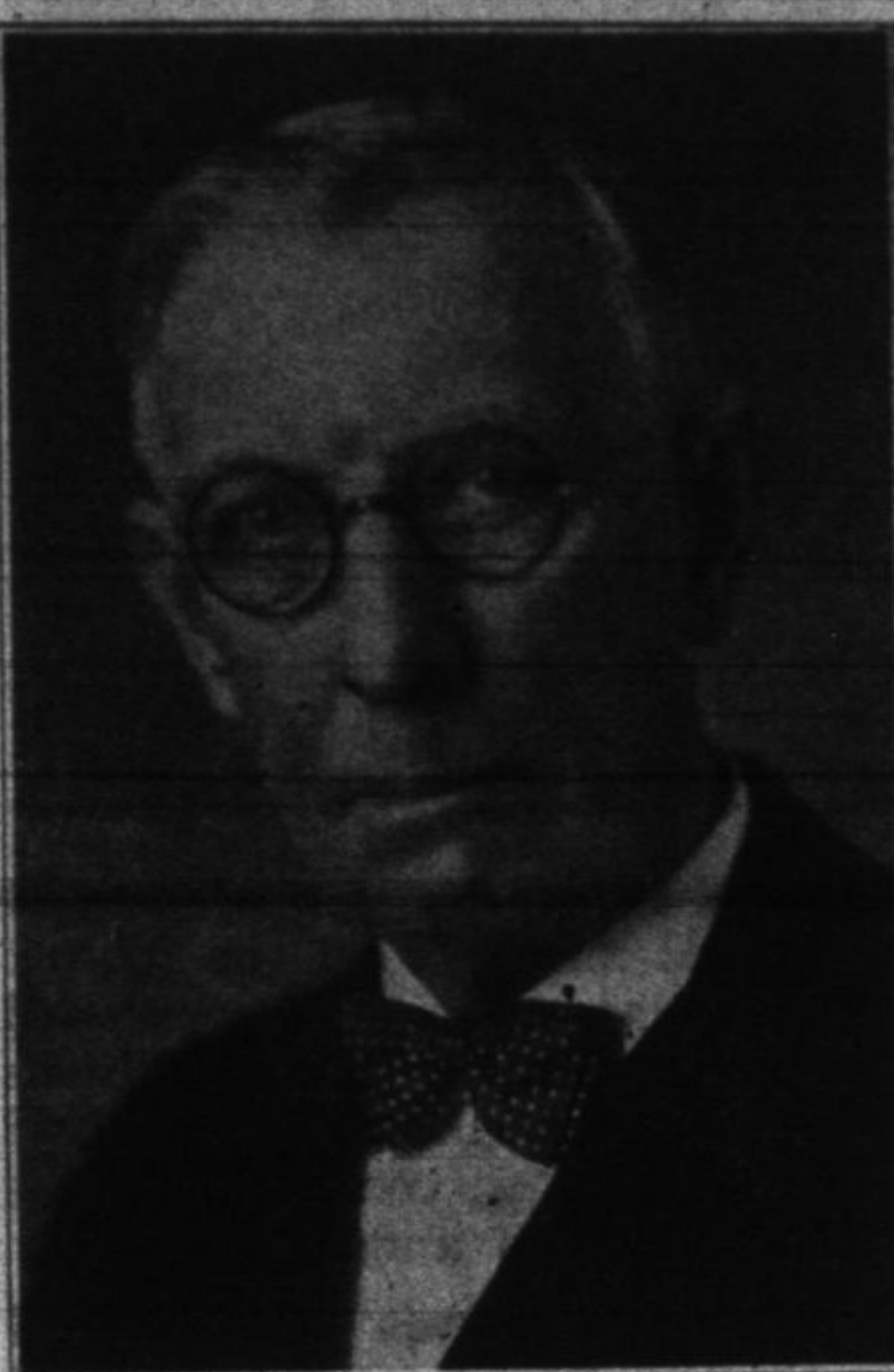
Death Is Sudden

Edward M. Laing died last Friday afternoon of heart trouble from which he had suffered for years. The
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Pledge Your Papers for Relief

This Saturday morning, the 21st, a Boy Scout will call in the name of relief at the door of every home in the community with a card for the patrols at each home to sign pledging to save the old newspapers and magazines for the Scouts to collect each month, starting Dec. 12. The papers when collected will be sold and the money turned over 100% to the local fund for emergency relief. The people of this community are asked to cooperate with the Scouts in making this relief project a fine success. This campaign is being sponsored by your local publishing company, printer of the Highland Park Press.

FAITHFUL TO THE END



Edward M. Laing, president of Sunset Valley Golf club and Supt. of East park district, whose sudden death came while on active duty at Sunset Valley last Friday ended a career of civic service to his community covering 35 years. Funeral services were held at Sunset Valley club house Tuesday afternoon, and burial was in Rosehill cemetery.

H. P. All-Stars Play Lake Forest Team on Thanksgiving at L.F.

Fans who have been following the brilliant record of the Highland Park Press All-Stars on the football field this fall are promised one of the best games of the season on Thanksgiving Day, when the Stars go to Lake Forest to play the Lake Forest Young Men's club eleven on Farwell field. The game will start at 2:15 o'clock, and is sure to be a thriller.

The All-Stars are in fine condition and have been going strong throughout the season, and the same can be said of the Lake Forest team which has made a notable season's record. When these two fast teams mixing next Thursday there is certain to be a real football exhibition.

It is expected that a large number of fans who have followed the All-Stars throughout the season will accompany the team to Lake Forest for the Thanksgiving game.

Highwood C. of C. Holds Meeting Tonight

The regular dinner meeting of the Highwood Chamber of Commerce is being held this evening in the Highwood cafe at 6:30 o'clock.

After dinner the members will adjourn to the Santi building where the regular meeting will convene. All members are urged to attend.

Fine Tributes To Worth Of The Late E. M. Laing Tendered by Colleagues

Highland Park, Nov. 16, 1931
The passing of Edward M. Laing has left a vacancy in our community difficult to realize at this time. He was a man of broad vision and never spared himself in carrying out his many enterprises.

He will be missed more and more as time goes on and his many friends, and especially the children of Highland Park, whom he loved, have lost a devoted friend.

He left many evidences of his ability, of which perhaps the Sunset Valley golf course and the improvements around the City Hall and Library buildings are outstanding.

The commissioners of the Highland Park East Park district have lost a loyal adviser and associate who cannot be replaced.

M. J. Hardacre, President,
Highland Park East Park Dist.
Another Tribute

November 13, 1931
Editor, the Highland Park Press:
Highland Park, Illinois

"Today I addressed a letter to Edward M. Laing, our president, concerning plans for the next season of the Sunset Valley Golf club, which he discussed with us at our board meeting, three evenings ago, when he enthusiastically showed us the sketches he had drawn of new greens for the course.

"Tonight I learn of his death — an incalculable loss to the thous-
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North Shore Chorus Prepares Cantata

The North Shore chorus for mixed voices rehearse at the Y. W. C. A. each Monday evening from 7:45 to 9:30. A special membership ticket is offered for \$1.00, membership privileges extend to Jan. 18.

The chorus is directed by Mrs. Lawrence Meyer, accompanist Mrs. Paul Downing. A special Christmas Cantata to be given Sunday, Dec. 13 is being prepared. It is not too late to take advantage of this special membership offer, we hope all members will be out Monday as well as many new ones.

Dr. L. W. Sherwin Begins Pastorate Here Sunday at Presbyterian Church

Dr. Louis W. Sherwin, recently called to the pastorate of the Highland Park Presbyterian church, to succeed the Rev. Frank Fitt, who resigned to accept a call to a church in Grosse Point, a suburb of Detroit, will preach his first sermon in the Highland Park church next Sunday morning.

He and his wife and daughter Virginia are motoring here from Auburn, N. Y. They will reside at the Moraine hotel until the manse is completed.

PHONE INVENTED BY HIGHLAND PARK MAN

Friend of Elisha Gray, Said to
Have Been Inventor,
Speaks Nov. 24

Mr. Charles A. Brown, who was manager of the Western Electric company in Professor Elisha Gray's time, and knew him well, and is now a prominent patent lawyer in Chicago, has made a very exhaustive study of the whole question of the invention of the telephone and will give its complete history at eight o'clock on Tuesday evening next, Nov. 24, in the auditorium of the new Library building and the public is cordially invited to hear him.

The question of the invention of the telephone has long been an open one, and while Professor Alexander Graham Bell has popularly been given the credit, there are many persons who insist that one of our own citizens, the late Professor Elisha Gray, of Highland Park, was the real inventor.

Files Description

Professor Gray, as the official records show, was certainly the first
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Santi Brings Suit for \$10,000 Damages

D. M. Cummings of Lake Forest, was made defendant Tuesday in a \$10,000 damage suit filed by Sam Santi, father of Stanley T. Santi, Highwood young man, killed in an accident several weeks ago.

Mr. Cummings' chauffeur was driving an auto which, it is alleged, was a contributing cause of the accident on Deerfield road, west of this city.

Praecipe in the suit was filed by the firm of Miller & Parnass of Waukegan.

Holiday Next Week; Get Copy in Early

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday next week the Highland Park Press will go to press earlier than usual, and for that reason it is essential that all news and advertising copy be in the Press office early next week. This is important.

Receives Invitation to Hoover Conference

Mrs. Howard G. Kornblith, Ravinia, for several years leader in the Highland Park Better Homes campaign, has received an invitation from President Hoover to attend the White House conference on home building, the first week in December.

She served as chairman of the Highland Park Better Homes group last spring when the model home erected by Deerfield-Shields High school students won first prize in the national contest.