

Horace Reynolds Hobart Dies at Evanston Hotel

Horace Reynolds Hobart, 89, for many years a figure in the newspaper life of Chicago, died Sunday of pneumonia at the North Shore hotel in Evanston, where he had lived with his daughter, Miss Helen Hobart. A son, Ralph Hastings Hobart, who is connected with the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company, resides at 660 Prospect avenue, Winnetka.

Mr. Hobart was born in Beloit, Wis., in 1839. He received his early education there and was also an alumnus of Beloit college. He served in the Civil war with the first Wisconsin cavalry until he was wounded and mustered out of service. In 1872 he married Miss Emma Hastings in Chicago.

Starting out as a reporter on the Chicago Tribune in 1866, Mr. Hobart later was city editor of the Chicago Evening Post, managing editor of the Chicago Evening Mail, western manager of the American Press association, editor of the Chicago Morning Courier, editor and joint owner of the Jacksonville, Ill., Daily Journal, and editor of Railway Age.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the chapel of the First Congregational church, Evanston, with the Rev. Hugh Elmer Brown officiating. Mr. Hobart was a member of this church for more than thirty years, served as a deacon for a number of years, and in 1926 was made deacon emeritus. Burial was at Graceland.

Mrs. Jessie Forgan Ott Called by Death Dec. 15

Mrs. Jessie Wilhelmina Forgan Ott, 17 Indian Hill road, Winnetka, died Saturday at the Evanston hospital. Mrs. Ott was the wife of John Nash Ott, attorney for the First National Bank of Commerce. She had been ill in the Presbyterian hospital last summer, but was later able to go to her summer home in northern Wisconsin. Eight weeks ago she was taken to the hospital in Evanston.

Mrs. Ott, who was 48 years old, was the daughter of the late James B. Forgan, Chicago banker. She is survived by her husband, a son, John Nash Ott, Jr., and two daughters, Mary Katherine and Dorothy Wilhelmina Ott. For some years Mrs. Ott had been active in settlement work carried on under the auspices of Northwestern university.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Winnetka Congregational church, with Dr. J. W. F. Davies officiating. Burial was at Graceland cemetery.

BASEMENT BLAZE

Fire in the basement of the W. A. McKinney residence, 1200 Chatfield road, Monday night at 11:30 was responsible for damages estimated at about \$200. The fire was confined to the basement, and was thought to have been caused by a defective electrical drop cord. No other fires were reported in Winnetka this week up to Thursday night.

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