

ILLNESS FATAL TO H. R. BROWN

Former Principal of New Trier High School Victim of Internal Cancer

SERVED HERE 9 YEARS

School Saw Big Growth Under His Direction

News of the death of Henry E. Brown, for nine years principal of New Trier High school and known throughout the Middle West as a leader in secondary education, has brought sorrow to his host of friends in this section.

Mr. Brown died on Sunday, May 17, at his home 905 N. Cheyenne avenue, Tulsa, Okla., after an illness of less than four weeks. Previous to that time, he had seemed to be in good health but began to experience trouble with his eyes and went to the Mayo Brothers at Rochester, Minn., where his ailment was diagnosed as internal cancer, and incurable.

After leaving New Trier in 1919, Mr. Brown entered the firm of Lynn and Darby, oil producers in Tulsa and later the firm changed to Darby and Brown when he became one of the partners. He made rapid progress in his new business and became well known throughout the oil belt.

Came Here in 1910

In 1910, Mr. Brown came to New Trier from Rock Island, Ill., and began a career of energetic administration during the period in which the school grew from an enrollment of less than 400 to more than 1,000 students and extensive building projects were put through successfully. At that time there were only 23 teachers on the faculty and the buildings consisted only of the present main building without the northwest wing.

He immediately undertook a program of expansion and six new buildings were put up beside the wing of the main building. He favored the one-story plan, which had been untried in high schools of the country except in California. His work brought him wide recognition and for several years he served as secretary of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and was also secretary of the Illinois High School Athletic association.

During his administration, student councils, literary organizations, the Parent-Teacher association, a good school paper, a strong faculty, good athletics and a fine school spirit were developed.

Saw War Camp Service

In 1918 he asked leave from New

Trier to enter government service and served as secretary of the War Camp Community service at St. Paul, Minn., until 1919 when he resigned from the local faculty.

Mr. Brown, even after his departure from the north shore, recalled his years here as among his happiest. In a letter from Mrs. Brown to Prof. George Harper she writes: "You understand so well how dear to our hearts New Trier and the kind friends there are. Henry and I have always regarded the time there as the most beautiful part of our lives."

Mr. Brown is survived by his wife and two children, Meritt, 16, who is graduating from the High School at Tulsa this spring, and Betty, 12, who is finishing the grade schools.

Rathbone to Address Music Trades Meeting

Program arrangements for what probably will be the greatest convention to be held in Chicago this year have been announced by the committee in charge of the silver jubilee convention of the music trades of America meeting at the Drake hotel, June 8 to 11. The program includes a music merchants' banquet, with Henry R. Rathbone, congressman-at-large from

Illinois, and a resident of Kenilworth, as principal speaker; a series of noon-day luncheons which will be presided over by prominent tradesmen from the four sections of the country, and a frolic of the Chicago Piano club, scheduled for Thursday evening, the last day of the convention.

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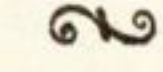
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