

Evan Evans, a Native of Saxony, Passes At His Son's Home Here

With the passing of Evan Evans another of our true and substantial characters is laid to rest. His number of close friends was limited, but he had a host of acquaintances who will recall his cheery salutations and smiles which accompanied him wherever he went while on his daily walks in the surrounding country-side.



Evan Evans

Life had been none too kindly to the old gentleman because of his difficulty to become adjusted to a change from wealth in his early life, to poverty in his succeeding years when the family fortune was lost, but never a word of complaint passed his lips. He kept his troubles to himself and radiated an atmosphere of hope and faith.

Although born in Saxony, Germany, he was very proud of his Welch ancestors, and especially his grandfather, also named Evan Evans, who in about the year 1800, had been induced by the German government to migrate from Wales to Saxony and assist in the development of the spinning industry for which that locality is now famous.

The inventive genius and industrious of this Welchman resulted in his accumulating a fortune which passed on to his son, Eli Evans, the father of Evan.

On this rich estate in Geyer, Saxony, Evan was born July 1, 1857, and as a boy spent most of his time in the large seven-story stone factory which his Welch grandfather had built. While Evan was attending college, reverse overtook the family and about 1884 he, like many

others, came to America to seek his fortune. Destiny landed him penniless in the northlands of Wisconsin, handicapped by his earlier training, which proved valueless where only strong backs and a lumberman's skill were an asset; nevertheless he carried on. He married Marie Wohlleben at Butternut, Wis in 1888 and four children named Johanna, Richard, Rudolph, and Lowry, all of them now living in Highland Park, were born to this union.

After a few years, Milwaukee seemed to offer a better future. He moved his family to that city where he again had to endure great privations as the country was experiencing a severe depression. He finally obtained employment and with the help of his good wife they made ends meet. As the years went by the children grew up, were graduated from various public schools and in the meantime Evan had attempted the launching of several undertakings as the spirit of enterprise continued to flow in his veins. A business of his own was his greatest ambition but fate decreed otherwise. He lived in Milwaukee about 30 years and was for many employed by the Meinecke Toy Company.

About twelve years ago, Lowry, his youngest daughter, came to Highland Park. An opportunity presented itself to her to take over the Ritter Feed Store on North Second Street which she did. This brought the other Evans children and John Lidicker, the husband of Johanna. The name was changed to the Evans Feed Store. Rudolph Evans and John Lidicker became financially interested in it and finally Richard was induced to come and make his home here. For some time all assumed certain duties in the store but Rudolph and Richard having experience in other lines, soon left the store and pursued their former occupations, Rudolph as a representative of the Northwestern National Fire Insurance Company of Milwaukee, supervising northern Illinois, and Richard as a rubber stamp maker in Chicago.

Richard also endeavored to make the most of his line. In 1923 he applied for U. S. patents which were granted and additional patents have been awarded to him in later years. He presented a plan for commercializing the invention to his brother and sisters, who, in true Evans style, furnished the necessary finances with which to proceed with the venture.

Needless to say that Evan, the father, still residing in Milwaukee, who as a boy had experienced the pleasure of achievement, became enthused in his son's invention. He instinctively became inspired with its large possibilities and appreciated the blessings a successful business brings as he had in his youth experienced them.

Both mother and father also came to Highland Park, making their home with their children.

The promoting of any new, revolutionary idea, however, is a most disheartening and painful experience, and it was during the many years of bitter trials that the hope, faith and moral support of Evan was of such wonderful help to his boy. His confidence never wavered and his pleas for patience and performance found a responsive chord in Richard, who, for all these years, inspired by his father's kind words, has been doing everything in his power to carry the company through the present disastrous depression, and is succeeding. His improved method of making rubber stamps has proven its merits in the field and is now successfully being used in many parts of the United States. It scored a success at the 1933 World's Fair in Chicago.

In recent years the health of Evan Evans began to fail. The death of his wife on January 27, 1926, was a painful experience which he bore in silence. Evatype, his son's invention, together with the progress of the American Evatype Corporation, furnished a great interest in his life until death, when a better life came to claim him at 1:30 p.m. May 13, 1934, at the home of his son Richard.

During life it was the desire of Evan Evans to witness the American Evatype Corporation, of which he was one of the founders, become a large national institution, and although he is gone, the members of his family will carry on in an effort to make his wish come true.

In his last days he was under the able care of the family physician, Dr. Johnston Davis of Deerfield, and the splendid care of a trained nurse, Mrs. Pauline V. Botker of Highland Park. He is survived by four children and six grandchildren.

The departed received personal service by funeral director R. Lauer of Northbrook and before interment rested in the home of Rudolph B. Evans. The mourners, with sincerest thanks, accept the bountiful gifts of beautiful flowers and expressions of sympathy from their many relatives and friends.

Funeral services, officiated by the Reverend Frederick G. Piepenbrock, commenced at 2 p.m. May 15, 1934, at the home, and mourners and friends thereafter accompanied the departed to St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Deerfield, where the church service was held and in which Mrs. Sallach contributed comfort in a beautiful song. Thereafter the departed was laid to rest in Mooney's Cemetery, Highland Park.—Contributed.

Roland H. Bradley Is Speaker At Meeting of Local Legion Post

Roland H. Bradley, speaking before the last regular meeting of Dumaresq Post of the American Legion, outlined the Legion's program for the balance of the year, the major part of which will be devoted to Americanism with an extensive campaign against socialism and communism.

Mr. Bradley, who is a member of the Americanism committee of the Department of Illinois, advised that all Legion posts get behind a movement to have legislation enacted in Illinois requiring that all teachers in public schools sign an oath to uphold and defend the national and state constitutions. He related his experiences in speaking at a meeting held last week at the University of Illinois which was sponsored by the American League against War and Fascism, this being the same organization, 700 members of which petitioned against similar legislation in New York. The spokesman for the league, Mr. Bradley related, advocated that the American flag be ripped to shreds, and that the Constitution be torn in small bits.

Asked why so many names of ministers appeared on rostrums of pacifist and socialist organizations, Mr. Bradley explained that the clergy in their earnest desire to promote peace and happiness, easily were sold by the surface appearances of these subversive organizations.

In reply to an inquiry by one of the Legionnaires, Mr. Bradley mentioned that he had been acquainted with Harry Jung, who spoke recently in Highland Park, for 10 years, that as an orator Mr. Jung was one of the world's worst, but that any statement made by him was certain to be backed up by documentary evidence as he had probably the most complete library in existence on Communism and radicalism, the sale of which he has refused for several hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Bradley went on to say that reports tending to place Mr. Jung in the employ of Wall Street or of any political parties were absolutely false, that he supports himself as a "Professional Patriot," a desirable term used by the radicals implicating that it is impossible to make any money by being a patriot. "These same radicals," Bradley said, "deem it perfectly proper for such of their own as Carl Haessler to make a living by teaching and writing for Communism."

Mr. Bradley gave some interesting details concerning Dr. Wirt, the Gary educator who charged the brain trust at Washington with treasonable utterances. Mr. Bradley spent a great deal of time with the doctor before his trip to Washington and on his return had him speak at the Advertisers Post in Chicago. "Suppression of free speech is already a fact," stated the speaker, "for after all arrangements were made to have Dr. Wirt's talk broadcast a long arm reached out from some where and squelched it entirely."—By Ivan R. Peterson, chairman of publicity.

Junior Auxiliary Has Mother's Day Meeting

The junior activity group of the American Legion Auxiliary held its last meeting Saturday, May 12, at 2 p.m. The members entertained the mothers in honor of Mother's Day. Bridge and 500 were played. Prizes were awarded highest scorers. Each mother was presented a carnation. At this meeting the juniors were surprised by being presented with their uniform caps by Mrs. Mary McCarthy.

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Action On Proposed Liquor Ordinance Is Postponed By Council

With civic organizations, country clubs and private citizens protesting the proposed Highland Park liquor control ordinance as a "prohibitive and confiscatory" measure, the city council Monday night postponed action on the measure until a later date.

Many were present to register protest against passage of the ordinance, which would impose a \$750 annual license fee on restaurants and hotels selling beer or liquors and which would set the license for taverns at \$7,500.

The Highland Park Chamber of Commerce protested against the measure. H. M. Lauthman, Chicago attorney, a resident of Highland Park, appeared as representative of the country clubs inside the city limits. The license regulations, he stated, would prevent country clubs selling liquor merely as an accommodation to their members, from continuing to do so.

The country clubs which will be affected if the ordinance is passed are Old Elm, Exmoor, Sunset Valley, Bob O'Link and Northmoor. All of these are inside the city limits.

Wholesale beer dealers stated that the license fee would prevent them from continuing in business.

The opposition speakers urged the council to permit the community to have liquor under the "honor system" now existing until next spring, when there will be a referendum.

Highwood Junior Team To Play Deerfield Nine

On Friday, May 18, the Highwood Junior Legion baseball team will play at the foot of North Avenue, Highwood, and the Highwood Junior Drum and Bugle Corps will play several selections at the ball field. Members of the Drum and Bugle Corps will assemble at the Highwood Park and march to the field. The public is invited to attend.

The game to be played will be between the Highwood Junior Legion baseball team and the Deerfield Legion Junior baseball team.

James Golding Is Hurt In Crash In Waukegan

James Golding, of North First Street, Highland Park, was painfully hurt in this city Thursday night of last week when his auto crashed into the rear of another machine at a stop light at the corner of Vine Avenue and Green Bay Road.

The other machine was being driven by Jens Jensen, employed at the Elmwood Dairy Farm on Old Mill Road, and when his car was struck, the gasoline tank exploded and the machine was destroyed by fire. Mr. Jensen escaped uninjured.

In the impact, Mr. Golding was thrown through the windshield of his car, receiving cuts about the face. He was taken to the Highland Park Hospital for treatment.

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