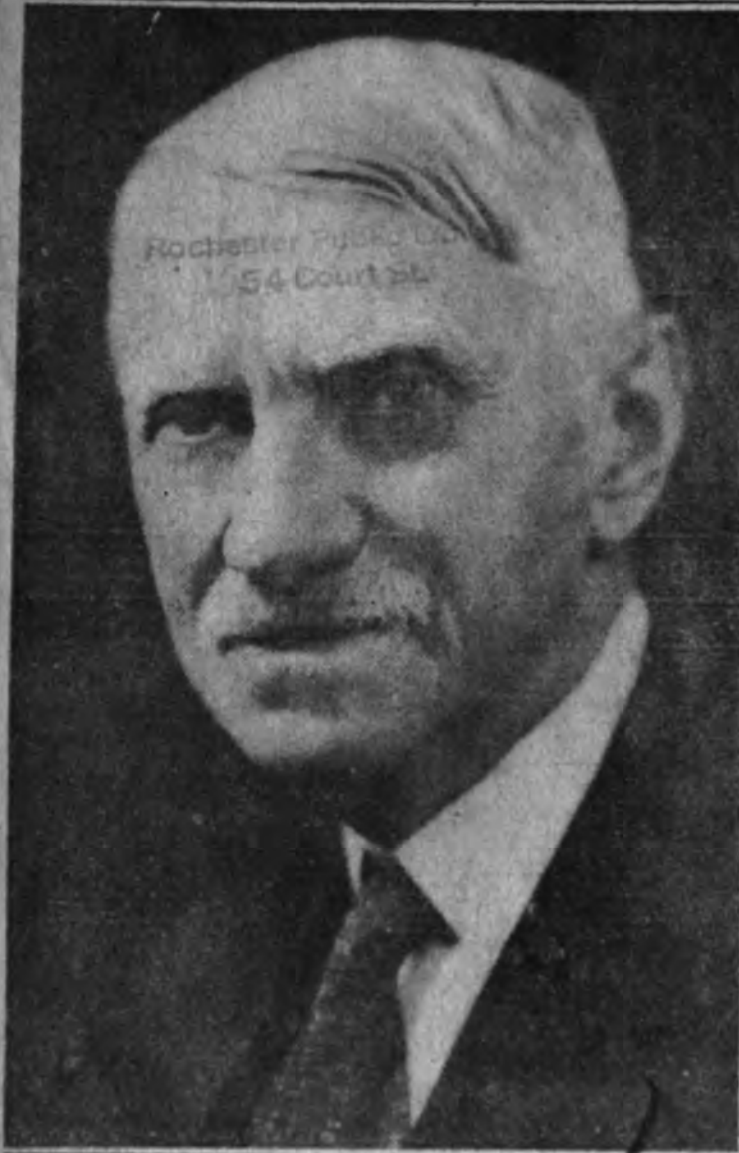


Dec. 30, 1855—April 5, 1935

Rochester Biographies
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Dr. Charles Russell Barber

Rochester Public Library
54 Court St.

Dr. Charles Russell Barber, 79, one of the oldest physicians and surgeons in Rochester and Monroe County, died this morning, Apr. 5, 1935, at his residence, 5 East Boulevard.

Doctor Barber is survived by three daughters, Miss Ruth C. Barber of Rochester, Mrs. Neil McMillan of Scarsdale, N. Y., and Mrs. David C. Naramore of Rochester, and four grandchildren, David Copeland Naramore, Jr., Charles Barber Naramore, and Emily and Barbara Naramore of Rochester.

The funeral will be held next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the house, the Rev. Dr. Andrew Gillies of the Third Presbyterian Church officiating.

Doctor Barber, accompanied by his daughter, Ruth, left here on Jan. 15 last for Tucson, Ariz., intending to remain there until late spring. Shortly after his arrival in Arizona, Doctor Barber became ill and was admitted to the Desert Sanitorium at Tucson, where he became a patient of Dr. Louis B. Baldwin, formerly of Rochester.

His condition improved somewhat and he returned to Rochester last Friday night accompanied by Miss Barber and Mrs. McMillan. His condition became more serious yesterday.

Doctor Barber was married in 1883 to Miss Merron McConnell of Rochester, who died in October, 1930.

Born in Wyoming

Doctor Barber was born in Wyoming, N. Y., Dec. 30, 1855, the son of Russell and Pamela Fisher Barber. He was a lineal descendant of Thomas Barber, who came from England to Windsor, Conn., in 1635. He was educated in Middlebury Academy, Wyoming, and at the University of Rochester, from which he was graduated in 1879. In the fall of the same year he entered Bellevue Medical College of New York University, studying there for two years. He then entered the Medical College of the University of Buffalo, graduating in 1883 with the degree of doctor of medicine.

**DEATH CLAIMS
DR. BARBER AT
HIS HOME HERE**

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Following his graduation, Doctor Barber practiced for six months at Perry Center and in 1883 came to Rochester to begin the practice, which, in later years, was to bring him distinction and renown in the medical world.

Because of his keen observances in medical life and affairs, Doctor Barber soon developed an active interest in civic undertakings, and was selected as a member of the city's old Park Board, which was later replaced by a salaried commissioner. Doctor Barber in 1907 founded the Park Avenue Hospital and Registered Training School for Nurses. He was the first head of the hospital and became president of its board of directors in 1920. He retired last year.

A life-long Republican, he was elected presidential elector from the 38th Congressional District in 1924, and was honored by the New York State Electoral College in January, 1925, by selection as temporary chairman of the meeting which cast electoral votes for Calvin Coolidge as President of the United States.

On Iola Board

Doctor Barber served for many years on the Board of Managers of Iola Sanitorium. He was appointed as a member of the sanitorium board in 1916 to serve the unexpired term of Dr. John Whitbeck, who died in that year. At the expiration of that term, Oct. 1, 1920, he was reappointed for five years and continued to serve on the board until Jan. 2, 1935, when a Democratic majority in the Board of Supervisors replaced him with a Democrat. He had served as vice-president of the board since 1926.

When the executive committee of the Monroe County Hospital was created Aug. 9, 1923, by William E. Porter, then county superintendent of the poor, Doctor Barber was selected as one of the three members. The others were Dr. Thomas A. Killip, former coroner, now dead, and Dr. John H. Stapleton, formerly surgeon of police and fire departments. Doctor Barber continued his service to this institution until Jan. 1, 1935, when he resigned.

Doctor Barber served as president of the Medical Society of the County of Monroe, the Rochester Pathological Society, and the Academy of Medicine. He served many years on the legislative committee of the New York State Medical Society and was also a member of the Genesee Valley Club, University Club, Oak Hill Country Club, Third Presbyterian Church, New York State Medical Society, Rochester Historical Society, the American Medical Association and Theta Delta Chi fraternity.

**String Ensemble
Younder Passes**

**Harry Bastianelli Drops
Dead in Store**

D. & G. 887-12 1934

Originator of the string ensemble, "Bastianelli Trio," Harry Bastianelli, 73, of 310 Seneca Parkway, is dead today. He was stricken with a heart attack in a downtown store yesterday afternoon, and died in a few minutes. Helen Bastianelli, his daughter, was with him.

His love of music inspired the stringed combination whose members first included two daughters and a son. During the past few years, however, his daughter Helen and two other young women have carried on.

Surviving is one other daughter, Mrs. Charles Holzwarth.

**Dr. Charles Barber,
Surgeon, Founder of
Hospital, Dies Here**

Taken Ill Early in Year on Visit to Arizona—
First Head of Park Avenue Institution
—Native of Wyoming, N. Y.—
Came to City in 1883

**SON, DAUGHTER
GET ESTATE OF
MRS. BAUSCH**
D.C. Mar. 22 '35

**\$500 Bequests Go To
Sister and Three
Grandchildren**

Mrs. Florence B. Hallauer, 201 Rutgers Street, and 12th Ward Supervisor Carl R. Bausch, 327 Barrington Street, head of E. E. Bausch & Son Company, retail opticians and optometrists, inherit the bulk of the estate of their mother, Mrs. Mary L. Bausch.

This was revealed on probate of her will by Surrogate Joseph M. Feely yesterday.

Mrs. Bausch, who lived at the Rutgers Street address, was the widow of George R. Bausch, who died nine years ago. Mrs. Bausch died Mar. 13 at the age of 73, leaving \$14,400 in realty and \$19,105 in personal property.

Her husband was a son of Edward E. Bausch, founder of the retail stores, and Edward E. Bausch was a brother of John Jacob Bausch, one of the founders of the Bausch & Lomb Optical Company.

Carl R. Bausch and Carl S. Hallauer, son-in-law and a director of the Bausch & Lomb Company, were named executors.

Under terms of Mrs. Bausch's will, dated June 3, 1927, her daughter is to receive the homestead and personal effects, her share being estimated at \$14,750. The son was bequeathed the residue, placed at \$13,791.44.

To each of three grandchildren, Richmond and Shirley Bausch, and Nancy Hallauer, Mrs. Bausch bequeathed \$500 and a like sum was left to a sister, Miss Ida H. Borneman, 201 Rutgers Street. Jacob Ark was attorney for the estate.



RICHARD W. BEMISH

**R. W. BEMISH,
LAUNDRY FIRM
FOUNDER, DIES**

Richard W. Bemish, founder of the Rochester Laundry Company and long active in the civic and fraternal life of the city, died yesterday in his home, Wilsonia Apartments, 56 Chestnut Street. He was 79.

Most of Mr. Bemish's life was spent in this city. After being graduated from the public schools, he was employed as a grocery clerk in Salmon's store, Clinton Avenue North. Later he became a bookkeeper for Burke, Fitzsimons, Hone & Company, where he stayed a number of years. He married Ella McMannis, who survives him, in 1884, and shortly afterward went to Columbus, Ohio, where he bought a 99-cent store and operated it as a bazaar nine years.

On his return to Rochester he founded the laundry company and continued as its president until he retired about 10 years ago.

Mr. Bemish was a charter member of the Protectives, and ran to many Rochester fires, helping to pull the Protective cart by a rope. Members of that organization will be honorary bearers at the funeral. For many years he was a member of the Washington Club. He and Mrs. Bemish were

members first of Park Avenue Baptist Church, and when that was merged with Baptist Temple, they joined that congregation. He was a former trustee of the Temple. He also was a 32d degree Mason and Shrine member.

Besides his widow, he leaves a sister, Mrs. Thomas Campbell, and a brother, Reuben H. Bemish. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m. Friday at 137 Chestnut Street, Rev. Frank G. Sayers, D. D., officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery.

**W. H. BEMISH,
STORE OFFICER,
DIES AGED 77**
Jan 7 '35 D.C.

William H. Bemish, 77, vice-president of the J. K. Post Drug Company, died last night in his home, 3505 St. Paul Boulevard after a lingering illness, being confined to his home for the last year and a half.

The company which was founded in 1839 by Isaac Post has remained in the family continuously since that time, Mrs. Bemish, present president being a granddaughter of the founder. Mr. Bemish became vicepresident about 15 years ago, but never worked in the store.

For half a century he had been a member of First Unitarian Church.

He leaves his wife, Georgia Post Bemish; two brothers, Reuben H. of Stamford, Conn., and Richard W. of this city; a sister, Mrs. Thomas Campbell of this city, and two nieces.

**A. E. BICKFORD
FUNERAL RITES
ARE ARRANGED**
D.C. Wed. Mar. 6, 1935

Funeral services for Addison E. Bickford, 78, who died Monday Mar. 4, 1935, in his home, 184 Laburnum Crescent, will be held in the home at 2 p. m. tomorrow with Rev. George E. Norton, STD, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, officiating.

Mr. Bickford was born in Oswego in 1856. He came to Rochester in 1879 and shortly afterwards founded the firm of Bickford Brothers Company, dealers in furniture, awnings and tents. He remained president of the company until 1914, when he sold his interests to Walter W. Bickford, his partner, since deceased. At that time the furniture department was sold to Howe & Rogers Company, with whom Mr. Bickford was associated until his death.

He was a member of St. Paul's Church, Optimist Club, the Protectives and life member of Frank R. Lawrence Lodge, F. & A. M.

Survivors are his wife, Fannie Elizabeth; five sons, Frederick Edwin, William Norton, Robert Foote, Lawrence Richardson and Edwin Cole Bickford; five daughters, Mrs. Harry A. May, Mrs. Clarence E. Curtice, Mrs. Gordon L. Brown and the Misses Marjorie Louise and Adelaide Cole Bickford; a sister, Miss Elizabeth F. Bickford; 21 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery.

That Sort of Man

Paul Blanshard, Commissioner of Accounts of New York City, roving inspector general for Mayor La Guardia, is one of the active, dynamic minds in the metropolis who always finds something more than his routine job to keep him busy.

We remember him well in Rochester where for several years he served as educational director of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers. A true Liberal in spirit he has become one of the most valuable of the group of young men attracted by La Guardia and the fight to wrest New York City from Tammany Hall.

Recently he completed, at the age of 43, his first year in the Brooklyn Law School and was among the 53 students who ended the year with averages of 90 or better. Despite the great responsibilities of his office Mr. Blanshard has been finding the time to attend law classes from 6 until 8 o'clock five evenings a week.

His Rochester friends will not be astonished at his undertaking a new and difficult study at his age, for he is that sort of man, blessed with an energetic and inquiring mind, tireless determination. It is to be hoped he ends his course with the same distinction and is admitted to the bar for it needs men of the Blanshard type.

**Paul Blanshard
Wins Honors as
Student of Law**
TO July 16 1935

Paul Blanshard, commissioner of accounts of the City of New York, and a former Rochesterian, is among the 53 students who completed the first year at the Brooklyn Law School with an average of 90 per cent or better. Dean William Payson Richardson announced yesterday.

Commissioner Blanshard, 43, entered the Brooklyn Law School in September, 1934, and attended the session from 6 to 8 o'clock, five nights each week. He is scheduled to be graduated with his class in June, 1937, with a degree of Bachelor of Laws. He is a native of Fredericksburg, Ohio, and was graduated with honors from the University of Michigan in 1914. He lives in the Hotel Montague, Brooklyn, and has two sons, Paul Jr. and Rufus Blanshard. His wife died recently.

RVF Rochester

Dr. F. W. Bock

Dies at 64, Ear Clinics Founder

May 4 '35

Rochester Public Library

Childrens' Benefactor



DR. FRANKLIN W. BOCK

Dr. Franklin W. Bock, physician, philanthropist and founder of free clinics for detection and treatment of hearing defects in children of Rochester's public schools, died at 8 o'clock last night (May 3, 1935) in Highland Hospital. He was 64.

Doctor Bock's death followed a long illness. Seventeen blood transfusions were given him since he was taken to the hospital.

The funeral will be Monday at 2 p. m. at the home, 27 Rowley Street. Rev. Andrew Gillies, D. D., minister of Third Presbyterian Church, will officiate.

For nearly 30 years Doctor Bock had given his time and effort to helping children with diseases of the ears, nose and throat. In addition he has been particularly active in the League for the Hard of Hearing.

Doctor Bock's work among school children of the city is credited with decreasing hearing defects from 15 to 20 per cent of the school population to less than 5 per cent. During 28 years since he established his first clinic he examined more than 300,000 children and treated 100,000.

For many years Doctor Bock carried on his work in the schools without remuneration. During the past few years he received a modest fee from the Board of Education. He also was keenly interested in other civic affairs.

54 Court St.
 Crusader for Hearing
 Of School Children
 Victim of Illness

MILITANT FIGHTER
 IN CIVIC AFFAIRS

Native of Boston
 Active
 For 28 Years, Long
 Without Salary

Doctor Bock's was a militant and impressive civic career.

In the field of medicine he pioneered in the treatment of hard-of-hearing children. In politics he struck indiscriminately at both political parties.

In September, 1934, he saw his dreams fulfilled with the opening of a new nursery school for deaf children in the building formerly occupied by the Averill Avenue Nursery School.

Twenty-eight years earlier he had opened his first free clinic in the schools. Prior to that time only poor children had been cared for in clinics. Doctor Bock refused to recognize economic barriers. He observed that many of those able to pay for service "do not always get adequate care."

DR. BOCK DIES, LED BATTLE ON HEARING ILLS

Free Clinic's Founder
 Militant Leader in
 Civic Affairs

Continued from Page One

peating in grades, many because they were hard of hearing, were costing the city \$26,000 a year.

Tributes to his work were many in his later years. In 1926 "friends of the children" to whom he had devoted his life presented him with a new automobile.

Doctor Bock's work with hard-of-hearing children was generally credited as being the basis of a movement that spread through the country, carried frequently by Parent-Teacher Associations, women's clubs, educators, and, above all, hard-of-hearing organizations.

The philanthropist-physician in 1930 was the only physician in the country hired for ear testing by a board of education. Afternoons from 2 to 6 o'clock constituted open house for Rochester's school children in his office.

Showed Sense of Humor

A sense of humor stood him in good stead, such as once when reporting on cases of 1,229 children he listed removing 16 paper wads, 11 cotton wads, two beads, one rubber band, two files, one cherry pit, one cork, one pencil point, one stone, one peanut, one head of timothy hay and one feather.

Occasionally he turned the pioneering vigor which he showed in his medical work into the field of politics.

In 1923 he announced his candidacy for mayor on an independent ticket, declaring he believed the time was ripe for a change.

"The old parties," he said at that time, "when we consider what is necessary for the well-being of the city, are not worth considering."

His platform stressed social service by the city, political reforms, enforcement of all laws "impartially and without fear or favor, whether they be federal, state or municipal," and improved service by public service corporations.

Native of Boston
 Doctor Bock was born in Boston in 1871. He came to Western New York for his health when he was 15 and for 10 years was assistant manager and cashier of the old Dansville Sanatorium. He prepared himself for college and entered the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, graduating in 1899.

For four years after graduation he was house physician at the Dansville Sanatorium. Following that, he went to London and studied a year at the Golden Square Hospital, the largest in the English capital.

Then he came to Rochester and had lived here since.

He is survived by his wife, Alice Savage Bock; a daughter, Clara Louise; a son, Robert Savage Bock; a sister, Mrs. Horace Delano Everett, Arlington, Mass., and a brother, Rev. Harry Bock, Eagle Bridge, N. Y.

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A Civic Patriot

May 6 '35

Rochester's wide reputation for effective social and humanitarian efforts owes much to Dr. Franklin W. Bock. Distinguished and able in his profession, he will be remembered in years to come not so much for his undoubted scientific attainments as for his use of Rochester's pioneer movement to prevent deafness in children.

As a civic leader he battled courageously for honesty and efficiency in government, lashing out dramatically and indiscriminately against politicians of both parties.

It is not too personal a statement to say that over a long period of years he sacrificed his personal welfare and interests to his work for school children. Only in the last few years did he receive any public remuneration, and that was insignificant. He believed early that much deafness in adults could be prevented if children with ear defects could be properly treated in time.

When he opened his clinic for school children twenty-eight years ago, he did not treat only those of poor families who could not afford a proper fee. He treated all comers without discrimination, since he believed that the children of families in modest circumstances often were neglected quite as much or more than the definitely poor.

In civic affairs he was a fiery nemesis. He cared not whom his barbs hit, but even those who were his targets recognized the purity of the flame that fed his civic wrath. We have many citizens who are reasonably and unreasonably patriotic about national and international affairs. We have too few citizens who burn with patriotic zeal for civic righteousness. Dr. Bock was an inspiration and example for this much-needed devotion to the public welfare.

RVF Friend of Children

Friend of Children

May 6 '35

Sometimes men who are regarded as leading a good part of their lives as impractical and more or less eccentric prove, when their careers and work are summed up, to have given service of outstanding practical value.

So it was with the life work of Dr. Franklin W. Bock.

Doctor Bock was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School in 1899, was for four years afterward house physician at the Dansville Sanatorium. Later he went to London and studied at the Golden Square Hospital.

Thus equipped, and having a pleasing personality, he might well have built up a flourishing private practice.

But his knowledge showed him that impediments to hearing, which in many cases could be removed or greatly alleviated by early treatment, seriously handicapped many persons.

An inner urge, an unselfish passion for service, made him look about for the way to make such treatment available to the largest number of persons at the time when it would do most good.

Thus he was led, greatly to the detriment of his private practice, to give more and more time to helping children escape from this handicap. He devoted a large share of his time to work in the schools.

He proved that many so-called "backward" children were falling behind in their studies and going out into life severely handicapped because of lack of attention to defects in hearing.

As a result of such work, in which Doctor Bock was an outstanding pioneer, more and more attention is being given to proper examinations and clinics for the hard of hearing, and especially among the young.

Other cities have followed the lead he set. Rochester has set an example for the country.

Doctor Bock's work ultimately attracted wide recognition. It is to be hoped and believed that this was for him sufficient reward for the service to which he unselfishly devoted his highly useful life, which has now drawn to a close.

FRANKLY SPEAKING by Paul Benton

I SUPPOSE there are very few cities in this country, possibly anywhere else for that matter, where men do not labor usefully, unselfishly and endlessly for the public good without receiving any special public recognition for their services. Rochester, not bad hearted or especially careless, nevertheless shares in this common complaint.

AS I write these lines one of the city's finest citizens, a man who in many ways has done more to brighten life for others than perhaps any one else in the community, lies seriously ill in a city hospital. Yet only a few people know and appreciate the years of work, the devotion, the enthusiasm which he has brought to the task of making the world more livable for hundreds and thousands of his fellows.

IT HAS been a task which has involved no recognition whatever in the shape of public rewards and honors, although these have been earned a hundred times over. What is the answer to such a situation? Merely that men like Franklin W. Bock don't do things because they expect or desire reward but because of some inner passion which drives them in the service of their fellow men.

IT WAS around the turn of the century that a young Rochester physician named Bock began to interest himself in the unfortunate children who found themselves at a disadvantage with their fellows because of actual or incipient deafness. He believed that many cases in which deafness was certain to follow if no treatment were given could be cured by treatment and diagnosis. He also felt that hundreds of children in the schools who were being classed by their teachers as backward or stupid were neither but merely suffered from difficulty in hearing, a difficulty to which the medical science and the social science of the period

WITHOUT pausing to consider the cost to himself Doctor Bock threw himself wholeheartedly into the thankless task of doing something for these unfortunate children and the measure of what he achieved is to be found in the thousands of normal men and women who would have been cursed with deafness without his aid.

TO ILLUSTRATE the real need for the work which Doctor Bock started in this city's schools it possibly is sufficient to mention that a survey undertaken in 1930 of public school children indicated that 4,828 were found to be in need of preventive and curative attention for their ears. Probably no additional statistics need be quoted.

NOR was it an easy task. When Doctor Bock first started his work in the schools he was frankly regarded by the educational authorities as a good deal of an eccentric. The teachers had never paid any special attention to whether their pupils heard normally or not and when Doctor Bock came along, examining ears, they indulged his whim more or less casually.

BUT when the physician turned his attention to a "backward class" that had been organized in one of the schools and showed that the majority of the pupils in it were suffering from physical defects which, when cleared up, ended the "backwardness" the educational powers that were paid more attention.

BUT that did not mean they were sufficiently enlightened as yet to do the job on a real scale. They gave Doctor Bock more leeway and assistance and co-operation but it remained a labor of love with him. That the city should pay fairly for the long unremunerated hours he spent, year

after year at the job, until a few years ago this long wrong righted to a modest extent by his appointment as a school physician, was not considered seriously.

INCIDENTALLY when this appointment came it was common knowledge among Doctor Bock's friends that his enthusiasm for the work to which he had really devoted his life had resulted in the expending of the bulk of his own private resources, never very great.

FOR a score of years his private office was hardly accessible to the private patient because of the children he ordered there for ear treatments. That he was making a sacrifice never seemed to occur to the physician. That was his job and he was doing it. There are men like that, although unfortunately all too few of them.

HOWEVER he has had the satisfaction of living to see other cities take up and carry on his work, convinced of its vital utility. He has received sincere tributes from the leaders of this community. Where he was a pioneer there are scores of physicians following in his footsteps today. To him, on his sick bed, there must be a vast satisfaction in the sense of having achieved something far more worth in the world than the amassing of fortune.

TO SPEAK of the manifold civic services Doctor Bock has rendered the city in a variety of other ways would take more than the space I am allotted. For years he represented an active civic conscience to this city. He never was afraid to fight in the front lines either. His influence is probably greater than he ever has or will realize.

I TRUST that Franklin Bock will see these lines for they are intended as a tribute to a man at once humble and great. Would that we had more like him.

Death Comes at 86 To Professor Bonn, Catholic Organist

Outstanding Church Musician Was Cathedral Organist for 47 Years, Composer of Religious Music — Funeral Mass to Be Solemnized Thursday

Prof. Francis Eugene Bonn, 86, Cathedral organist 47 years and an outstanding musician of the Catholic Church, died this morning, Mar. 5, 1935, at his home, 136-A Lake Avenue. He had been ill several months.

The funeral will be held Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock from the home and at 9 o'clock from the Cathedral. Archbishop Edward Mooney will officiate.

Professor Bonn was born in Tripstate, Rhine, Bavaria, Oct. 31, 1848, and came to America at an early age with his parents. After spending some time in New York City the family moved to Sandusky, Ohio, where a home was established.

The Cathedral organist is the descendant of a long line of musicians and educators. His father was organist for years at the Tripstate church and taught in the village school.

Beginning his musical training early under his father, Mr. Bonn continued his studies under an older brother, John Lous Bonn, organist for many years at the Paulist Church in New York City. In New York he also pursued his studies under some of the best teachers in that city and began his work in harmony and counterpoint.

Pupil of Rhineberger

In 1873 he returned to Germany and entered the famous Conservatory of Munich, where for two years his teacher was Joseph R. Rhineberger, one of the greatest contrapuntalists and composers of the modern German musical family. Professor Bonn was one of the favorite pupils of Mr. Rhineberger, from whom he received many testimonials. A letter from Rhineberger to Mr. Bonn on church music is framed and still hangs in the Bonn home in Lake Avenue.

As a pupil of Mr. Rhineberger, the young musician was selected to play a solo at a concert arranged by the Bavarian ministry.

Returning to Sandusky, Mr. Bonn taught music there and became organist of St. Mary's Church in that city. He was selected as chairman of the organ department of the Music Teachers' Association of Ohio and was active in affairs of the association for many years.

Invited by Bishop McQuaid in 1887, deciding to make a second trip to Germany, he studied orchestration, again at Munich, under Herman Schwartz.

He had been in Germany a year when, through his brother in New York, he received an invitation to become organist and choirmaster at St. Patrick's Cathedral here. The invitation came from the Rt. Rev. Bernard J. McQuaid, first bishop of the Rochester Catholic Diocese, who had heard John Louis Bonn at the Paulist Church.

Professor Bonn assumed his duties in Rochester Aug. 31, 1888. Until recent years he had been active in many musical circles here. He formerly taught at the Sacred Heart Academy in Prince Street and was professor of music for a number of years at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries.

Nearly 45 years ago he sponsored and directed a presentation of the cantata, "The Building of the Ship," at the old Lyceum Theater.

Two hundred singers representing virtually every choir in the city, Catholic and Protestant, took part.

Author of Compositions

He is the author of a number of musical compositions, many of them of a strictly religious nature. He wrote three separate settings of the "Ecce Sacerdos" and dedicated one each to Bishop McQuaid, the Most Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, second bishop of the Rochester Catholic Diocese, and the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, who succeeded Archbishop Hickey.

He wrote a Mass in honor of St. Bernard, dedicated to Bishop McQuaid and sung for the first time at the 25th anniversary of that prelate's consecration. The composition is arranged for seven mixed voices and full orchestra. It later was sung in St. Stephen's Cathedral, Vienna, and was highly praised by critics of that city. In addition he wrote a number of works for voice, piano, and organ, both secular and religious. Each number in a series of three organ pieces he dedicated to one of his three children.

At solemn services at St. Patrick's Cathedral Nov. 23, 1930, Mr. Bonn received from the hands of the late Bishop O'Hern the medal, "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice," which had been conferred on him by Pope Pius XI for outstanding work in behalf of the church.

In 1896 Professor Bonn married Elizabeth Scholand of this city. They had three children, Francis Eugene Bonn, Mrs. Herbert J. Vossburgh of Brockport, and John Paul Bonn. Mrs. Bonn died in 1909.

Mr. Bonn also leaves a sister, Mrs. Ellen Fox and a brother, Jacob Bonn, of Sandusky, Ohio. There also are three grandchildren, Monica Ann Bonn, Francis Eugene Bonn, and Marie Jean Bonn.

Many Mourn Prof. Bonn

J. J. Quill, Rich. 5/19/35 . . .
 Fellow Musicians, Clergy Voice Esteem for His
 Musicianship, Regret at His Death

The Rt. Rev. Monsignor Charles F. Shay, pastor of the Cathedral, expressed deep personal regret, as well as the regret of the Cathedral parish, over the death of Professor Bonn.

"He was one of the highest-type men I ever knew or associated with," Monsignor Shay said. "A lover of youth, a faithful husband, a model citizen, a sincere Catholic,

a musical genius and, in church music, second to none. The rare control he exercised over mental and physical faculties gave him his longevity. But above all, his Catholic faith was his most precious asset. The Cathedral parish has lost a loyal parishioner and a zealous choir-master. We shall miss him, but we would not deprive him, even by thought, of his well-earned rest."

Monsignor Shay said he had known Professor Bonn "as a boy while I was attending Cathedral School and at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminary, and afterward as pastor for 12 years in the Cathedral, of which he was one of the most devoted and best-loved members."

He said Archbishop-Bishop Edward Mooney would pontificate at the funeral Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral at 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

Harold Gleason, organist and faculty member of the Eastman School of Music, expressed regret at the decease of the veteran choir director of St. Patrick's Cathedral: "I admired him greatly as a musician," commented Mr. Gleason, "and feel that he had considerable contribution to make in church music."

Arthur M. See, manager of the Rochester Civic Orchestra, and financial secretary of the Eastman School of Music, regretted the death of Professor Bonn as a capable musician and an excellent church organist, adding, "He was very highly regarded by his friends and other musicians."

Charles J. Stupp, organist of St. Joseph's Church, was deeply shocked. He said, "He was a wonderful gentleman and a most talented musician and composer. In the field of church music, what he accomplished in the Rochester diocese, and especially at St. Patrick's Cathedral, will remain long in the memories of those who knew him intimately. I feel that I have lost a very dear friend."

Philip Kreckel, organist of St. Boniface Church, who studied some years after Professor Bonn in Munich music circles and has known him for years, offered this tribute: "For true artistry, sincerity and humility, we must award the palm to Professor Bonn, with whom I have always been intimately associated. In the field of music he was my best friend."

BISHOP LAUDS WORK OF BONN AT LAST RITES

Dec. Fri, March 8, 1935

Clergy, Laity Attend Funeral Mass for Organist

The body of Prof. Francis Eugene Bonn rested on a catafalque in St. Patrick's Cathedral yesterday morning as Archbishop Edward Mooney, bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Rochester, paid a glowing tribute to the late organist. The choir he had led chanted the requiem and through the edifice sounded the funeral music from the organ over which he had presided for 46 years.

Laymen filled the cathedral and priests in large numbers were in the sanctuary as Archbishop Mooney from his throne said of Professor Bonn:

"His service was not only exceptional in duration, but also in the character and quality of the faith which is manifested. He served under every bishop who has occupied this episcopal chair in the Diocese of Rochester and in their name and mine I voice this word of appreciation. One of them joins with us in this service and I am sure that I speak for him, too, when I voice this tribute."

Archbishop Thomas F. Hickey, occupying a stall within the sanctuary, raised his biretta in acquiescence.

Lauds Faithful Service

"His service," continued the archbishop, "was beyond the memory of most of the priests who are here this morning. It was exceptional in many ways, but it was most exceptional in the quality of the faith which inspired it. He had an outstanding enthusiasm for cultivating beauty in God's House and he gave it an almost undreamed of patience."

Pupils of cathedral grammar school and students at St. Andrew's Seminary sang parts of the Mass, and a group from nights of Columbus Choral Society, under direction of Frederick C. Pohl, choir-master at St. Michael's, assisted the Cathedral choir in the rest of the music.

Assisting Archbishop Mooney at the mass were: Rt. Rev. Mgr. Charles F. Shay, rector of the Cathedral as deacon and Rev. John Randall, subdeacon; Rt. Rev. Mgr. John F. Boppel, chancellor and rector of St. Boniface Church, and Rt. Rev. Mgr. John P. Brophy, rector of St. Monica's as deacons of honor; Rt. Rev. Mgr. William M. Hart, vicar general, rector of Corpus Christi Church was archpriest. Rt. Rev. Mgr. J. Francis Goggin, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary was first master of ceremonies with Rev. William Bergan, vice-chancellor of the diocese as assistant.

Many Priests Attend

Priest and church dignitaries in the sanctuary included: Archbishop Hickey, titular archbishop of Viminacium; Rt. Rev. Mgr. Joseph S. Cameron, rector of Immaculate Conception Church; Rt. Rev. George V. Burns, rector of the Church of the Sacred Heart; Rt. Rev. Mgr. James J. Hartley, rector emeritus of St. Bernard's Seminary and Revs. Alphonsus P. Crimmins, Benedict Ehmann, Leo Schwab, Patrick McArdle, Charles Azzi, William Naughton, George Vogt, John Duffy, George Eckl, John McMahon, Lawrence B. Casey, Edward W. Lyons, John Maxwell, Hubert Biskey, Emmett Magee, E. T. Meagher, Louis W. Edelman, Leo C. Mooney, Albert J. Geiger, John F. Muckle, Francis M. Feeney, Francis W. Luddy, John C. D'Donnell, Joseph E. Grady, Alexander J. Stec, Thomas O. Brennan, Leonard A. Kelly, Edward J. Byrne, Howard W. Geck, John V. O'Loughlin, Henry C. Manley, George J. Schmitt, Gerald T. Brennan, John P. O'Beirne, Francis J. Luddy, John Ball, John Smith, John J. Burke, Robert A. Keleher, Joseph C. Wurzer, Michael J. Krieg, Orrin W. Feller and George V. Predmore.

Final blessing at the grave in Holy Sepulcher was given by Archbishop Hickey, assisted by the monsignori and priests who had attended the cathedral service.

Active bearers were: Michael J. Kavanaugh, Edward A. Sweeney, Leo Hogan, William Goodwin, Augustine E. Farese and Eugene G. McCabe.

Honorary bearers included James A. Doyle, R. E. LaPalm, Charles Noto, William E. Ball, Charles E. Hawken, Marco Boveni, Martin Kelly, A. E. Nagle, William P. Horan, George T. Boucher, George H. Riche, William J. Lappan, John J. Shanahan, Robert C. Burns, Henry L. Bucher, Albert Cowan, Charles J. Sullivan and John Izzo. Both active and honorary bearers were either present or former members of Cathedral choir.

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Prof. Francis Eugene Bonn.

Professor Eugene Bonn
D.C. and M.C. 6, 1935

The place of music in the services and ritual of the Christian Church has always been important. This is particularly true of the Roman Catholic Church, for whose masses some of the world's greatest composers—Gounod, Mozart and others—have composed ageless and moving music. The passing of Professor Eugene Bonn removes a man who was skilled not only in the performance of the Catholic church's great music, but who himself composed arrangements of the mass which won respect and admiration.

Professor Bonn came from a family learned and skilled in sacred music. His father was for many years before his emigration to America organist of the church at Tripstat, Bavaria, where Professor Bonn was born. After the family came to America, soon after 1848, his elder brother became organist of the Paulist Church in New York City.

After early studies at Sandusky, Ohio, where the family lived for several years, Professor Bonn returned to Germany and studied at the Conservatory of Munich. Twenty years as organist of St. Mary's Church in Sandusky was followed by a second visit and study in Germany. On his return to America in 1888 he became organist of St. Patrick's Cathedral in Rochester.

Professor Bonn served under four Rochester bishops and was given papal recognition for his work. He wrote special arrangements of the mass for the consecrations here of Archbishop Hickey, Bishop O'Hern and Archbishop Hanna of San Francisco. He wrote numerous other compositions for the church and was active in musical circles. He taught students of St. Bernard's and St. Andrew's seminaries the Gregorian chants, and taught piano pupils at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, as well as assuming the responsibility of musical instruction at St. Bernard's Seminary.

His service in Rochester lasted for nearly a half century; his contributions to the music of the church and to other music were important. His passing is marked with sadness in many circles of the city, as well as in the church to which he devoted his life.

**Willard S. Bradt, Widely-Known Mason,
Succumbs in Hospital at Age of 89**

Willard S. Bradt, 89, one of the best known members of the Masonic order in Rochester, died last night, Apr. 22, 1935, in Park Avenue Hospital.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Leigh H. Pierson of 483 Harvard Street, and a son, Chauncey S. Bradt of Pittsford. Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed. Born in Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 8, 1845, Willard S. Bradt was educated in Junion School in that city and the village school in Scotia. After leaving school, he learned the machinist's trade in the Ellis Locomotive Works, now the American Locomotive Works, and was later employed as an engineer on the Erie Railroad, remaining as such for five years.

He was a descendant of one of the pioneer families of Schenectady. His ancestor, Arent Andries Bradt de Noorman, landed at Albany in 1630 with the first shipload of Dutch settlers that came up the Hudson River.

In 1662 he went to Schenectady and became one of the first property holders there, purchasing land from the Dutch West Indies Company. He died soon afterward, leaving a widow and six children.

The oldest son and his wife, and the oldest daughter and her husband were killed by the Indians in the massacre of Schenectady in 1690. Arent Bradt, a grandson of the pioneer, subsequently became one of Schenectady's most prominent citizens. He was a member of the provin-

cial Assembly in 1745 and a trustee of the Township of Schenectady from 1715 to 1767 when he died.

After coming to Rochester, Willard S. Bradt was married Sept. 2, 1874, to Miss Jennie English, who died Apr. 9, 1924.

He served for 45 years as a letter carrier here and became identified with the Masonic fraternity

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Willard S. Bradt, as he appeared at the height of his Masonic career.

Dec. 29, 1871, when he became a member of Avon Springs Lodge, 573, of Avon, N. Y. Soon after coming to Rochester he affiliated with Yonnonadio Lodge, 163, July 1, 1875, served as senior deacon in 1876, senior warden in 1877, and master in 1879. He was high priest of Hamilton Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, in 1885, grand master of the First Vail in 1885, of the Third Vail in 1886 and 1887 and grand royal arch captain of the Grand Chapter in 1888.

He received the Cryptic degrees in Doric Council, 192, Royal and Select Masters, Apr. 30, 1873, was master in 1883, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 1901, was grand steward of the Grand Council in 1895, served through the successive offices to 1902 when he was elected grand master of the Grand Council of the State of New York.

He was knighted in Monroe Commandery, 12, K. T., July 2, 1873, was standard bearer of the old drill corps from 1875 to 1886, was an officer participating in the first ritualistic work of the Shrine Oct. 12, 1876, was elected and served as assistant and chief rabban and as grand representative in 1898 and 1899, and at his death was the oldest surviving member of Damascus Temple and the oldest shiner in the world. He was a life member of all the Masonic bodies.

He was an honorary member of the Masonic Veterans' Association of Central New York, was a member of Rochester Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution and of the Masonic Club.

Willis N. Britton

The spirit of his pioneer ancestors actuated Willis N. Britton in enterprises which had much to do with developing the west side of the city. Developer of streets and house builder, large grower and shipper of apples and peaches, pioneer in the development of an aviation field for the city, early advocate and active worker for good roads and getting the State to share in their construction—Mr. Britton's life was full and active. His death at St. Petersburg, Florida, ends a life that will leave its impress on the city for some years to come.

Mr. Britton was successful because his business enterprises were flexible. He helped make Greece the great peach-growing center it was until recently. When homes and streets succeeded many of the peach orchards, he was not content to go along; he rode the tide.

Much of his enterprising spirit resembled that of his maternal grandfather, Zachariah Lewis, who came to the Genesee country as a pioneer to seek lumber for potash. He found the elm, beech and maple he needed and built up a profitable business. His grandson saw the possibilities that lay in the land his grandfather cleared.

The upbuilding of communities like Rochester was made possible by such pioneers and such descendants of pioneers.

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SMITH-CURRY

Got Road Program Act

He was one of a group of 13 residents of Monroe County who banded together to get assistance from the state for a county road program. Up to that time roads had been maintained by property owners. When the state voted the first \$100,000,000 for highway improvements he entered the contracting business under the firm name of Anderson & Britton and constructed many state roads. He claimed to have opened approximately 32 miles of streets in the city and vicinity and to have constructed more than 1,000 homes under the name of W. N. Britton Realty Company.

Mr. Britton opened one of the first aviation fields in this section at what is now the Municipal Airport. He was also identified with the Britton Crushed Stone Company.

His early descendants on his father's side were the first to receive stoves and clocks in this section. They came from Albany by horse and wagon.

Descendants of Pioneers

He was a descendant on his father's side from Joab Britton and on his mother's side from Zachariah Lewis.

Britton's grandfather was poor-master of Rochesterville and on one occasion when famine threatened the little colony, he traveled to Canandaigua to obtain cornmeal and flour.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lottie Combs Britton; two daughters, Mrs. Laura Britton Snyder of St. Petersburg and Mrs. Avis Britton Miller; two sons, Hervey R. and Ward N. Britton, all of Rochester.

Rochester Public Library
Willis N. Britton
54 Court St.

**WILLIS BRITTON
DIES AT WINTER
HOME IN SOUTH**

Member of Pioneer Family, Fruit Grower and Road Contractor Succumbs in Florida

Willis N. Britton, 74, of the town of Greece, died last night, Feb. 8, 1935, in a hospital in St. Petersburg, Fla., where he has been spending his winters for 47 years.

Death was caused by a stroke suffered yesterday in his winter home.

Mr. Britton was a descendent of pioneer Rochester stock. He started life as a hunter, trapper and farmer, and at the age of 22 purchased a farm. It was the first of 40 farms to come in his possession in Greece. He soon made a national reputation as a shipper of fruit and at one time sent more than 1,000 barrels of Monroe County apples out of Rochester. He was also a grower of peaches and shipped annually 20,000 bushels of that fruit.

Marks 80th Birthday

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Judge Selden S. Brown, retired from the Surrogate Court, today looked forward to a Florida trip after celebrating his 80th birthday. He lives in Scottsville.

**Judge Selden Brown Sees
Confusion over New Deal**

By ABE MILLER

Judge Selden S. Brown sat in a comfortable chair in his Scottsville home today and looked down the memory lane of his 80 years.

Although it is almost ten years since he retired from the Surrogate Court bench of Monroe County, Judge Brown still maintains a constant interest in the affairs of the country through newspapers and radio.

Alarmed By New Deal

A staunch Republican, and he says "of the old school," he views the program of the New Deal as a threat to the Constitution.

"The administration is not following the principles of the Constitution," he said, "and if it continues to do so, it will only lead to confusion."

With members of his family, Judge Selden celebrated his 80th birthday yesterday at a dinner party at the home of his son, King Brown, who lives near Scottsville. His brother, Prof. Roscoe C. Brown of Columbia University, and his wife came from New York to attend the party.

The kindly man with sparse gray

hair, who was Chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of Western New York from 1905 to 1931, plans to spend the winter in Florida.

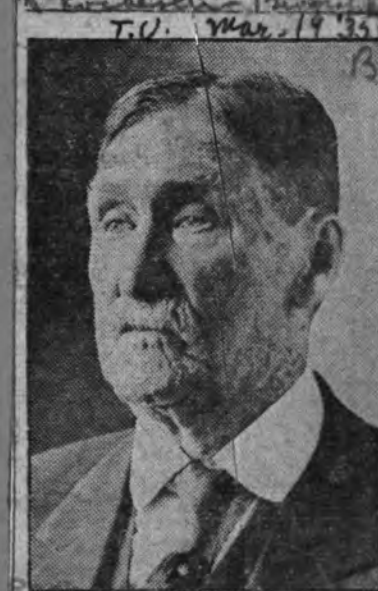
Plans Trip to South

With his wife, he intends to motor to St. Petersburg in mid-November. It will mark his second trip to Florida to escape the rigors of northern cold weather.

Judge Brown was born in Scottsville on Oct. 23, 1855. And he has lived there all his life. He studied at the University of Rochester, entering in the class of 1879. Upon completing his course, he studied for the bar.

Active with the Republican party, he never sought public office until he was appointed to the position of Surrogate in 1905 by Gov. Frank W. Higgins. The following year he was chosen Republican nominee and elected by a large majority.

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Thomas A. Burchill

**rites THURSDAY
FOR T. A. BURCHILL**

E. G. Marshall Post, G. A. R., Legionaries and Masons will have charge of the funeral of Thomas A. Burchill, 97, oldest Monroe County G. A. R. veteran, Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Corbett's parlors, 532 Lake Avenue.

Mr. Burchill, whose home is at 745 University Avenue, died yesterday, Mar. 18, 1935, in St. Mary's Hospital from injuries received when he was struck by a street car in front of the Court House Mar. 15.

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He was born in 1837. On Jan. 19, 1863, he enlisted in the Civil War and saw service as a sailor on board the U. S. S. Colorado at Mobine Bay and in other engagements. He was mustered out uninjured Feb. 10, 1865. That same year he joined the Rochester police force. He retired more than 30 years ago.

He was a member of E. G. Marshall Post, G. A. R., Valley Lodge, F. and A. M., and the Police Benevolent Association.

Survivors are his grand-daughter, Mrs. J. Herman Langdon; a great-grand-daughter, Marjorie Langdon, and several nephews and nieces.

Donald A. Byrne, 64, of 441 Marge Avenue, today had his desk banked with flowers in honor of his 50th anniversary with the New York State Railway. Mr. Byrne, who began as a clerk, is now cashier of the Rochester Lines and Assistant Treasurer for the entire system of the New York State Railways.
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DEATH CLAIMS
FRANK BECKER

Frank R. Becker, 78, pioneer of East Rochester, who died in his home, 908 Main Street, East Rochester, on Saturday (Apr. 11, 1936), after a brief illness, will be buried from the home tomorrow at private funeral services.



Mr. Becker had been in the employ of Merchants Dispatch Transportation Company for half a century. He was born in Brighton and for some years after entering the employ of the M. D. T., lived there.

Thirty-nine years ago he moved to East Rochester and had the distinction of purchasing the first lot in the village. He was town assessor for 14 years, was a member of the Exempt Firemen, a director of Deepatch Building and Loan Association, and a past noble grand of East Rochester IOOF.

His 55th wedding anniversary was observed by Mr. Becker and his wife, Mrs. Christine Merz Becker, in Florida on Mar. 1.

Besides his widow, he leaves a son, C. Arthur Becker of Penfield Road, Rochester.

Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery.



Otis A. Barber, chairman of the Monroe County Board of Supervisors, who died early today in New York City. Photograph was taken by Joseph Durnherr, Times-Union photographer, last Thursday.

Barber Career in Politics
Less than Decade in Length

Despite his prominence, Otis A. Barber, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, who died in New York City early today, became actively interested in politics less than a decade ago.

His aggressiveness was quickly recognized by members of the Republican organization in his ward and in 1931 he was selected to run for supervisor. He was elected and was re-elected in 1933, being one of three Republican supervisors elected in the city in that year, and last November was re-elected for his third consecutive term.

In the preceding Democratic board he took an active part, bolstering Supervisor Broderick and other members of the minority in fights against the majority. He sponsored a proposal to extend University Avenue, from the end of the present city improvement, at Wing Place to East Rochester,

through the abandoned roadbed of the old Rochester and Syracuse railroad, a project which has just been revived by the new Republican board.

He took an equally active part in proposing and supporting other public measures. After his election as supervisor the first time he was agreed upon by opposing factions of his party as Republican leader of the 21st Ward, a position he has held since.

Supervisor Barber was a member of the Masonic fraternity, Oak Hill Country Club, Rochester Club and Rochester Ad Club.

Broderick Says Public Loses Able Servant

These expressions on the death of Supervisor Barber were given The Times-Union:

Thomas E. Broderick, member of the Board of Supervisors and Monroe County Republican chairman: "In Otis Barber's passing the public has lost a most able servant and thousands of men have lost a notable friend. His death is a disaster which will be hard to remedy here in Monroe County. I can hardly express the high value which his counsel and encouragement have been to me. He was a champion of all that is best in public service. My sense of personal loss at the death of such a friend is too deep for utterance."

Clarence A. Smith, Monroe County manager: "One word comes to mind immediately in thought of Otis A. Barber—gentleman. He was a gentleman in his personal life; a gentleman in politics; a gentleman in civic affairs."

"To his friends, the loss of Otis Barber is deeply personal; to the community it is the loss of a sincere and able public servant. Integrity and courtesy were fundamental in Otis Barber's nature. Such men as Otis Barber raise the plane of our democratic form of government."

"My feeling of personal loss through his death is too real and deep to attempt to record in words."

Timothy J. Kelly, 13th Ward Supervisor and ranking member of the county legislative group—"He was one of the finest fellows I ever knew and one of the best supervisors in the county. It may not be hard to fill his place on the board, but it will be impossible to fill the place he occupied in my heart and in the hearts of his friends."

"All I can say is 'Good-bye, Ote. It was a grand thing to know you and a great privilege to be your friend and associate.'"

Charles J. Knapp, Democratic chairman of the 1935 Board of Supervisors and present supervisor of the 22nd Ward—"Otis Barber was a square shooter and a regular fellow, personally, socially and politically. We all regret his passing."

DEATH TAKES
J. C. BAKER IN
HIS 63D YEAR

Ex-Mayor of White City Prominent In Insurance

J. Clifton Baker, 63, well known insurance man connected with New York Life Insurance Com-



pany, died yesterday (Mar. 17, 1936) at the home of his sister, Mrs. William E. Boulls, 479 Alexander Street.

Mr. Baker for a number of years was prominent in the affairs of White City, Summerville, where he was mayor for three years. He is a past master of Valley Lodge, F. & A. M., a member of Hamilton Chapter, R. A. M., and of Rochester Life Underwriters. He was born in Rochester and always lived here. For 20 years he was associated with L. Adler Bros., but for the last 13 years was in the insurance business.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m. tomorrow at the Alexander Street address, with the Rev. Weldon F. Crossland, D. D., pastor of Asbury-First Methodist Church, officiating. Valley Lodge of Masons will conduct Masonic rites. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Mr. Baker is survived by his wife, Mabel Laney Baker; one sister, Mrs. Boulls, and one brother, R. Harry Baker.

C. R. BARNES, RAIL OFFICER, PASSES AT 82

Rites Set Today For Leader in Civic Life

With the passing yesterday of Charles R. Barnes, 82, city railway commissioner for 15 years and active in public life more than half a century, another of the links with a departed era was broken.

Commissioner Barnes died at St. Mary's Hospital after an illness of several months. His body was removed to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Richard T. Ford, 1 Douglas Road. Funeral services will be in St. John the Evangelist Church at 10 o'clock this morning. Burial will be in Spencerport.

Honorary bearers will include: Harold Baker, city manager; Walter P. Cox, commissioner of public safety; Harold P. Burke, corporation counsel; Thomas J. Morrison, commissioner of public works; Augustine B. Hone, city treasurer; Henry T. Copenhagen, police chief; James E. Malley, sheriff; James I. Morrill, county treasurer; Andrew Sophie, city assessor; Harry B. Crowley, Simon Stein, Carl Hallauer, Harry P. Bareham, Donald Dailey, Charles S. Owen, Ernest Scobell, James Mangan, Henry D. O'Connell, Roy C. Kates.

K. of C. To Pay Tribute

Officers of Rochester Council 178, Knights of Columbus, will form one of the many fraternal delegations at the funeral mass. They are: Leo Rombaut, Angelo DiNieri, Leo Fleming, Howard Woods, Thomas Maloney and Donald McKenna.

Mr. Barnes' expert knowledge of electricity and his flair for politics were coupled in a life that led him from a telegrapher for the old State Line Railroad, predecessor of the E. R. & P. to city and state positions of responsibility.

Early in life he became a friend of George H. Selden, who imparted to him the secret of the electric spark in the ignition of gasoline engines. He was well acquainted with Thomas E. Edison. He also officiated in the first setup in the state of the old Bell telephone when a cable was placed from City Hall to Mount Hope (now Highland Park) reservoir.

Manager for Gerling

While laying the foundation of his knowledge of electricity as applied to transportation, he made politics an avocation, and became the political manager of the Jacob Gerling, father of the present Jacob Gerling. The elder Gerling was a member of the old Executive Board and an aspirant for political dominance through the Democrat Party. He lived in the 20th Ward.

The astuteness with which Mr. Barnes managed the Gerling political affairs attracted the attention of George W. Aldridge, then forging to the fore in Republican politics.

Mr. Barnes at that time, as a lieutenant of Gerling was city electrician in charge of police and fire alarm systems. He accepted an invitation from Aldridge to align himself with the Republican Party, which he never left. He and Mr. Aldridge became not only political allies but fast personal friends.

After enlisting under the Republican banner, Mr. Barnes became electrical engineer for the Public Service Commission, and for a time held both that job and that of city engineer. In 1907 he was named chief engineer of the PSC in which position he remained until 1920. He was appointed city railways commissioner July 21, 1920, at the time when the service-at-cost contract went into effect, and held that position until he died. For a number of years he made his home at the Sagamore.

Leader in Order

Mr. Barnes also was active in Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus. He held several offices in the order and became its grand knight, an office he held for three years. In recognition of his service to the order, a special meeting of the K. of C. was called last night in Columbus Civic Center to adopt resolutions. Those attending marched to the Ford home to pay their respects.

He also was a director of the Automobile Club of Rochester, the board of which met yesterday and adopted appropriate resolutions; the Elks, Erie Social Club Alhambra, and Fourth Degree, K. of C.

Two daughters survive, Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Harold P. Wooster of Albany; also four grandchildren.

Otis Barber, Supervisors' Leader, Dies



OTIS A. BARBER

Otis A. Barber, one of the most popular members of the Board of Supervisors and recently chosen its chairman, died at 1:45 o'clock this morning in Post Graduate Hospital, New York City. He was 58.

Pneumonia, with which Mr. Barber was stricken as he was en route to New York City Monday night, was the cause of death.

Picturesque Figure

Mr. Barber was one of the most picturesque members of the board and always commanded attention.

His snow-white hair and ruddy complexion contrasted strongly and gave him the appearance of being many years under his actual age. His sense of humor was keen and he frequently interrupted fiery discussions with sallies that caused an angry board to rock with laughter.

Mr. Barber was a native Rochesterian, the eldest of five children born to the late Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert P. Barber. He attended School 15, high school and the former Rochester Business University.

Started Own Business

Following graduation from the RBU, Mr. Barber began work with the McDonald-Dumond Company, a former Rochester plumbing firm. He later transferred to the Wheeler-Green Electric Company and when that concern discontinued its electrical repair business in 1926, he opened his own firm with George H. Donovan, the company being known as Barber-Donovan Inc. Its offices are at 285 Alexander Street.

Mr. Barber married Anna Oliver who died four years ago. She also was a native Rochesterian, the daughter of a former city treasurer. They had one son, Oliver, of this city.

Beginning his political activities in 1931, Mr. Barber quickly rose to a position of power in the city's political life. Elected supervisor of the 21st Ward in that year, he immediately was named ward leader, a post he held continuously since.

Active Civic Leader

Mr. Barber served on a number of committees in the board and was active on the floor in debate. This last was largely responsible for his being named chairman of the board when the Republicans came in power. The 21st Ward leader was a strong advocate of civic improvement and led the recent fight for University Avenue extension.

Mr. Barber also took a prominent part in other civic affairs, being a Mason and a member of the Oak Hill Country Club, the Rochester Club and the Ad. Club.

Friends here said he suffered from throat trouble for three or four months but had deferred treatment to be on hand for the reorganization of the Board. He saw this through, attending Monday's meeting of the supervisors after which he left for New York.

Becomes Acute

His condition became acute en route and hospital authorities said he was suffering from pneumonia when admitted. He failed rapidly.

Besides his son, he is survived by three brothers, Gilbert F. of this city, Harvey H. and Wilbur S. of Houston, Tex., and one sister, Miss Edna L. Barber of El Paso, Texas.

Archbishop, 85 Priests Mourn Father Brick

Redemptorist leaders and clergymen and laymen of the Rochester diocese joined yesterday in final tribute to the Rev. William Brick, C.S.S.R., assistant rector of St. Joseph's Church. Funeral services took place in the Franklin Street Church. *Dec 31 '35*

Father Brick died Christmas Day in his 80th year, 54 of which had been devoted to religious service.

The Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Moonell, bishop of the Catholic diocese of Rochester, officiated at the service. Archbishop Money and the Rev. John Lynch, C.S.S.R. spoke in tribute to Father Brick, praising his ardor as a missionary and his leadership.

Delegations from all sisterhoods in the Rochester diocese attended the services. Father Brick had been confessor to them at various times.

Some 85 priests, including many visiting Redemptorists, participated. These included the Very Rev. Andrew Kuhn, provincial of the Baltimore province, which includes Rochester, and the Very Rev. Peter Costello of Toronto province, of which Father Brick once was vice-provincial.

Officers of the Mass of which Archbishop Mooney was celebrant included: Deacon, the Rev. John Behr, C. S. S. R.; subdeacon, the Rev. Michael Kleeman, C. S. S. R.; deacons of honor, the Rev. Peter Costello, C. S. S. R. and the Rev. John Kane, C. S. S. R., and masters of ceremonies, the Rev. Lawrence Casey and the Rev. Lawrence Thaler.

Heading the delegation of Rochester priests were Monsignor William M. Hart, James J. Hartley, John P. Brophy, Joseph Cameron and John P. Shellhorn.

Representatives of commanderies of St. John, St. Mauritius and St. Eustace acted as bearers. They included John Diringer, Killian Eckert, Edward Becker, Charles Vogler, Joseph Wander and Charles Mura.

Burial was in the priests plot in Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, the Very Rev. Andrew Kuhn officiating.

Wm. C. Bloss, Noted Liberal, Dead 73 Years

The causes of temperance, freedom and education lost a staunch supporter when William Clough Bloss died 73 years ago Saturday. Bloss, who died at the age of 68, is buried in Brighton Cemetery in Winton Road South near East Avenue. In 1826, becoming convinced the use of spiritous liquors was an evil, he emptied the entire contents of his tavern into the Erie Canal near the place where he now is buried.

He favored woman suffrage and unrestricted immigration and opposed slavery and race prejudice.

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King Solomon Had Only Five, Not 800, Wives in Harem, Take It from Rochesterian, Who Got It from Sheba Diary

Linguist, Artist, Friend Of Bryan Read Work In British Museum

By MARGARET FRAWLEY
Solomon was maligned. He had only five wives.

That is the assertion of Charles Bentheim of 169 Clinton Avenue North, scholar, linguist, and friend of statesmen. He has it on the authority of the Queen of Sheba's autobiography, or diary, which he found in the British Museum. The original manuscript, he reports, was taken by the Italians from Abyssinia in 1896 and has been accredited by leading scholars of antiquity.

Mr. Bentheim is fully as interesting as his fund of lore about the great king of Israel. Born in Denver, Colo., and educated in the great universities of Europe, he was in Paris when the Germans besieged the city in the Franco-German war.

Confidant of Bryan

He was ordered out of Spain when the Spanish-American war broke out, acted as an interpreter in the American army, served under various American tariff boards, acted as special government investigator in a European tour to break the sugar lobby here and was the confidant of William Jennings Bryan. At an earlier period he knew Disraeli and Gladstone and studied drawing under Rosa Bonheur and anatomy under the great Pasteur.

Three score and ten, with a philosophy of living which he learned from Pasteur, Mr. Bentheim is in manner and appearance a patriarch. His grizzled Van Dyke beard curls elegantly, his dark eyes are merry, his hands, modeling a piece of sculpture or fingering an old manuscript, are sensitive and graceful.

Sheba's 800 Retainers

"Solomon never had 800 wives," he explained. "The Queen of Sheba in her autobiography says there were only five, four besides herself. Sheba brought to Jerusalem with her 800 women retainers who assisted in the household, many of

them as bakers of the 17,000 loaves of bread prepared every day.

"I'll have to tell the story in my own words. Sheba says that one of the wives was the former Princess Neftis of Egypt, who brought with her from her home an astrologer and a high priest of Amon through whom she tried to pull the wool over Solomon's eyes.



While Charles Bentheim has at times studied out such details as the number of wives Solomon had, his principal avocation is sculpturing. Here he works on one of his recent pieces

Queen Returns Home

After the birth of her son, Menelik, the queen recounts the growing jealousy of Neftis, who was childless. Finally to keep the peace Sheba decided to return to her own country, leaving Menelik to be educated in Jerusalem. She left also her 800 women retainers because the court had many domestic duties for which she said "woman power was more suited than man power."

Mr. Bentheim, who speaks eight languages, supplements his modest veteran's pension by tutoring. Between times he finds time for modeling and for researches in many fields.

Horse - Trader Ruler Saved from Debt by Queen's Jewels

after they were married," Mr. Bentheim continued. "And, as she explains, his life was more comfortable after that because of the riches she brought him.

"There's one fine passage which describes how Solomon had 50 fan bearers, 22 hairdressers, several manicurists, and one lady in charge of cosmetics of which Solomon was very fond. When the king's toilet was complete the chief hairdresser used to blow pure gold dust on his hair and beard and then, says the queen, he was glorious."

"I learned how to live and how to grow old happily from Pasteur," he explained. "As a result I feel as young now as I did twenty years ago. Pasteur taught me the simple rules of diet and health and he used to say that the healthy man was one who did some physical work every day. Even now I work an hour or two a day at my modeling."

Served as Bryan Aide

Mr. Bentheim's favorite among his own works is a bust of Stonewall Jackson he made some years ago for Mrs. Jackson. It was through Mrs. Jackson that he met President Taft and went to the tariff board. He continued in the tariff office for some years.

During the Wilson administration he met and served Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan.

"I enjoyed working for Mr. Bryan," he said. "He made many speeches and was opposed to the German philosophers. I used to make excerpts from the works of many of the philosophers and translations of works that were of special interest to him.

"I remember when he resigned from the cabinet over his difference with President Wilson about American neutrality. He came into the house and said to Mrs. Bryan: 'Mama, I have resigned.'"

DEATH CLAIMS F. V. BROTSCH

Times-Union MAR 26 1936

Services to Be Conducted
Saturday for Local
Contractor

Funeral services for Frank V. Brotsch, 54, Rochester building contractor, who died yesterday, Mar. 25, 1936, at his home, 88 Kilbourne Road, will be conducted Saturday at 8:30 a. m. from the home and at 9 o'clock from St. John the Evangelist's Church.

Mr. Brotsch was born in Rochester, Apr. 24, 1881. He is survived by his widow, Minnie K. Brotsch; a son, Crittenden; a brother, Lawrence; four sisters, Mrs. William Emler, Mrs. Lucille Kilroy of Cleveland, Mrs. May Readhead and Mrs. Matilda Kingsley of Williamson; a grandson, Thomas G. Brotsch. Burial will be in Holy Sepulcher Cemetery.

DEATH CLAIMS ROCHESTERIAN WHILE ABROAD

APR 27 1936
Houston Barnard,
Noted Engineer,
Passes in Nice

Houston Barnard, prominent Rochester engineer and realty developer, died at Nice, France, Saturday night.

Heart failure was the cause of death, according to a United Press dispatch. Mr. Barnard, 65, died in his sleep at a hotel.

Word of his death was cabled yesterday to his sisters at 50 Calumet Street, by the American consul at Nice. Directions were sent for the return of the body to Rochester.

Mr. Barnard has been ill for some time and he sailed on a Mediterranean trip on Feb. 29, in the hope it would improve his health. The last message received from him was a cablegram to his sisters from Nice Apr. 12.

Railways Engineer

Of Rochester birth, Mr. Barnard was educated in the public schools and later studied engineering with LeGrand Brown. When he was only 21, he became chief engineer for the old Rochester Railways, predecessor of Rochester lines, New York State Railways.

Later he became president of the New York State Dredging Company and was in charge of construction at Cobb's Hill reservoir and on many other important engineering works, including the first tunnel under the Hudson and a big reclamation project in Boston.

Following the World War, Mr. Barnard organized the Barnard Development Company. He acquired property east of the city, which now includes the residential streets of Pelham Road, Sandringham Drive and other thoroughfares in that section.

Subdivided Section

Some years ago, there was a lime kiln on the property. This was removed and Mr. Barnard improved and subdivided the section.

Ill health forced him to give up active work about a year ago. For many years, Mr. Barnard lived at Powers Hotel, but later he maintained residence at 68 Avondale Park. In his earlier years, he lived in Reynolds Street, in a home which he sold to the General Hospital.

Mr. Barnard's wife died several years ago. Four sisters, Ida C., Mary E., Lucena A. and S. Louise Barnard, survive. All live at 50 Calumet Street.

RVF Book - Biography - B
Charles R. Barnes

The death of Charles R. Barnes, city commissioner of railroads, removes a figure who has been prominent in Rochester's life for many decades. Friend and associate of the late George W. Aldridge, he has been in recent years one of the few survivors of the group that was influential in the affairs of the city, county and state for many years.

Mr. Barnes' hobby was electric railways. Early service as city electrician, early association with such men as Thomas A. Edison and Alexander Graham Bell gave him an interest he never lost. When the public service commissions were established he became electric railway expert for the state. In this capacity he gave the commission technical advice on electric railway operating problems which was competent.

He became famous locally for calling attention to the trolley congestion in Main Street. The street was dubbed by him "the bottle neck" since all the trolley lines then passed through it, tying up traffic seriously at rush hours. As a result of his recommendations the routes of several lines were changed, but the city never has escaped entirely from the situation he visualized and which the parallel street plan now has been suggested to relieve.

As commissioner under the service-at-cost contract he strove manfully through the years to make its arrangements workable. His knowledge of railway operating and financing methods was widely respected.

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George P. Burns

GEORGE BURNS,
PRINTER, DIES

Times-Union MAR 5 1936
George P. Burns, 49, president of George P. Burns Press, 49 North Water Street and 35 years a printer, died last night of a heart attack at his home, 118 Sherwood Avenue.

A native of Rochester and graduate of Cathedral Grammar and High schools, Mr. Burns began work as a printer at 14. He worked for several years on the old Rochester Herald and for the late Edward J. Walsh. He had had his own company 15 years.

He was president of the Rochester Typographical Union several terms and was a member of Rochester Typothetae.

Mr. Burns was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Alhambra, Holy Name Society, Elks, Moose and Woodmen of America.

He is survived by his widow, Barbara E. Burns; two daughters, Dorothy C. and Barbara M.; a son, John Paul; a sister, Miss Mary Burns, and two brothers, the Rev. Francis Burns, professor at St. Bernard's Seminary, and Raymond, al. of Rochester, and a third brother, John of Chicago.

Funeral services will be held Monday morning at St. Augustine's Church.

RVF Book - Biography - B
ENGINEER DIES
IN NICE, FRANCE

Times-Union APR 27 1936
Houston Barnard, Realty Operator Here, to Be Buried in City

Houston Barnard, 65, Rochester engineer and realty developer who died Saturday, Apr. 25, 1936, at Nice, France, will be buried in Rochester.

Mr. Barnard, who had been ill some time, sailed Feb. 29 on a Mediterranean trip.

Born in Rochester and educated in the schools here, he studied engineering with LeGrand Brown and at the age of 21 became chief engineer for the old Rochester Railways, predecessor of the New York State Railways' Rochester Lines. Later, as president of the New York State Dredging Company, he was in charge of construction of Cobbs Hill reservoir and many other engineering projects, including the first tunnel under the Hudson and a reclamation job in Boston.

Organizing the Barnard Development Company after the World War, he acquired property east of the city in which Pelham Road, Sandringham Road and other residential streets are located.

He gave up active work about a year ago because of ill health.

Mr. Barnard lived at the Powers Hotel many years and then maintained a residence at 68 Avondale Park. He was a member of the Lotus Club of New York and a former member of the Genesee Valley and Rochester clubs, as well as many engineering and professional societies.

He is survived by four sisters Ida C., Mary E., Lucena A. and S. Louise Barnard, all of Rochester. His wife died several years ago.

RVF Book - Biography - B
DEATH CLAIMS
JOHN BURNES

Times-Union MAR 16 1936
Employed by B., R. & P. for 48 Years—Rites Wednesday

John E. Burnes, 74, retired railroad executive, died yesterday, Mar. 15, 1936, at the home of his daughter, 133 Warwick Avenue.

Mr. Burnes was with the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway 48 years. He retired as superintendent of service two years ago.

He was a member of the Woodmen of America, Red Men, Foresters of America, Odd Fellows and Liederkrantz.

He is survived by two sons, Elmer and George; a daughter, Mrs. Inez E. Lyddon; four grandchildren and a brother, Edward, of Bath Beach, Brooklyn.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

RVF Book - Biography - B
William W. Bennett
Dies at Home

William Walter Bennett, industrial engineer and a resident of Rochester for 18 years, died yesterday morning at his home, 20 Mayflower Drive, after a brief illness. He was 50.

A native of Portsmouth, N. H., Mr. Bennett had made his home here since shortly after his marriage to Josephine Rauber, daughter of John Rauber, Rochester contractor. Mr. Bennett's business interests took him all over the United States as a reorganizer of industrial concerns and he gained considerable prominence in this field. His early training was in banking and mining. He was affiliated with Stevenson, Harrison & Jordan of New York City.

Though absent from Rochester much of the time he acquired a wide circle of friends here and was active socially.

Besides his wife he is survived by his mother, Mrs. William Bennett of Portsmouth, and three children, William, John and Joan.

RVF Book - Biography - B
Charles A. Baker Dies,
Founded Glass Works

Charles A. Baker, head of the Baker Art Glass Studio at 206 Commercial Street, died yesterday (Jan. 11, 1936) in his home, 890 Plymouth Avenue North. He was 69.

Mr. Baker learned the glass trade in England, coming to this country in 1890. Shortly afterward he opened his studio here, doing ornamental glass work for churches and homes.

Surviving are his wife, Kate; a daughter, Mrs. Henry Hudson; one grandchild; a brother, Samuel Baker and a sister, Mrs. W. Twiddy Randle, both of Birmingham, England.

He was a member of Genesee Valley Lodge of Masons, Damascus Temple, Monroe Commandry, Hamilton Chapter and Maccabees.

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RVF Rochester - B
**Three Win Place
 On Dean's List**

Wallace F. Baker, son of City Manager Harold W. Baker, and Thomas A. Burke Jr. and Alford W. White of Rochester are on the dean's list for high scholarship at Union College.

Baker is studying civil engineering and Burke electrical engineering. All three are Monroe High School graduates.

RVF Rochester - B
**Julius Bakrow
 Taken by Death**
 DEC 28 1936

Julius J. Bakrow, prominent in the Rochester clothing industry for many years, died today at his home, 34 South Goodman Street. He would have been 75, Jan. 7.

Mr. Bakrow was the father of Beatrice Bakrow Kaufman of New York, well-known writer and wife of the playwright, George S. Kaufman. He is survived also by his wife, Sara Adler Bakrow, and two sons, Leonard and Julian Bakrow of Rochester.

Born in Louisville, Ky., Mr. Bakrow came to Rochester at the time of his marriage in 1888. He was for many years a member of the clothing firm of L. Adler Bros. & Co., but had been inactive for about 10 years.

He was a member of Rochester Club, Irondequoit Country Club and Temple B'rith Kodesh.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a. m. tomorrow in the chapel of Ingmire & Nagle Company, Chestnut Street.

RVF Rochester - B
**DEATH TAKES
 J. J. BAKROW**
 D. & C. DEC 29 1936

Julius John Bakrow, 75, father of Beatrice Bakrow Kaufman, writer and wife of George S. Kaufman, playwright, died yesterday (Dec. 28, 1936) in Strong Memorial Hospital after a 10-day illness.

Mr. Bakrow, who lived at 34 South Goodman Street, was active in the clothing business for 48 years. Born in Louisville, Ky., he moved to New York City in 1888 to become a salesman in L. Adler Brothers Company office there. A year later he came to Rochester as a salesman for the firm in its southern territory.

When the company was incorporated in 1897 he became a director and stockholder. After the firm went out of existence to become Levy Brothers and Adler Company, Mr. Bakrow continued as a director and stockholder but retired from active work in the clothing business. He was then for a time special agent for Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company.

He leaves his wife, Sarah Adler Bakrow, and two sons, Leonard and Julian, all of Rochester. Funeral services will be conducted this morning at 10:30 o'clock in 137 Chestnut Street.

RVF Rochester - B
**Balestier Dies;
 Aided Kipling**
 JUL 29 1936

Rochester-born Beatty S. Balestier, 69, of Dummerston, Vt., brother-in-law of the late Rudyard Kipling, died today in Brattleboro, Vt., Memorial Hospital, an Associated Press dispatch says.

Balestier, at one time Kipling's literary agent in this country, had been ill since last December.

Born in Rochester in 1869, when his father, Henry Wolcott Balestier, conducted a produce trade in State Street, Beatty Balestier spent his early childhood in this city. His sister, Caroline Balestier Kipling, widow of the famous British poet, also spent her childhood in Rochester.

The Balestiers lived in a house at Stone Avenue and Thorn Street. It was razed in 1934.

RVF Rochester - B
**Ball Elected President
 At State Bankers' Session**

Times-Union JUN 22 1936

State recognition came to Raymond N. Ball, president of Lincoln-Alliance Bank & Trust Company, today in his election as president of the New York State Bankers Association.

He was chosen at the closing session of the Association's convention at Bolton Landing, at which changes in the national banking laws provided in the Goldsborough bill were indorsed.

President since 1929

Mr. Ball has been president of the Lincoln-Alliance Bank since October, 1929. Previous to that he was treasurer of the University of Rochester. A graduate of the University, he still plays an active part in its affairs as trustee and vicepresident in charge of finance. He was appointed alumni secretary in 1919, comptroller in 1922 and served as treasurer from 1925 to 1929. He was born June 10, 1891.

In the World War, Mr. Ball served as captain of Company A, 308th Machine Gun Battalion of the 78th Division and saw service in the St. Mihiel and Argonne offensives.

Frank K. Houston, president of the Chemical Bank and Trust Company, New York City, was elected vicepresident of the state association.



Raymond N. Ball

RVF Rochester - B
**Rochesterian Acts in
 New Broadway Play**

Oliver Barber, young Rochester actor who left here 18 months ago to launch himself on a professional career, last night appeared in "Tide Rising," a new play being presented in the Lyceum Theater in New York City.

Starring in the play is Grant Mitchell. Barber formerly filled numerous juvenile roles in the Community Players here.

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Rochester Biography - B

Vocational Education Head To Retire After 17 Years; Board Names Successor



JAMES F. BARKER

Rochester Public Library

Shop School Pioneer, Authority in Field To Return

D. & C. JUN 30 1936

Retirement of James F. Barker, assistant superintendent of Rochester public schools in charge of vocational education for the past 17 years, was disclosed yesterday by the Board of Education.

Educator for 40 years, former president of Mechanics Institute, and a man who combined theoretical and practical knowledge and injected both into school vocational work, Mr. Barker's retirement date was set only generally as within a few months after Sept. 1.

Designated by the board to fill his place is Verne A. Bird, recognized authority on vocational programs. Mr. Bird will become assistant in vocational education Sept. 1, and soon thereafter will succeed to Mr. Barker's title and position.

Planned New School

The vocational career of Mr. Barker began when he was graduated from schools of mechanical engineering and architecture of Cornell University, and with practical experience in the latter field. He began his educational work in the manual training department of Milwaukee schools in 1897, successively becoming director of manual training in Grand Rapids, director of the Hackley Manual Training School in Muskegan, Mich.

In 1906 he went to Cleveland to plan the layout and equipment of the East Technical High School. On completion of that building in 1907 he became its first principal, a post which he held for nine years. He then came to Rochester to be president of Mechanics Institute. After three years at Mechanics he was drafted by the Rochester Board of Education as assistant superintendent in charge of vocational education.

Mr. Barker also has been in general charge of evening schools, which until the Board of Education's budget was reduced in 1932, annually served some 10,000 adults. The summer schools and continuation school also have come under Mr. Barker's supervision. From the beginning of the program of New Era classes and the Collegate Center under TERA and later under WPA, Mr. Barker has been chief officer under the Board of Education for the direction of some 300 teachers and 30,000 students in connection with these projects.

Photography Hobby

Besides handling a multifarious list of administrative duties, Mr. Barker has prosecuted ardently his avocations of photography and painting.

The man who will succeed him has had a highly successful career in his field both in Rochester and elsewhere. Mr. Bird was principal of the old Rochester Shop School, which later developed into the Edison Technical and Industrial High School. He was director of industrial arts in Rochester from 1918 to 1920, resigning to become assistant superintendent of schools in Utica, New York, where he inaugurated a widely-recognized vocational program.

After seven years in Utica he was for six years director of education at the Mooseheart Institute in Mooseheart, Ill. He is a graduate of Cornell College in Iowa, holds a master's degree from the University of Rochester, and has completed his work for the doctorate at New York University in the field of educational guidance.

School Aide Honored at Dinner Fete

Barker Guest of 400
Teachers, Friends
At Oak Hill

D. & C. NOV 17 1936

Friends and associates of James F. Barker during the 17 years he has served as assistant superintendent of Rochester public schools, extended him their greetings and good wishes last night at Oak Hill Country Club.

Some 400 teachers attended the dinner arranged to honor Mr. Barker who retires next month. In their name Theodore A. Zornow, assistant superintendent of schools, presented Mr. Barker a check for \$100 and a pen and pencil set.

Justin Hickey of Jefferson High School presided as toastmaster. Speakers included James D. McGill, chairman of the Board of Education; Representative James P. B. Duffy, a former member of the Board; Capt. J. Arthur Jennings, an associate of Mr. Barker in the Rochester Cornell Club; Clifford G. Uip of Mechanics Institute, and James M. Spinning, superintendent of public schools.

Rochester Biography - B

ROCHESTER DEMOCRAT AND CHRO

A Gift for (Retiring) Teacher

D. & C. NOV 17 1936



... but its not an apple that Assistant Superintendent of Schools Theodore A. Zornow, right, is presenting James F. Barker, retiring assistant school superintendent. Honored at a testimonial dinner last night, Barker's gift (all done up in the big box) was \$100 with the stipulation that he spend it on his hobby—photographic equipment.

PAINTING DUE TO BE HUNG IN CLEVELAND

High School Will
Get Portrait
Of Barker
D. & C. FEB 5- 1937

A portrait of James F. Barker, former assistant superintendent of Rochester schools, recently painted by Harold S. Bishop, and a reproduction of which appeared in yesterday's Democrat and Chronicle, will hang in East Technical High School, Cleveland, where Mr. Barker was first principal and inaugurated technical training.

Although 20 years have passed since Mr. Barker left that school, he is remembered as bringing not only to Cleveland but the state of Ohio a system of education still classed as modern. He went to Cleveland two years before the school was opened, served as consulting architect while it was in construction and prepared study courses.

Booklet Tells Work

A booklet, "The Story of East Technical High School," printed last year, two decades after Mr. Barker left, says:

"The most valuable contribution Mr. Barker made in East Technical and to the progress of education was the homeroom plan. To every teacher in the new school was assigned a group of students whose welfare—physical, mental and spiritual—was to be his special concern. This group was fairly homogeneous, coming from the elementary school, and it was a permanent group, since the students remained members of the group as long as they were in East Technical. In this way close and helpful ties were woven between homeroom teachers and their boys and girls. The homeroom teacher required a protective, almost defensive feeling for his charges."

Mr. Barker practiced the profession of architect for some years before teaching, having been graduated from Cornell University as an architectural engineer.

Now Paints in Home

"Any artistic endeavor of the school found him in the midst," the booklet continues. "When a play was given he was back stage directing the placing of scenery and supervising the make-up of the actors. For a short time he directed East Technical's first orchestra."

Mr. Barker is now painting pictures in his home at 565 Harvard Street. Many of these are marine views and landscapes. He will spend next summer at Nantucket, where each vacation he has lived in an ancestral home that has been in his family for more than 125 years.

Mr. Barker is a descendant of an aunt of Benjamin Franklin. He has a desk of English walnut one of his ancestors brought from England in 1712. He is a descendant of 11 of the first 15 families that went from Massachusetts Bay

DEATH TAKES WAR VETERAN

Eugene Lawrence Barry, 45, veteran of the World War, died Wednesday, (May 5, 1937) in this city.

He entered the armed service here Sept. 29, 1917 and was sent overseas with the 19th Field Artillery, serving with the AEF for more than a year. He returned to New York City July 29, 1919 when he was discharged.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Viola A. Barry; his father, John W. Barry and four sisters, Lulu K. Le Veque and the Misses Gertrude M., Ethel F. and Helen M. Barry.

Funeral services will be conducted at 8:30 a. m. at the home of his father, 2 Kensington Street and at 9 a. m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Burial will be in Holy Sepulcher Cemetery.

Robert C. Barry Engaged to Wed

MR. and Mrs. George Williams Seaman of "The Beeches," Beacon-on-the-Hudson, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Hurtin Seaman, to Robert Campbell Barry, son of Mrs. Edmund Henry Barry of Park Avenue.

Miss Seaman was educated at Overfield School, and studied at Eversholme School, Florence, and at the University of Florence in Florence, Italy. A member of an old Dutchess County family which goes back to Revolutionary days, Miss Seaman is a granddaughter of the late John Peter de Windt, descendant of John Adams. Her mother is descended from the Knickerbocker families of Van Horne, Ogden and Freeman, and the Long Island family of Corwin.

Mr. Barry is the nephew of the noted playwright, Philip Barry, and is the grandson of Nathaniel Foote, retired justice of the New York Supreme Court. He was educated at Blair Academy and Hamilton College.

Death Claims W. C. Barry, Head of Bank



WILLIAM C. BARRY

Pneumonia contracted several days ago on a fishing trip at Henderson Harbor proved fatal last night to William C. Barry, 61, president of the Monroe County Savings Bank.

Mr. Barry died at 10:30 last evening in the Good Samaritan Hospital, Watertown, where he had been taken earlier last week. The body will be brought back to Rochester for burial, funeral services to be conducted in Immaculate Conception Church of which Mr. Barry was a parishoner.

A member of the pioneer Irish families of Rochester, Mr. Barry was the grandson of Patrick Barry, founder of the nursery business which contributed to the early fame of the city as a nursery center.

U. of R. Graduate

After studying at the University of Rochester for two years, 1895-97, Mr. Barry joined the Ellwanger and Barry Co., the nursery business founded by his family. He was president of the Ellwanger and Barry Realty Company and was recently elected to head the Monroe County Savings Bank. Prior to his election as president of the bank in January, 1935, Mr. Barry had served as trustee since 1917 and as vicepresident since 1927. He was also a director and member of the executive committee of the Rochester Trust & Safe Deposit Company.

A leader in Catholic circles, Mr. Barry had served for a number of years on the board of Holy Sepulcher Cemetery.

Family at Bedside

He went with friends a week ago to Henderson Harbor for a fishing trip on which he contracted pneumonia. Dr. Charles R. Witherpoon, a friend of Mr. Barry's from college days, made several trips to Watertown to assist in medical care. Mrs. Grace Goodloe Barry, his wife, went to Watertown Monday to be with her husband.

His three sons, William Crawford Barry, Clay Goodloe Barry and Peter Barry, a sister, Mrs. Charles H. Stearns, and a brother, Frederick A. Barry all of Rochester were all in Watertown yesterday. A second brother, Arthur A. Barry remained in Rochester. The son, Crawford Barry, who was in Hollywood for the Eastman Kodak Company flew to his father's bedside.

Funeral services from the family residence, 630 Mt. Hope Avenue, and from Immaculate Conception Church will be private.

Mr. Barry was a member of the Rochester Automobile Club, Country Club of Rochester, Genesee Valley Club, Rochester Ad Club, Rochester Chamber of Commerce and Rochester Club.

Rochester Public Library
54 Court St.

Major William C. Barry
D. & C. JUL 3 1936

The services for which Rochester and Monroe County are in the debt of Patrick Barry and his descendants are large. Pioneer nurseryman, public spirited donor with his partner William D. Ellwanger of Highland Park, Mr. Barry left a heritage of responsibility and obligation to his descendants.

His son, William C. Barry, carried on the family traditions and service in a manner that won the community's gratitude and esteem. His grandson, Major William C. Barry, who has just died, carried on in his turn and won respect and prominence by his own efforts.

As president of the Monroe County Savings Bank and member of the Executive Committee of the Rochester Trust & Safe Deposit Company he was active and influential in the city's business and financial circles. His activity in the National Guard, in which he was commissioned a major in 1917, and in the church of his choice rounded out a career of useful citizenship.

The community is saddened by his death and will long honor him for his services in many fields.

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RV F. ... B. 3.
**RAIL VETERAN,
RETIRED, DIES**

1937
A railroad man for 45 years, William J. Bartholomay, 69, of 34 Darwin Street, died yesterday (Mar. 4, 1937) in his home, following a long illness.

Mr. Bartholomay was born in this city and attended St. Joseph's School. He went to work for the New York Central Railroad shortly after leaving school and was an engineer when he was retired because of ill health seven years ago.

He is survived by his widow, Rosemary Bartholomay, and a brother, Edward Bartholomay, both of this city. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Rochester Lodge of Moose and Foresters of America.

Funeral services will be conducted at 8:30 a. m. tomorrow in the home and at 9 a. m. in St. Joseph's Church.

RV F. ... B. 3.
**BAUER TO TAKE
RIDE IN PLANE**

D. & C. APR 18 1937

An airplane will be substituted for a white horse today when Joseph Bauer, Civil War veteran, celebrates his 92nd birthday by taking his first trip into the air.

For many years, Joe Bauer, as he affectionately is known, rode a white horse at the head of the Memorial Day parade. He chafed when his friends a few years ago persuaded him to use an automobile instead of a horse, but he promised he would get even some way.

In Washington recently, Joe met Frank E. Gannett. When the subject of his birthday was mentioned and the question of an airplane ride was broached as a good way to get a nonagenarian thrill, Joe jumped at the chance. So about noon today he will go up in the Gannett plane with Russell G. Holderman at the controls from Municipal Airport.

It's going to be quite a gala event too. Chief of Police Henry T. Copenhagen and a police escort will go with him from his home at 66 Sidney Street to the airport and return with him to his home after he has looked down on the city where he has lived for some many years.

Mr. Bauer is commander of Memorial and Executive Council, commander of Marshall Post, G.A.R., and a former vicecommander of the Department of the State of New York, G.A.R. His friends in the G.A.R. are planning to make him state commander.

RV F. ... B. 3.
**Hands That Almost Shook Abe Lincoln's
Hold Controls of Plane Flying Over City**

RV F. ... B. 3.
**Sky-Riding More
Enjoyed Than
Horseback**

The hand that almost shook the hand of Abraham Lincoln in the 'sixties took over the controls of an airplane yesterday.

It was the wrinkled hand of Joseph Bauer, Rochester's sturdy and ageless Civil War veteran, which took the wheel of the airship from Lieutenant Commander Russell C. Holderman, Gannett Newspaper pilot, 2,500 feet above the clouds. The man who twice saw Old Abe stepped out briskly to report there "wasn't much to flying."

The flight was Bauer's way of celebrating his 92nd birthday.

A long stogie clamped between his teeth, he mounted the steps to the Stinson cabin ship and took off in face of a low 300-foot ceiling over Western New York. Scudding through the clouds Holderman took the ship into the sunshine above, dropped below and flew over the city, the lakeshore and Irondequoit Bay in a 20-minute ride.

For a few seconds Bauer, who admittedly will try anything once, took the wheel from Holderman and held the ship evenly.

Once the ship had taxied back to the Municipal Airport apron, Bauer hopped down the narrow ladder and went to investigate the Gannett tri-motor and its radio equipment.

Flying, he concluded, was as pleasant as riding the white horse which used to head Memorial Day parades. Then he went off to finish his birthday party at home.

The flight was the upshot of a meeting of Frank E. Gannett, publisher, and Bauer in Washington several weeks ago. Introduced to the veteran by Pilot Holderman, Mr. Gannett suggested a plane ride and the nonagenarian agreed.

Bauer was escorted to the airport from his home at 66 Sidney Street by a detail of police. He is commander of the Memorial and Executive Council, commander of Marshall Post, G.A.R., and former vicecommander of the Department of the State of New York.



There wasn't a doubt yesterday that "Uncle Joe" Bauer, Civil War veteran, enjoyed his 92d birthday, for he was taking his first airplane ride. He's shown here with Pilot Russell Holderman, "testing" instruments just before his sky journey

D. & C. APR 19 1937

R.V.F. Rochesterian Named
To Insurance Post

Harold H. Baxter, in the insurance field in Utica and Rochester for 12 years, yesterday was named general agent for the State Mutual Life Insurance Company in Rochester. He succeeds Charles R. Gowen as district manager.

D. & C. APR 1 1937

Rochester Biography B
Byron D. Beal, 87, Dies in Chili,
Former Revenue Deputy OCT 3 1936

Byron D. Beal, 87, one of the oldest Democrats in Monroe County and once nationally known, died Thursday night Oct. 1, 1936, after an illness of ten days at his home, Rolling Acres, Chili.

On Sept. 21 relatives of Mr. Beal gathered at his 150-year-old home for a birthday celebration. He suffered a nervous chill which developed into pneumonia causing his death.

Raised in Macedon

Mr. Beal was born in Macedon and was educated in the seminary there. He was married to Jennie E. Dietrich in 1876 and four years later moved to Rolling Acres.

In the mid-eighties Mr. Beal was elected supervisor of Chili and from 1893 to 1899 he was chief deputy in the Internal Revenue office in this district. He was a peace justice

and town assessor and a postoffice was named after him.

Aide to Cleveland

In the Cleveland-Hill factional fight, Mr. Beal was aligned with the Cleveland faction and was a chief aide for the late Louis M. Antisdale, leader of the Cleveland forces and then editor of the Herald.

Between 1888 and 1891, Mr. Beal formed the New York Reform Club and toured 32 states in the interests of Cleveland who was re-elected in 1892. William Jennings Bryan was a friend of Mr. Beal, but they disagreed on the silver issue. The late George W. Aldridge was an intimate of Mr. Beal.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Olive B. Dimon of this city, Mrs. Frank N. Pease, of Chili and one son, Ralph D. Beal of Chili. Funeral services will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the home. Burial will be in Grove Place Cemetery.

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U. R. Women
List Talk by
Dr. Beaven Times-Union MAR 5 1937

"Religion and My Medical Practice" will be the subject of the next address in the Spring Chapel Series to be given by Dr. Paul Beaven in the Little Theater of the Memorial Art Gallery of the College for Women, University of Rochester. Doctor Beaven will speak on Wednesday, Mar. 10.

Doctor Beaven is a graduate of the University of Rochester in the class of 1913. He received his doctor's degree from the University of Michigan in 1918. After three years of work in New York City and Ann Arbor, he became an assistant professor at the University of Rochester. He is now on the staff of Strong Memorial Hospital.

In addition to his regular practice, Doctor Beaven is chairman of the American Academy of Pediatrics in New York State, of the Rochester Pediatrics Society, and of the Pediatrics Society of the University of Michigan.

Doctor Beaven is member of the board of the Third Presbyterian Church. He is also on the board of the Rescue Mission and a member of the Board of Directors of Allendale School. His chapel talk will be concerned with the therapeutics of medicine as related to the therapeutics of religion.

R.V.F. Rochester - Biog
Double Honor
Given Son
Of Dr. Beaven

Commencement Day at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School held twice its usual significance today for President Albert W. Beaven, whose son not only was in the graduating class, but also was recommended for a graduate scholarship at the University of London.

Robert Hadow Beaven's name headed the list of scholarship recommendations included in the annual report to the board of trustees of the Baptist Education Society of the State of New York which met there this morning.

Others Honored

Others were Harold Emery Hammer, graduate department of Cornell University in the School of Agriculture; Clyde Amos Holbrook, Yale University; Winthrop Still Hudson, University of Chicago; Lorna Pemerton Wearing, Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University.

The board of trustees re-elected Ambrose Swasy of Cleveland, president. Rush Rhees, formerly president of the University of Rochester, was elected a trustee for one year. Other Rochesterians elected were Glenn B. Ewell, secretary; Arthur J. Gosnell, treasurer; Dr. Beaven, William B. Hale, Herbert S. Weet, Arthur L. Stewart, J. Sawyer Fitch, trustees for three years.

The Rev. Douglas Horton, D. D., minister of the United Church of Hyde Park, Chicago, will speak on the "Pulpit and the American Scene" at the commencement exercises tonight at 7:45.

2 Ordinations

One member of the class of 28 has already been ordained and another will be this week. Stanley Bannerman Thompson will be ordained at 8 p. m. tomorrow at the Greece Baptist Church. The Rev. Frederick E. Dean, pastor, will preside and the Rev. David Thompson, the candidate's father, will preach.

The Rev. J. Edwin Ring, minister of the Fernwood Avenue Baptist Church, was ordained last evening in the church. Doctor Beaven preached the sermon.

Doctor Beaven gave the baccalaureate sermon to the class yesterday.

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Joseph A. Begy Dies
Former Drug Maker OCT 26 1936

Joseph A. Begy, former president of Joseph A. Begy Company, Pharmaceutical Supplies, Water Street, died yesterday (Oct. 7, 1936) in Long Beach, Calif., according to word received here last night.

Mr. Begy, who founded his company on State Street in 1905, sold the business and retired about 10 years ago. He had been in California for about four years before his death. He was a brother of the late Col. George A. Begy. While here he developed a patent medicine formula nationally known as Mustarine. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Besides his wife, Rhoda Vaness Begy, and a son, Joseph, both of Long Beach, he leaves one daughter, Mrs. Harriet B. Smith, Los Angeles, and a brother, Philip of Rochester.

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License Post Head
Enters Retirement OCT 30 1937

The Police Department's chief "inspector" is in retirement.

Public Safety Commissioner Walter P. Cox yesterday announced that James B. Bennett, chief license officer for the department, had been retired after 36 years service. In that time, he has had charge of issuing most of the licenses of the city dispensens, each of which called for extensive inspection by himself and staff.

Bennett was made a policeman in 1899, license officer in 1914 and chief license officer in 1925. His job will be filled from a civil service list when one is drafted, Cox said.

R.V.F. Rochester - Biog
Married 64 Years
Couple Celebrates

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Beardsley, Lee Road, Gates, yesterday celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary in their home.

The holiday was a double celebration for Mrs. Beardsley, who also marker her 83d birthday anniversary. Mr. Beardsley will be 89 June 9.

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Dr. Beaven Leaves to
Attend Church Mission B

Dr. Albert W. Beaven, president of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, leaves Rochester tonight to spend five weeks with the Preaching Mission of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and colleges in the West.

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Rochesterian Gets Consul Pay Boost

H. Merrell Benninghoff of Rochester, consul at Harbin, China, yesterday was advanced from foreign officer of eighth rating to seventh class. **D. & C. APR 6 1937**

The advancement, by nomination of President Roosevelt, carried with it a salary increase from \$3,500 to \$4,000 a year, according to press dispatches from Washington. Also transferred from eighth to seventh class yesterday was Sidney A. Belovsky of Hornell, consul at Dublin, Ireland.

By War Department orders yesterday, Maj. William T. Haldeman, U. S. Cavalry, detailed at Rochester as National Guard instructor, was assigned to the Philippines Department, effective Sept. 11. Maj. Roy L. Bowlin, Ordnance Department, who was to report at Rochester for duty June 1, will report Aug. 1 instead.

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U. S. Promotes Rochesterian

Consular service promotions yesterday boosted the rank and pay of H. Merrell Benninghoff of Rochester, U. S. consul at Harbin, China.

Benninghoff was advanced from foreign officer of eighth rating to seventh class, and his pay increased from \$3,500 to \$4,000. A University of Rochester graduate, Benninghoff has been stationed in China for about 10 years.

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Sightless Attorney Scoffs at His Handicap As He Enjoys Success in Gotham Practice

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Native Rochesterian Had Uphill Fight For Education

The attorney faced his jury confidently.

"Would you gentlemen," he queried, "show any prejudices toward a blind lawyer?"

A subdued reply of "no" came from the jury box.

Across the counsel tables sat Benjamin Berinstein, sightless New York lawyer, with his clerk and client. Berinstein whispered with his assistant for a moment and rose from his seat.

"Your honor and gentlemen," he said, "do you have any objections or favors to bestow upon a bald barrister?" He waved at his opponent and sat down in a roar of laughter.

This is the Attorney Berinstein who yesterday appeared before the annual conference of the New York State Federation of Workers for the Blind at 439 Monroe Avenue and previously read a paper before a conference of social workers in Hotel Seneca. And this is the attitude he takes toward his handicap.

A Rochester boy, he began to sidestep the limitations of sightlessness early by enrolling as the first blind student in Rochester high schools. After a quarrel with authorities over admission, he enrolled on probation, graduating in 1906.

Without money he proceeded to Columbia University where he earned his way by reading proofs for a Braille magazine, writing Greek in Braille for a student in Princeton, and typing. Later he won a scholarship.

He completed a four-year course in Columbia in three and a half years, picking up a Phi Beta Kappa key on the way, and plunged into law school.

Two more years, a state bar examination, and he was New York City's newest and most ambitious attorney.

Opening a law office, he worked on the edge of disaster for a few years until he could convince a doubtful clientele that a blind man's brain is the equal of others. Then business came and the office of Benjamin Bernstein prospered. When the depression came, it was blasted along with other law practices but withal Mr. Berinstein believes he has done well as law offices go.



Benjamin Berinstein—East High and Columbia graduate, Phi Beta Kappa student and attorney—wants no sympathy, though he has been blind since birth. He was "home" yesterday for the convention of the State Association for the Blind.

Trying all kinds of cases in the courts, Mr. Berinstein utilizes no help except a regular office staff. His cases are prepared personally and presented in court personally. He is assisted by clerks who accompany him.

Whereas other attorneys use their eyes to examine jurors and witnesses, Attorney Berinstein merely listens to voices answer a couple of carefully chosen questions. On these he bases his challenges. He quotes Disraeli as saying the "index of human character is the voice." He rounds out his information with an examination of the jury panel.

In an effort not to favor him on account of his handicap, judges have bent "over backwards" to be

fair in court, Mr. Berinstein believes, and that constitutes one of the few obstacles to a blind attorney. Otherwise, he says the fact of his blindness remains in the background, only to come to the fore when a witness tries to answer a question by a nod of the head.

Once you have convinced the world that the blind man lacks only sight and is the equal of everyone else in other respects, Mr. Berinstein says, you have removed his greatest disadvantage.

Student Named On Seminar List

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Irving Bernstein of 5 Buchan Park, a student at the University of Rochester, is one of 14 American students appointed yesterday by the Students International Union to attend its seminar on world affairs at Geneva, Switzerland, this summer.

Chosen from a list of nominations by 75 colleges throughout the nation, the 14 students were selected on the basis of scholarship record and ability to contribute to a discussion of foreign affairs. The seminar will open the latter part of July under the direction of Sir Norman Angell, former member of the British Parliament and a winner of the Nobel peace prize. A like number of foreign students will attend. R. F. Roach - Aug - B

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New Sugar Quota Proposal Shaped by Former Rochesterian
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A former Rochesterian, America's foremost authority on sugar, has been called into the limelight by President Roosevelt's message to Congress asking a sugar quota law carrying a three-fourths cent excise tax.

He is Joshua Bernhardt, 44, University of Rochester graduate, class of 1916. Bernhardt, according to word from Washington, is chief of the sugar division of the U. S. Tariff Commission, and administration of any sugar law will be placed in his hands.

He is to sugar, a Washington dispatch says, what Secretary Wallace is to pigs and clover and Secretary Morgenthau is to dimes and quarters.

Doctor Bernhardt is looked on as the "wizard of the sugar industry," and has written more books upon it than any person in the United States. He was born in Windau, Latvia, and was brought to the United States by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hirsh Bernhardt, when six years old.

Receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree at Rochester, Doctor Bernhardt decided to be an economist, and five years later received his Ph. D., from Johns Hopkins University in 1921.

He joined the U. S. food administration under Herbert Hoover in Washington in 1918, and was made a member of the staff of the statistical division of the Sugar Equalization Board two years later.

He played an important part in drafting the Jones-Costigan bill that placed a quota on sugar, and which the President now wants continued along more modern lines.

The new proposal is regarded as the concept of Doctor Bernhardt, quiet and studious, always on the job. He has served on every federal commission and board that has dealt with the sugar industry during the past decade. He has studied it first hand in every sugar producing country and has shaped the sugar policy of the government during this period.

He lives in Chevy Chase, Washington's fashionable residential section. Mrs. Bernhardt is the former Hanna Gichner of Washington, D. C. They have three sons, Henry, Max and Joseph.

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Rabbi to Review Ten Years of Service
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Completion by Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein of 10 years of service to Congregation B'rith Kodesh and the community of Rochester will be observed tomorrow at the 11 a. m. service at the Temple. Rabbi Bernstein will speak on "The Years Are Too Short" and is expected to discuss the changes which have occurred in the last decade.

The public, regardless of creed, is invited.

Rabbi Bernstein came to Congregation B'rith Kodesh in September, 1926, as an assistant to Rabbi Horare J. Wolf, who had been with the congregation 17 years. In November, 1926, Rabbi Wolf contracted an illness which proved fatal. Rabbi Bernstein has been the spiritual leader of the congregation since that time. The congregation has had only three rabbis since 1870, Dr. Max Landsberg, Rabbi Wolf and Rabbi Bernstein.

A congregational dinner will be served at the Temple tomorrow at 7 p. m. as a testimonial to Rabbi Bernstein. President Henry M. Stern of the Temple will preside. Brief talks will be given by the Rev. Justin W. Nixon, D. D., minister of Brick Church; the Rev. Davis Rhys Williams, minister of First Unitarian Church; James W. Spinning, superintendent of the city school system; Rabbi Jeremiah J. Berman of Temple Beth El, Rabbi Benjamin Friedman of Syracuse, Mrs. Samuel J. Cohen and Chester Leopold.

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Ten Brilliant Years

Rochesterians of all faiths will join in congratulating Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein on the completion of his first decade of service at Temple B'rith Kodesh. His contributions to civic advancement have been no less outstanding than has his spiritual leadership of the Gibbs Street congregation.

When he came to Rochester in the autumn of 1926, Rabbi Bernstein was a stranger to the majority of the city's residents. Through his readiness to participate in civic movements, his progressive views and his happy facility of address he has made himself one with the great majority of Rochesterians.

But Rabbi Bernstein's contributions have been more than local. In recent months he participated in the highly significant good will tour of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish clergymen through parts of the United States hitherto regarded as prejudiced in matters of creed and race. The results of his endeavors have been such as to give great encouragement to all those who seek, through enlightenment, to break down barriers and banish old ghosts of hate and suspicion.

His first ten years of service in Rochester have given Rabbi Bernstein a sure place in the esteem of his fellow townsmen, all of whom will wish him well as he begins another decade of progressive leadership.

RVF Rochester Biography - B
Prominent Batavian Dies

Batavia—Harry S. Bickford, 44, well-known Batavian, died in St. Jerome's Hospital yesterday, Mar. 5, 1937, after a three-days' illness with pneumonia.

He came to Batavia in 1934 from his home in Rochester.

Mr. Bickford was manager of the Genesee Finance Company office here, and formerly represented finance companies and credit corporations of the West and Southwest.

He was 1936 golf champion at the Stafford Country Club, and a member of the Batavia Club.

Surviving are his widow, Esther Von Luster Bickford; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Bickford, 33 South Goodman Street, Rochester; a brother, Ralph, of 35 South Goodman, and two sisters, Mrs. Harlan Bruce Munger, Springfield, Mass., and Mrs. Carl T. Molin, 300 San Gabriel Drive, Rochester. Funeral services will be Monday from the home of Mrs. Molin.

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Broker Freed Of Larceny

Clifford E. Best, broker, of 831 Woodbine Avenue was cleared of second degree grand larceny charges today when it was learned that Mrs. Anna M. Reinartz and her son, John, of Braddock's Heights, had failed to tell all they knew to the district attorney's office.

County Judge William C. Kohlmetz dismissed the indictment, returned by the June Grand Jury, on motion of Assistant District Attorney Anthony Miceli, who said an investigation revealed that no crime was committed.

Best, in the indictment, was accused of appropriating to his own use \$550 given him by the Reinartz family as down payment on a 117-acre farm in Ridge Road West, Clarkson, Dec. 27, 1934. Purchase price of the farm was \$11,000.

According to Mr. Miceli, Best was indicted on this evidence. While held at the jail, before his release to \$2,000 bail, Best made

RVF Rochester Biography - B
H. S. Bickford Dies In Batavia Hospital

Harry S. Bickford, 44, a former Rochesterian and owner-manager of the Genesee Finance Company, Batavia, died yesterday (Mar. 5, 1937) in St. Jerome's Hospital, Batavia, of pneumonia. He resided at 401 East Main Street, Batavia.

A 1916 graduate of Dartmouth University, Mr. Bickford had lived in Batavia since November, 1934, going from Rochester, where his parents reside. He had formerly been associated with automobile financing companies here.

Member of the Batavia Club and the Stafford Country Club, he had been prominent in both organizations. He won the 1936 club golf championship at Stafford.

Surviving are his widow, Esther Van Luster Bickford; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Bickford of 33 South Goodman Street; two sisters, Mrs. Carl T. Molin, 300 San Gabriel Drive, and Mrs. Harlan Bruce Munger of Springfield, Mass., and one brother, Ralph D. Bickford, 35 South Goodman Street.

Funeral services will be Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Molin.

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Man Who Gets Travelers Aboard Trains Buffets Verbal Barrage Till Fit to Be Tied

Rochester Public Library

115 South Ave.

But He Holds Temper Though Questions Might Vex Saint

The train announcer only knows when the trains come, not why.

But the public at large doesn't know that.

Let Train Caller J. D. Bijun at New York Central Station brace himself against his brass rail and announce Number One bound for Buffalo at 5:45 p. m. is 10 minutes late, and there is an immediate rush.

The customers storm his post to ask a single question:

"How come?"

The urbane Mr. Bijun doesn't know.

"Then how do you know it's late?" may follow.

"The operator in the tower flashes the time of arrival to me on every train," he replies devastatingly. And the subdued inquirer, chastened, returns to his or her bench.

A railroad station announcer is the great fountain of knowledge for travelers and to him comes a variety of questions.

A hundred times a day he must answer such extraneous remarks as: "How's the railroad business?" "How are the trains running these days?" And although he isn't a stockholder, he knows business is better and trains are running regularly.

On excursions days he knows questions will just pour in. Excursion travelers are great seekers after railroad knowledge, according to Bijun. For example, they may be interested in the number of minutes it takes a train to go from Poughkeepsie to Cleveland or Batavia to Fairport, and the number of stops it must make en route.

Then of course, there is the old query, usually accompanied by an argument: "Why isn't my excursion ticket good on any train?" That one has the announcer stumped. He is only sure it isn't.

There are a number of travelers who pay no attention to train announcements and then blame the caller after their train pulls out. This is one of the minor banes of the job. Another difficulty is with people who are certain through trains to Buffalo stop at Batavia.

But the announcer is an important figure to all who are late, for he is the one man who can hold a limited while the tardy one buys his or her ticket.



Train calling is but a small half of the job, according to Train Caller J. D. Bijun, whose "questions-to-train" ratio is high enough to use up no small portion of his working hours.

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Real Estate

Dealer

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Dies at 74

A man who combined inherent British love of property with a shrewd business sense to become one of Rochester's most extensive real estate holders, Charles S. Bird of 209 Roxborough Road, died today (Feb. 9, 1937) at Highland Hospital. He was 74.

Mr. Bird was taken ill two weeks ago and underwent two operations for a tumor.

Coming to Rochester from Devonshire, England, 40 years ago, Mr. Bird entered at once into the real estate field, and from a small beginning developed interests in all parts of the city. At the time of his death he owned two apartment houses in Main Street and other multiple and single family dwellings and business blocks in the 19th, 10th and 12th wards, as well as in other sections.

Mr. Bird is survived by his widow, Lela Best Bird; two sisters, Mrs. Hugh Lamb and Mrs. Albert A. Amos of Dawlish, England, and several nieces and nephews in Buffalo, Lockport and England.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home Thursday at 2 p. m., with the Rev. Gordon Mattice of Westminster Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 p. m. tomorrow evening.

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Bird Takes Over Education Post

Verne A. Bird, new assistant superintendent of schools, moved into the Education Building yesterday to officially assume duties of his post.

Until retirement of James F. Barker, whom he will succeed, becomes effective in December, Mr. Bird will act as assistant head of the vocational program of the Rochester public schools. Mr. Bird's duties as head of vocational education will include leadership of the WPA educational projects and all adult extension work carried on by the Board of Education beside the vocational program in the public schools.

Mr. Bird, one-time director of practical arts in Rochester public schools, was former assistant superintendent of schools in Utica and last year headed the vocational education program at Elmira Reformatory. For six years he was director of the Mooseheart Institution in Illinois.

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Freshman Wins

Photo Prize

Owen S. Billman, freshman in the department of photographic technology, won first prize for his print, "Seashore by Night," at the Photo Tech camera show judged this morning at Mechanics Institute.

The first four prize winners and honorable mention awards are hanging for viewing by the public in the institute library. Other prize winners are LeRoy A. Williams, second; Edward DeBisschop, third; and Edward Wilson, fourth.

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