

A Tribute

Editor's Note: Below is a brief biographical sketch of Mrs. S. H. Wilkie, who died on October 15. It is from the pen of her nephew, Frederick Hall of Dundee, Illinois, merchant and author. This tribute to Mrs. Wilkie is unusually direct and sincere, being written by one who knew and loved her almost from the day of his birth.

THE LONG DAY'S ENDING

On Wednesday, October 15, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. P. B. Kohlsaat, of Winnetka, the long life of Mrs. Sophronia (Harvey) Wilkie came to its triumphant end.

Of a patriarchal family of eight children, whose descendants have rendered distinguished service in many fields, Sophronia Harvey was born in Herkimer County, New York, in 1835 and in 1842 preceded the others of the household into what was then the New West. The vanguard of the family migration was led by an uncle who, to relieve of at least one extra charge the brother who was to follow, took with him the child of seven, chosen (it is related) because she was deemed too young to be helpful to her parents and too old to demand the care which was the right of the younger ones. It was an epic journey, the long pilgrimage in which their shifting home was a covered wagon and every day's advance a forward thrust of civilization, and its scenes were imprinted deeply upon the child's plastic memory. A year later she was joined by father and mother, brothers and sisters, and the re-united family established itself upon a farm in the Fox River valley, which the close of the Black Hawk war had but a few years before opened for settlement. In this vicinity the years of her happy childhood were spent.

Early in her young womanhood she was married in Elgin, Illinois, to Daniel O. Wilkie. She knew the joys and the responsibilities of wifehood and motherhood; time brought the sorrows and burdens of widowhood. Two sons preceded her into the unknown. There remained of her immediate family her daughter, Mrs. Caroline Wilkie Kohl-

saat, of Winnetka, and two sisters, Mrs. Frances Harvey Bentley and Mrs. Sarah Harvey Hall, of Berkeley, California; these of her own blood, and beside them a host of relatives and friends to whom she was dear.

It is exceptional for one living into the ninetieth year to retain a mental vigor and lively interest in everything around her. For these particular qualities and for her unusual sensitiveness to sight and sound, her innate joy in and devotion to what was fine and beautiful in every field, and her intolerance of anything that was less than the best, Mrs. Wilkie was noteworthy.

The philosophy of her later years was not merely the serene resignation of one who beside the silent sea waits the muffled oar. She was never passive. To the end she was active in thought, in responsiveness, and in unselfish service to those about her. To the end hers was a strenuous faith, unconvinced that whatever is right, seeing in every imperfection a challenge and a promise, a faith that by its unswerving devotion to the highest standards did valiant battle for ever better things and won for her who held it a place among those "who live again in minds made better by their presence....Whose music is the gladness of the world."

Mrs. John F. Danley of 278 Scott avenue gave an informal evening party, with dancing and bridge, at her home, on Thursday, October 30.

Skokie Hallowe'en Fete Veritable Riot of Fun

The bars of discipline were lowered for a time at the Skokie school Friday afternoon when the pupils and faculty joined in an old fashioned party.

The entertainment comprised eight acts and a grand finale trip through the dungeon to the deep well. The latest style in stamps was shown by Betty Barber, Virginia Taylor and company; Mary Alice Stoddard, Janice Fisher and company were the green goblins. John and Isabel Milton were a fine pair of dwarfs; the Stunt club put on the Fatal Quest. The boys' glee clubs burlesqued "Mikado," and Ruth Root headed the company of funsters who burlesqued the faculty members. Janet Marshall and Margaret Poyberg staged the feminine equivalent of a famous rider and called their stunt "Pauline Revere."

The Dream on Hallowe'en, staged by Elizabeth Dunlap, J. Marshall, M. Gordon and company, showed the ease with which the witch on her broomstick jumped over the moon and the nice pumpkin-headed ghosts who lured the weak-kneed children to her weird and hideous caves.

Speed Courts Find List of Offenders Is Reduced

Magistrate C. T. Northrop and Justice B. A. Nelson have been meeting a smaller number of speeders during the past two weeks. The whole-

sale arrests made during the summer has apparently spread the news among motorists who pass through Winnetka of the rigid enforcement hereabouts and their conduct in this domain has been in most instances quite above reproach.

During the past week the following

were fined for speeding: H. H. Smith, \$5 and costs; F. W. Brown, \$5 and costs; Ray Mann, \$5 and costs; Otto Andeberg, \$15 and costs; Raymond Rowley, Chicago, \$10 and costs; Charles Franklin, Highland Park, \$25 and costs on a charge of reckless driving.

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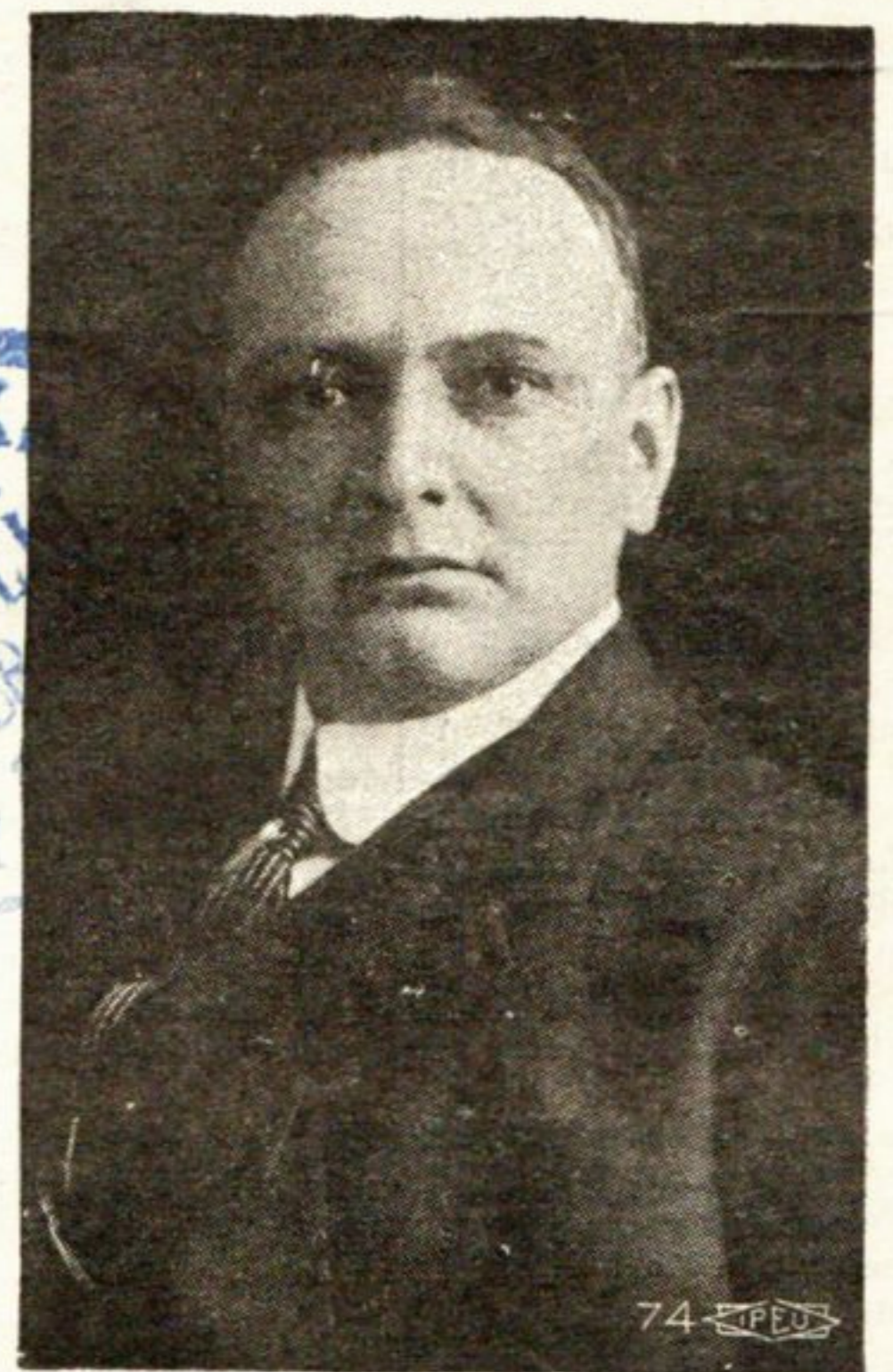
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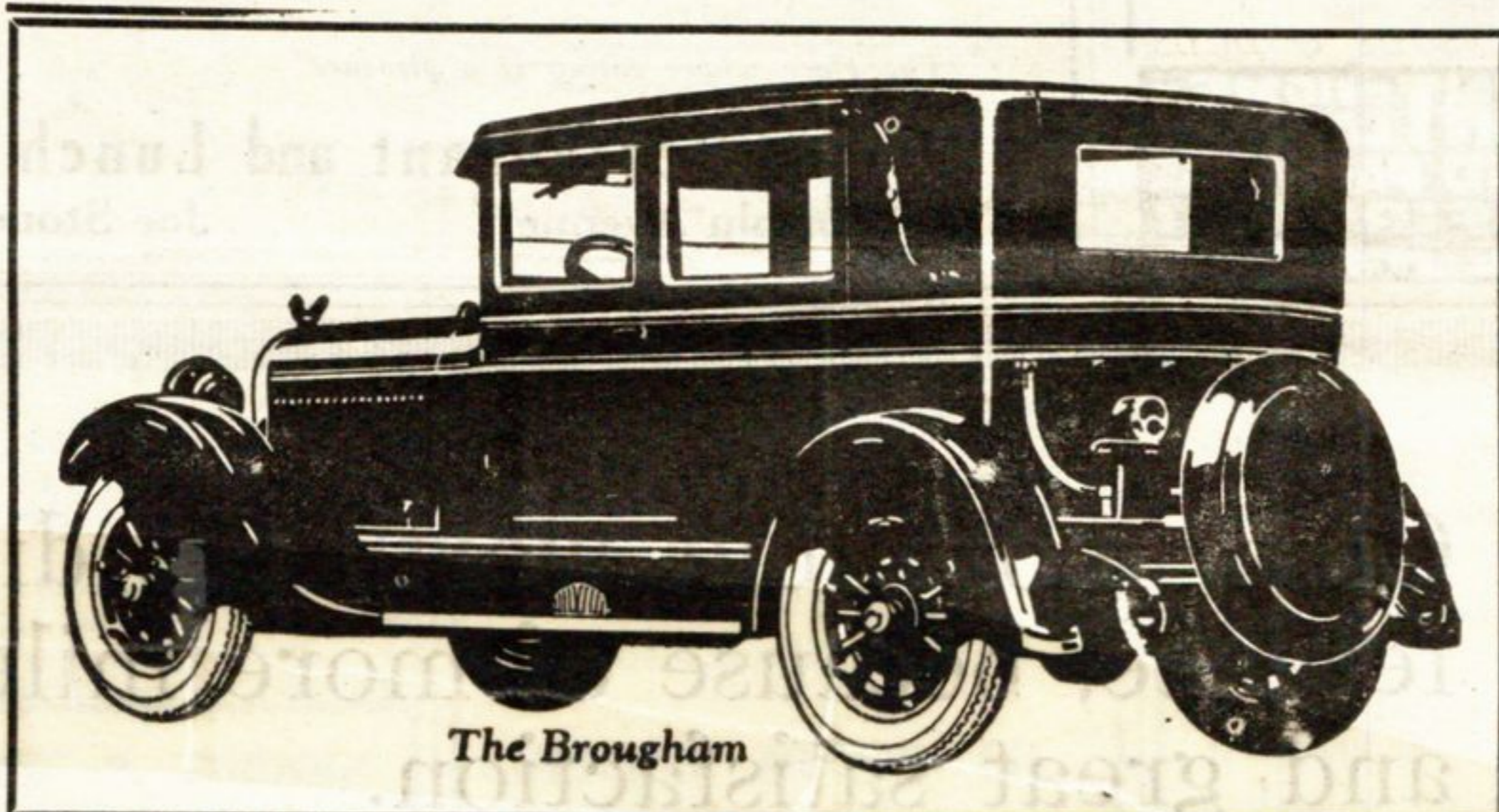
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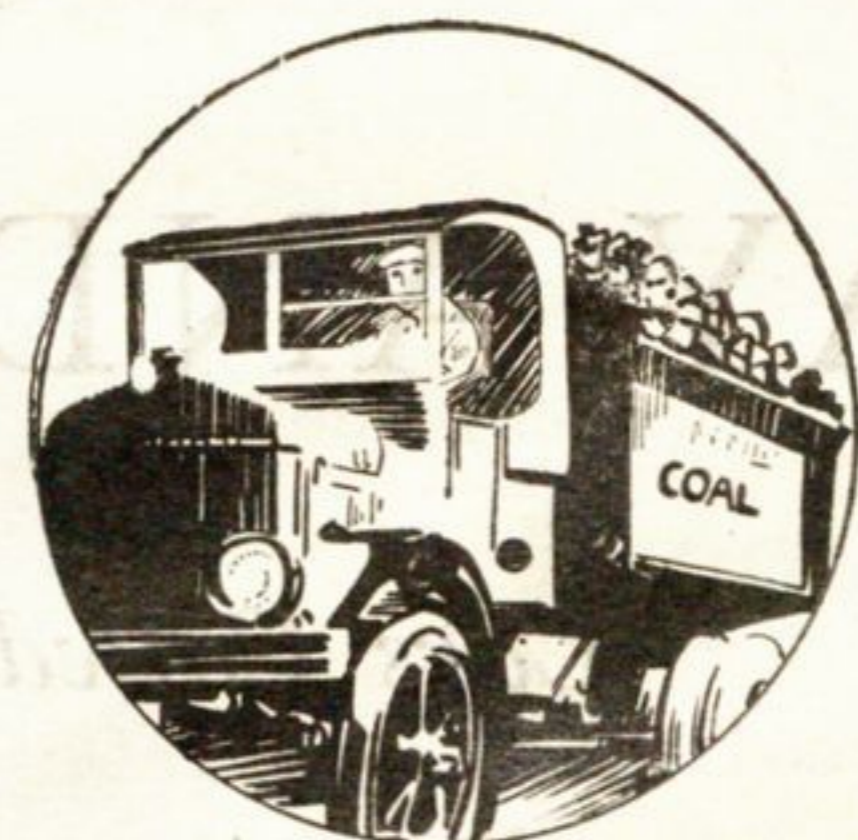
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