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EDGERTON DIES, GRIEVING FOR ALDRIDGE

FORMER MAYOR SINKS FAST
AFTER COLLAPSING AT BIER
IF HIS FRIEND AND ADVISER
Effort to Rise from His Bed to Attend
Funeral of Mr. Aldridge Brings Final
Collapse, Ending in Peaceful Death.

"Good-by, old pal, my heart is broken," exclaimed Hiram H. Edgerton, seven times mayor of Rochester, as he bent half prostrated over the casket of George W. Aldridge, his friend and political mentor, last Thursday afternoon.

At noon yesterday Mr. Edgerton quietly passed into eternal sleep at his home, No. 30 South Goodman street. Although he had been in failing health during the past few months Mayor Edgerton's death was hastened by the shock of the death of his friend and co-worker in civic endeavors.

The death of Mr. Edgerton so soon after that of Mr. Aldridge is symbolical of the great friendship that existed between the two men. Both held each other in the highest esteem and remained loyal to each other throughout a long span of years.

Affected at Aldridge Home.

It was a touching scene last Thursday afternoon at Mr. Aldridge's home when Mr. Edgerton looked into the casket of his beloved friend. Broken in spirit as a consequence of death of Mr. Aldridge, the former mayor had to be assisted to the casket. He recovered himself only sufficiently to say, "Good-by, old pal, my heart is broken."

George W. Aldridge, Jr., assisted the former mayor to his automobile. It was a pathetic scene, for Mr. Edgerton, once a man of much vigor, was virtually helpless in the great grief of seeing the body of his close friend, whom he had held up as the highest example of sterling manliness. Persons intimate with Mr. Edgerton and Mr. Aldridge declared that they loved each other as devoted brothers.

After leaving the Aldridge house Mr. Edgerton was driven through Highland and Genesee Valley parks. His only statement to the chauffeur and nurse who accompanied him was, "Roo old George is gone, and I'll join him soon."

Unable to Attend Funeral.

Mr. Edgerton was to have been an honorary bearer at Mr. Aldridge's funeral on Friday. He was up about the house on Thursday, after returning from the Aldridge home, but it was evident that the death of his friend was weighing on his mind. He retired at the usual hour on Thursday and Friday morning attempted to get up in bed to attend Mr. Aldridge's funeral, but he was too weak to rise. The effort caused him perpetually to collapse.

After the funeral on Friday he was visited by Charles R. Barnes, commissioner of railways; County Judge William W. Gillette; William S. Riley, commissioner of parks, and Herbert W. Pierce, commissioner of public works.
All these men, long friends of Mr. Aldridge, were greatly ag-grieved by his death, yet they spent the few hours after the funeral comforting the man who had stood so close to him in working out the problems of the city. The four men knew that they were follow-ing out a request that Mr. Aldridge had frequently made to visit the former mayor during several spells of failing health.

However these men did not need urging, for all held Mr. Edgerton in high regard. Mr. Edgerton was very weak when his four friends saw him. He repeated that he would soon "be with George. Tears coursed down his face. He spent Saturday quietly, remaining in bed. During Saturday evening he said that he "wanted to go to Highland Park." These were his last words. He did not awake yesterday morning but gradually sank and passed away just at noon.

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**Two Chatted Ten Days Ago.**

Mr. Edgerton visited Mr. Aldridge for an hour and a half when Mr. Aldridge was in Rochester about ten days ago. They chatted on personal subjects and the former mayor became rather heavy-hearted. Mr. Aldridge in his characteristic manner told the mayor of some of the hard things he had heard said about him. There was a laugh and Mr. Edgerton went away in better spirits. Commissioner Pierce, who was present, said that Mr. Aldridge mentioned some of the things to take Mr. Edgerton's mind off his cares. A few minutes was spent in good natured chatting at the door. It was the last time the two men saw each other alive.

Throughout yesterday afternoon and evening scores of friends and admirers of Mr. Edgerton called at the home. Among those were R. Andrew Hamilton, who was commissioner of public safety under Mayor Edgerton; Charles T. Chapin, who stood high in the affection of both Mr. Aldridge and Mr. Edgerton, Mayor Clarence D. Van Randt and Commissioner Barnes.

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**May Not Lie in State.**

Funeral arrangements will be made this morning when Mrs. Benjamin T. Roodhouse, of Wilmette, Ill., a daughter of Mr. Edgerton arrives in the city. Mayor Edgerton is survived by his wife, who is in poor health; two daughters, Mrs. Henry Lampert, of Rochester, and Mrs. Roodhouse; Mrs. E. Russell Bingeman, a grandchild, of Rochester, and Edna Frances Bingeman, a great-grandchild, also of this city.

Henry Lampert, who was associated with his father-in-law in the contracting business some years ago, said that it would be decidedly contrary to Mayor Edgerton's wishes to have his body lie in state. However, Mr. Lampert declared, the family may acquiesce in it, if Mayor Edgerton's friends urge, and decision will be reached tomorrow by the former mayor point out that the residents of this city hold him in high esteem and it is only fair to the public that they be afforded an opportunity to do him honor.

**Active for City Since 1865.**

Mr. Edgerton has been identified with Rochester's growth since 1865. For eight years he was president of the Common Council; for fourteen years he was mayor. He was president of the Board of Education and as presiding officer in many conventions and at many municipal functions he displayed great tact and ability.

When Harry J. Bareham, commissioner of public safety, learned yesterday afternoon that Mr. Edgerton has passed away he had the City Hall bell toll seventy-five times, once for each of the years that Mr. Edgerton has lived. Flags throughout the city, especially on the police and fire stations, were flown at half-mast.

**Devoted to Mr. Aldridge.**

Mrs. Edgerton is bearing up bravely under her bereavement. Loyalty to Mr. Aldridge was a religion with Mr. Edgerton, and likewise Mr. Aldridge was loyal to the mayor. As was stated by his daughter, Mrs. Lampert, yesterday afternoon, Mr. Edgerton was so devoted in his friendship that he could see no fault, little or large, in all of Mr. Aldridge's activity. It was with similar devotion and esteem that Mr. Aldridge held Mr. Edgerton. This is shown in the glowing tribute he paid Mr. Edgerton on the occasion when he retired from office.

Park Commissioner Riley announced last evening that the public dance hall at Ontario Beach Park and all band concerts would be suspended until after Mr. Edgerton's funeral.
TERM AS MAYOR MARKED EPOCH

FROM PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN 1913

CITY'S GROWTH IN MATERIAL AND AESTHETIC FIELDS HAD MAYOR'S FULL-TIME CARE

Edgerton Served Longer Than Any Other Mayor but Cornelius Parsons; Parks Libraries and Canal Use Fostered.

All of Mayor Edgerton's time from 1880 until the time of his death had been devoted exclusively to the interests of Rochester. A servant of the city for half a century, he was one of the greatest figures in the history of the municipality's great epoch. Together with George W. Aldridge, head of the organization of which Mr. Edgerton was an important part, the Mayor strived tirelessly for the best interests of the city.

Mr. Edgerton's distinction in having served for seven consecutive terms as mayor was equalled only once in the history of the city. The character and achievements of Mr. Edgerton have an imperishable place in the history of the city. That was in the case of Cornelius Parsons, who was mayor of Rochester from 1876 to 1885. No other man had stood as long at the head of the city government.

Those who are capable of judging have remarked that Mr. Parsons did not have the opportunity to do so much for the budding municipality as Mr. Edgerton, with a city of the first class and a city of unusual material and moral value, has often done. Mr. Parsons, moreover, did not have the advice and counsel of George W. Aldridge.

Place in City's History.

It has been said by many that Mr. Edgerton's name has taken its outstanding place in the history of the city, to stand unimpaired for the future. He laid aside the responsibility as chief executive of the city on December 31st last, his administration having extended from 1885 to 1901. In January he was appointed superintendent of municipal construction, a position created so that he could carry out to completion the projects he had started. He had been engaged principally since the first of the year in putting the finishing touches to Ontario Brant Park.

Mayor Edgerton was known for his sense of fair play to all in the community and worked unselfishly and unceasingly in the interest of civic betterment and improvement. Benevolence, frankness, and magnanimity marked his standard in transactions with individuals who came to him with their cases. Sincerity, gravity, and an adherence to labor are imbedded in the record of his years of public service.

Prominent as Contractor.

Hiram H. Edgerton was born on April 30th, 1835, in Belfast, Allegany County. He received his early education in the public schools of Allegany and Tinton, Allegany County. He moved with his parents to Rochester in 1855 and finished his education in the public schools of Rochester and the Rochester.

At the age of 16 he became associated with his father, Ralph H. Edgerton, in the lumber business, and after the death of his father, in 1868, he succeeded to the business, which he conducted with a retail coal business until 1880, when it was sold to Chase and Ota. The business was located on the island at Court Street, which now is occupied by the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company.

Mr. Edgerton then took up the contracting business, which he was always interested in, and devoted himself entirely to the interest of the city. During his career as contractor and builder he constructed nearly fifty churches, school buildings and man, mercantile and commercial structures, including the Miller and the Sibley, Lima, and Huron County buildings.

Mr. Edgerton was appointed by the Common Council as a member of the commission, including also George W. Aldridge and the Rochester Builders' Exchange. He was strongly Democratic Mr. Edgerton was appointed superintendent of the city on the commission. When Mr. Aldridge was appointed superintendent of the city on the commission. When Mr. Aldridge was appointed superintendent of the city on the commission, including also George W. Aldridge and the Rochester Builders' Exchange.

Politically Mayor Edgerton has always been a Republican. In 1853 the business men united in a demand that Mr. Edgerton head the Republican ticket for mayor and he was nominated and was elected mayor and have been nominated and re-nominated in the Republican convention. He made a spirited canvass and was defeated by a narrow plurality, although in those days the city was strongly Democratic. Mr. Edgerton was elected president, of the Common Council in 1869 and he served until December 15th, 1871, when he began his administration as mayor. During his active business days he was for several years president of the Rochester Builders' Exchange and he has held many other positions of trust, both political and private.
In 1917 Mayor Edgerton was a member of the Agricultural Prize Commission. The purpose of the commission was to increase food production through the offering of prizes, ranging from $5 to $500; 8,000 distributed. Mayor Edgerton was a member of the Advisory Board of the commission with Samuel H. Cotton, New York, and Martin J. Glynn, of Albany. Mayor Edgerton was a Mason. He held membership in Frank R. Lawrence Lodge, F. and A. M., and was a life member of Hamilton Chapter and of Monroe Commandery, Knight Templar.

Record of Work for City.

The following unadorned statement of facts does not begin to present a just estimate of the value of Mayor Edgerton's administration, nor even to give a complete list of the facts which comprise the story of what probably is the most important epoch in the history of Rochester. It merely mentions, in skimming fashion, the outstanding facts in that story, so that those who are not already familiar with Mayor Edgerton's record may begin to appreciate what he has done for the city.

The record of Mayor Edgerton's administration is replete with the exercise of exemplary judicial and moral duties of municipal improvement. Cobbs Hill reservoir was constructed in 1908 and 1909, assuring to the city protection against water famine through a possible break in the conduits from Hemlock lake. The Cobbs Hill reservoir is built on the only available site. Failure to acquire the property would have left the community in a dangerous condition, depending entirely on one small reservoir at Highland Park. The building and the surrounding park make Cobbs Hill reservoir a part of the public pleasure areas. The lake beaches from fifth of all kinds have alone more than repaid the citizens.

Fire Department.

The sewage disposal system was built during Mayor Edgerton's administration. This consists of sewers, a sewage disposal plant, and a disposal plant on the lake shore in Tonawanda. The benefits resulting from freeing the city from an offensive pest and the lake beaches from filth of all kinds have alone more than repaid the citizens.

Build Sewage System.

In 1917 Mayor Edgerton took the affairs of governance of the Metropolitan Sewerage Department shops and storage yards of the city. The sewage disposal system was built during the time Mayor Edgerton took the affairs of governance. During the time Mayor Edgerton took the affairs of governance, the sewage disposal system was completed. This work is now being carried to completion.

Exposition Park.

Exposition Park is another result of Mayor Edgerton's unifying activity in behalf of the city. In the eleven years since the transformation of the old State Prison into Wilson Park, fifty-five acres; Durand-Eastman Park bath house; municipal dock at Summerville; aviation fields; Badger street, the city paying one-quarter of the cost, the state one-quarter and the railroads one-half.

Rochester's tax rate was lower than in any other cities of the United States, although few cities have been as successful in giving the taxpayers the efficient public services and facilities that characterized Mayor Edgerton's city. The benefits resulting from the sewage disposal system, the Cobbs Hill reservoir, the Hemlock lakes, the Genesee river work, the creation of Cobbs Hill reservoir, the acquisition of land and building, the construction of a parallel street and Front street tunnel sewer; deepening the river from falls to Central avenue dam; deepening river from Central avenue dam to Court street; Genesee river work about Court street; Graves street tunnel; Genesee river retaining wall in the near future of approximately $2,000,000 was expended on this work.

Taxation Considered Low.

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Public School Development.

After Mayor Edgerton became connected with the affairs of the city, first for eight years as president of the Common Council and for fourteen years as mayor, the progress of the public schools was steady and rapid.

Although the city doubled in population during the time Mayor Edgerton took part in the affairs of governance, the attendance of students was increased at a rapid rate. Twenty-five new school buildings were erected and new additions and one alteration were completed.

Canal Bed Use.

After 1000 there were erected in Rochester seventeen new firehouses and fifty-five miles of pavement were improved through the sale of the former State Prison's park to the city in 1909 and since the construction of the annex.

One of the features of the administration of Mayor Edgerton was the development of recreation facilities and services.

In 1908, the Board of Park Commissioners operated three playgrounds; the Board of Education operated thirty-two parks, and the Playground League operated one. The total attendance for the year was 33,000. On March 8, 1915, by legislative enactment, sponsored by Mayor Edgerton, an amendment was made to the city charter creating the Bureau of Playgrounds and Recreation. In 1915, with seventeen playgrounds in operation, the attendance was 1,494,540. In 1916, 1,500,000 children availed themselves of the playground facilities, and twenty-five playgrounds were in operation.

This tremendous increase was made possible by a proper co-ordination between all of the playgrounds of the city, for which purpose was created on January 1, 1918, a war year, with twenty playgrounds in operation, the attendance was 1,675,540. In 1921, 1,500,000 children availed themselves of the playground facilities, and twenty-five playgrounds were in operation. The total attendance in 1921 was 3,000,000.

Long List of Accomplishments.

The most important of the public improvements during Mayor Edgerton's administration were the Central Avenue bridges, the eastern Michigan river aqueduct plant; incinerator plant; Durand-Eastman Park bath house; municipal dock at Summerville; aviation fields; Badger street, the city paying one-quarter of the cost, the state one-quarter and the railroads one-half.

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Mr. Edgerton's death was undoubtedly hastened by the sudden passing of George W. Aldridge. A very close friendship existed between these two men, and the blow of separation fell hard upon Mr. Edgerton. He had been in ill health for some time and the strain was too great for his weakened constitution to stand.

Like many of those who have done their share in making Rochester great in so many ways, Hiram H. Edgerton was of the sturdy stock native to the country and small villages of Western New York. He was born in Belfast, Allegany county, and there he lived his young boyhood. He came to Rochester with his parents when he was about 11 years of age, and here he lived and did his life work.

Out of respect to Hon. Hiram H. Edgerton, the Department of Parks this morning announced that the public dances at Ontario Beach and all band concerts would be cancelled until after the funeral.
FOUR FORMER MAYORS JOIN WITH PRESENT MAYOR TO PAY TRIBUTES TO H. H. EDGERTON

Tribute Paid by Mr. Aldridge Recalled

George Eastman and Other Leading Citizens Praise His Character.

Tribute to the achievements and character of Mayor Edgerton, this unerring devotion to public service, and his high-mindedness and wholeheartedness is given by leading citizens of Rochester. All sustained genuine grief and sincere lament the passing of the man whose life is so closely identified with the development of the city.

In this connection was recalled the tribute that George W. Aldridge paid Mr. Edgerton when he retired from office on December 31st last. Mr. Aldridge especially prepared the tribute to accompany a photo of Mayor Edgerton's career.

Following is the tribute:

"My affection, respect and admiration for Mayor Edgerton cannot be measured in words. While the people generally have knowledge of the great part he has taken in the development of the city, I want to express the complete realization of his almost incalculable value to the municipality will come with the passing years. I have no doubt you will appreciate him at his true worth.".

For fourteen years the affairs of the city have been the paramount consideration of Mayor Edgerton. He has had no other business than the business of Rochester, the city he loves and to which he has given his whole life. Evidence of his constructive ability, good judgment and foresight may be seen in the improvement in every part of the city and the vast store for decades of monuments of his sagacity and courage.

"His keen and kindly interest in the affairs of even the most humble of his constituents, his gentle tolerance and his forbearance are appreciated by all who have had the honor to be associated with him. He is sensible of the trust, reposed in him by the people of Rochester, and he is fully deserving of their confidence and of any honor they may pay him."

James L. Hotchkiss.

"Mayor Van Sandt was at the Edgerton home yesterday to comfort the family. He said that whenever he thought of Mr. Edgerton he connected his name with Exposition Park."

"I was one of the men who lacked the foresight the mayor possessed in urging the acquisition and development of Exposition Park," said Mayor Van Sandt. "I thought Convention Hall was sufficient for the needs of the city. One day the Mayor came into the Paine Drug Store and I told him he was making a mistake. He said I was wrong. Time has long since proved that I was grossly in error in my criticism at that time of Mr. Edgerton."

James G. Cutler, who was Mr. Edgerton's predecessor as mayor, declared:

"I regret very sincerely to learn of Mr. Edgerton's death. I have known him for fifteen years, as he was in the early '70's that he was builder and I as architect first came into knowledge of each other. We were rather intimately associated politically from 1904 to 1908 while he was president of the Common Council and later when at his urgent request I accepted two appointments in the city, his influence and foresight enabled him to foresee many of the improvements years before they became accomplished. His ambition was to give Rochester the best government possible. To place it in the van of progressive municipalities. Although the people loved him and honored him for his wise administration of city affairs, only those closely connected with him, will ever realize how much he contributed to the growth, development, progress and prosperity of the city of Rochester."

Supreme Court Justice Adolph J. Rodenbeck, mayor of Rochester in 1902 was greatly shocked when applied at West Webster yesterday afternoon that Mayor Edgerton had died. Justice Rodenbeck was deeply grieved by the death of George Eastman, and the news of Mayor Edgerton's passing away, added to his sorrow.

Justice Rodenbeck landed the achievement of the city's affairs. "He was a faithful and loyal public official with extraordinary foresight and devotion to the interests of the community," declared Justice Rodenbeck. "He was the outstanding mayor of Rochester."
"Mayor Edgerton's death following so quickly that of Mr. Aldridge furnishes a touching example of the deep-rooted true friendship can be. These two great men never ceased working and sacrificing for the good of Rochester and her citizens. They were never repaid and they never wanted to be.

"Mr. Edgerton was a mayor with vision and courage. He always laid out his course carefully and then went fearlessly ahead. "If we don't do It now it may never be done," was a saying very familiar to us who had privilege of trying to help him and when perplexing situations arose he would often say, "Keep this in mind. We must always be on the square with the people."

Charles R. Barnes, who was appointed commissioner of railways by Mayor Edgerton, visited the household yesterday afternoon. Mr. Barnes has known Mr. Edgerton for forty years. As an intimate friend of Mr. Aldridge, Mr. Barnes also was intimate with Mayor Edgerton. As was warm in his praise of Mayor Edgerton as a man and as a public officer. "His deeds will live as will those of Mr. Aldridge," said Mr. Barnes. "Their names are coupled together in the greatest page in the city's history."

Charles T. Chapin, intimate with Mr. Aldridge and Mr. Edgerton, also visited the home yesterday afternoon. Mr. Chapin said that he was so shocked by the death of his friend that he walked to the South Goodman street home to gather his thoughts. He was in the utmost confidence of both Mr. Aldridge and Mr. Edgerton, an unusual opportunity I was afforded Mr. Chapin to know of the guiding principles in the lives of those men.

"Their sacrifice and devotion to Rochester will never be known or fully appreciated," declared Mr. Chapin. The community has suffered the greatest possible loss in their passing. My grief prevents me from giving you any idea of the sorrow I have sustained."

Mr. Chapin said that he was the first-appointee of Mayor Edgerton when he took office. He was appointed a member of the Park Board.

"And are you a Democrat?" Mr. Chapin was asked.

"I am always for my friends. Do not say that I was a Democrat unless you say that I was an Aldridge Democrat."

Few people realize how close to Mr. Aldridge Mr. Chapin really was. Mr. Chapin said that Mayor Edgerton built the ear wheel works for him, which at one time was a major industry in Rochester.

Frederick D. Lamb, Democratic candidate for mayor in the last election, went to the Edgerton home last evening to extend his sympathy to the family. Mr. Lamb said:

"I was greatly surprised and saddened at the news of the death of our distinguished fellow citizen, Hiram H. Edgerton. He was one of the most kind and useful of men and those traits of his character endeared him to his neighbors, friends and fellow citizens of Rochester during his long career as mayor. All our people will mourn his death. While I differed from him politically, I always entertained the most kindly sentiments towards him personally. His genial disposition and love of fair play made him justly popular with all classes of people. His unusually extended period of public service, and the many and varied accomplishments of that service will long be remembered by the citizens of Rochester."

Harry J. Bareham, Commissioner of Public Safety Harry J. Bareham:

"I was greatly grieved to hear of the death of former Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton. I was in hopes the grand old man might again come back and be spared a time longer. I knew the death of his lifelong friend and companion, George W. Aldridge, so affected him that he was obliged to take to his bed, but I felt that his indomitable spirit would once more conquer his infirmities.

"His was indeed a life of public service. Fifty of his seventy-five years were devoted to the citizenry of this city. His service began in 1872 in the Board of Education. It was continued in 1900 as president of the Common Council, and as mayor from 1908 to January 1, 1922. His accomplishments will stand for all times to come; their value to the community is immeasurable. He was my first employer. He always was fair to the workingman and I shall forever be happy in the thought that I was privileged to serve him."

Charles L. Pierce, corporate counsel, who followed Justice Cunningham as chief legal adviser to Mayor Edgerton said:

"Words cannot express my grief on the death of Mr. Edgerton. Almost throughout his entire administration I was most intimately associated with him, not only in the development of Exposition Park, but in the many of his plans for the expansion of Rochester. Exposition Park was his hobby, his pet, and he wanted to see it become the city's great playground."

"He was a lover of wide vision, far seeing, and indeed a mister builder. Mr. Edgerton had gathered information from many other municipalities that had city parks, similarized and he wanted to see our Exposition Park the best of its kind. At the beginning he met with most hostile criticism and certain interests tried to persuade him that he was "making a big mistake in trying to make a park out of the old reformatory. His critics are now silent and they admit that Exposition Park is a valuable asset to the city and a monument to his constructive genius."

"He overcame all opposition, because he was unselfish and wanted to see Rochester grow. He was proud of his native city's advancement. I have always had the profoundest admiration for Mr. Edgerton. He loved Rochester and wanted to see it lead the way in municipal progress."

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Present and Former Mayors
Join in Praising Edgerton

CLARENCE D. VAN ZANDT,
PRESENT MAYOR.

A. J. RODENBECK,
MAYOR 1902-1903.

GEORGE A. CARNAHAN,
MAYOR 1900-1901.

JAMES G. CUTLER,
MAYOR 1904-1907.
George W. Aldridge and Hiram H. Edgerton spent long years in helping to make Rochester a better city in which to live, and thereby they aided in making living conditions better in all Western New York. Their active work is none and they gone on to life beyond the grave, but the benefits they brought to the community will continue as a lasting memorial to them.

Rather, these benefits continue as a memorial of them to the community. Now, it is in order to consider what should be done by the community that a fitting memorial of its regard for their efforts may be provided. This is a question that is going to come before the public very shortly, and the sooner discussion of it is begun, the sooner will some adequate token of respect be in existence.

It is the opinion of the Democrat and Chronicle that no better solution of this question can be found than in the establishment of a Road of Remembrance, dedicated to the memory of these two men. There are several reasons for this belief.

In the first place no better testimonial could be provided for any man or men than a fine highway, constructed in the best manner possible, kept in perfect repair, and beautified by noble trees.

Particularly is this true of Mr. Aldridge and Mr. Edgerton. They were fully alive to the benefits of progressive ideas, and they were exceedingly practical men. A beautiful highway is the very embodiment of progress, and it is one of the most practical things on earth.

They believed in facilitating intercourse between communities and among residents of the community, and that is the peculiar province of the highway.

It was their ambition to have Rochester the most beautiful city in the world, and the region around Rochester equal in beauty of its kind. Nothing could more perfectly carry out their idea than the creation and maintenance of such a Road of Remembrance as is in mind.

Furthermore, no monument of granite or bronze could begin to commend to the thought of strangers in this region the memory of these men as would such a road. This is the day of the automobile, and a great part of all touring now is done by motor car. Strangers who might come this way, it some stately monument should be erected, would cast a glance at it and drive on. But if they were rolling for miles through a Road of Remembrance whose beauty would be present to their eyes for a considerable time, they would be constrained to think of those who could so fix themselves in the hearts of their fellows that such a magnificent memorial would be given them, a memorial of constantly increasing beauty.

These are just a few reasons in favor of a Road of Remembrance.
Hiram Haskell Edgerton, former Mayor of Rochester, died yester­day at noon at his home, 30 South Goodman Street, at an­cient age of 75 years.

Death was not unexpected, as Mayor Edgerton has been failing for a long time, with atrophy increasing in health increasing rapidly for some months. He died in bed, sleeping peacefully, his final words to his family were: "Good-by, Old Pal; Good-by.

There was something about that which was characteristic of the former Mayor. Although in a serious condition, he seemed to be in a state of restful sleep and showed no signs of distinctness of thought. The last time Mayor Edgerton was seen in public was on the last Thursday before his death.

The condition of the former Mayor was hopeless on Saturday, Dr. Daly says, and Saturday evening he seemed to be passing into a state of coma, from which he never emerged. The family said that the immediate family wasohn, eldest member of the family, and the only other relative they had was his wife and daughter in Rochester. Mayor Edgerton was one of the oldest members of the family.

Among those who witnessed the incident said: "It won't be good­bye, Old Pal." One of those who witnessed the incident said: "It won't be good­bye, Old Pal." One of those who witnessed the incident said: "It won't be good­bye, Old Pal." One of those who witnessed the incident said: "It won't be good­bye, Old Pal." One of those who witnessed the incident said: "It won't be good­bye, Old Pal." One of those who witnessed the incident said: "It won't be good­bye, Old Pal."
Hiram Haskell Edgerton was born in Belfast, N. Y., on March 2, 1847. He was a son of Ralph H. and Mary J., who were born in Old Saybrook, Conn., in 1819 and 1823, respectively. His father was in the lumber business at the age of 16 years, and his mother was a contractor and builder. In his early boyhood, Mr. Edgerton lived with his parents in several small towns of Western New York, among which was Olean, where the family resided for a time. In 1858 the Edgerton family came to Rochester.

As far as his education and life work were concerned, Mr. Edgerton was an independent man. He was educated in the public schools of the city and in the old Rochester Free Academy, later pursuing a course of study in the Rochester Business Institute. He entered upon life early, being associated with his father in the lumber trade at the age of 16 years. He continued in the lumber business until 1868, when he established himself as a contractor and builder. Among the important pieces of construction work which were carried to successful completion by Mr. Edgerton were the Wilder Building, the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company store buildings, the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railroad and approximately forty church edifices. He also reconstructed the Granite Building after the fire which wrecked the interior of that building in 1904.

In the year of 1868, he became an independent business man. He was married to Medora J. Cutler, who was born in 1855 in Canton, N. Y., and was the daughter of Ralph H. Cutler and Harriet E. Edgerton. She was a likely city and moved to Rochester after the fire which wrecked the interior of that building in 1904.

With the establishment by the Legislature in 1890, of the Board of Estimates and Apportionment, under the so-called White Charter, Mr. Edgerton became a member of the board. Although the form of the city government was somewhat changed by the special charter of 1898, which made Rochester a city of the first class, the board remained as before, with Mr. Edgerton still a member, his service with the board continuing without interruption for 22 years.

Although as Mayor, Mr. Edgerton's record was unbroken for fourteen years, he had had previous training for the duties of head of the city government in the capacity of Mayor for a number of weeks. At that time, Mayor Adolph J. Rodenbeck resigned to accept an appointment as Judge of the Court of Claims, and Mr. Edgerton, as president of the Common Council, became chief executive of the city. He served until the close of the year, when James O. Cutler was inaugurated as Mayor.

Mr. Edgerton then succeeded Mr. Cutler as Mayor, January 1, 1908. Fourteen Years as Mayor.

In the service of the city, Mr. Edgerton made a record that is not likely to be surpassed in some time. He was Mayor for fourteen years, before which he had been president of the Common Council for eight years, and in the entire 22 years he served as a member of the Board of Estimate and Appportionment.

One of the notable public works carried to completion during Mayor Edgerton's term of office was the reconstruction of the State Industrial School, formerly called the Western House of Refuge, in Backus Avenue, into the present Exposition Park. The school had been a grim and gray prison for many years, with towering limestone walls that reminded of some medieval city. With the growth of the city, the school came to be more and more disused, and for some time a strong agitation had been in progress to level the walls and do away with the numerous other prison features. Finally, through the combined efforts of the city and state, the school was removed to the large colony farm at Industry, and was turned over to the city for conversion into Exposition Park, a municipal feature that has no superior for exhibition and convention purposes in the United States.

In conjunction with the Exposition Park project, which, by the way was made possible through the co-operation of Thomas F. Grady, for years Democratic leader of the Senate at Albany and speaker of the Assembly, the park system was added to a great extent through his co-operation, and a number of new areas were added, such as Ontario Beach Park.

Possibly due to his earlier connection with the School Board, Mayor Edgerton always manifested a lively interest in the city school system and did much to further the cause of education in Rochester. The population of the city doubled during his Mayoralty career, with a corresponding great increase in the number of children of school age. In addition, development of the demand for educational facilities was greatly enlarged by the tendency, partly compelled through state laws, to make the age of leaving school later, so that accommodation had to be provided for older children on a scale hitherto not attempted. Growth of the junior high school idea was another contributing cause of the immense increase in school expenditures and great expansion of educational facilities under Mayor Edgerton's administration.
SAD NEWS OF EDGERTON'S DEATH SPREADS QUICKLY IN GRIEF-STRICKEN ROCHESTER

With incredible swiftness yesterday the news of the death of Hiram B. Edgerton spread to all parts of the city and was received with deep regret by all who heard it.

Coming as it did in less than a week after the death of George W. Aldridge, it came with the force of a second blow to many before they had time to recover from the first. Although both had played a large part in the development of the city, the one as unofficial director and the other as executive head for four years, neither held any elective position in the city at the time of his death.

Beloved by Thousands.

It is doubtful whether "Old Hi," as his friends delighted to call him, had a more devoted following. His expressions of sympathy and kindness were heard everywhere yesterday, as the news of his death spread. His death caused no surprise among those who were acquainted with him, for it was known he had been failing for a long time. It is generally believed that he would have given another nomination for the mayoralty last fall, if his health and age had permitted. As it was, his death was not preceded by any other person in the history of the city, and was equaled by one only, that of his son, who was Mayor from January 1, 1876, to December 31, 1889.

Many Offer Condolences.

As soon as the news of the death spread, city officials and friends of the former Mayor went to the home to offer condolences to the family and whatever assistance was necessary. Many suggestions were heard that the body of the former executive should be laid in state in City Hall to give his thousands of friends, and followers an opportunity to take one last look at the face of the man they had known so long in life. But numbers of the family decided to make no arrangements for the funeral until the arrival of relatives, and it was not until after the funeral of Mrs. Roodhouse, Mayor Edgerton's daughter, that the announcement was made.

From Clarence D. Van Sandt, one of Baltimore's דברים about the death of Mayor Edgerton, said: "He was a man of undaunted courage. Twenty years ago, Mayor Edgerton's family and his friends tried to persuade him that he was doing a mistake in trying to make a park out of the old reformatory. His critics are now silent and (they admit that he was taking a step in the right direction.)"

"He overcame all opposition, because he had faith in his idea."

Benjamin B. Cunningham, commissioner of police, said: "I am one of those who have had the privilege of working with Mayor Edgerton. He loved Rochester and wanted to see it lead the East, the Midwest, and the Nation."

The Common Council is scheduled to meet Tuesday night, but Abram B. Potter, president, said last night he did not think any official business other than the adoption of resolutions would be conducted. This week's meeting of the Council is one that was adjourned last week on account of the death of Mr. Aldridge.

One of the many visitors to go to the house to pay his respects to the body was Frederick L. Lamb, who was the Democratic candidate against Mayor Van Sandt at the election last fall.

The following are some of the more formal expressions of appreciative remembrance of his life and work of Mayor Edgerton:

Expressions of Appreciation.

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measurable. He was my first employer. He always was fair to the working man and I shall forever be happy in the thought that I was privileged to serve him.

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FREDERICK D. LAMB. Democratic candidate for Mayor in the last election, I was greatly surprised and saddened at the news of the death of our distinguished fellow citizen, Hiram H. Edgerton. He was one of the most kind and genial of men and those traits of his character endeared him to his neighbors, low citizens of Rochester during his long career as Mayor. All our people will mourn his death. From his political viewpoint, I always entertained the most kindly sentiments toward him personally. His genial disposition and love of fair play made him justly popular with all classes of people. His unusually extended personal service and the many and varied accomplishments of that service will long be remembered by citizens of Rochester."

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CHARLES L. FIERCE, corporation counsel—"Mayor Edgerton's death following so quickly that of Aldridge, furnishes a touching example of how strong and deep-rooted true friendship can be. The men never ceased working and sacrificing for the good of Rochester and her citizens. They were as busy as they never wanted to be. Mr. Edgerton was a Mayor with vision and courage. He always laid out his course carefully and then went fearlessly ahead. 'If we don't do it now, it may never be done,' was a saying very familiar to us who had the privilege of trying to help him, and, when perplexing situations arose, he would often say 'Keep this in mind, we must always be on the square with the people.'"

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WILLIAM S. RILEY, park commissioner—"Rochester has lost a man who has done big things for Rochester. He was interested very much in parks and playgrounds and the children will miss him. I have worked with him fourteen years and feel it have lost a sincere and loyal friend."

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HERBERT S. MEET, superintendent of schools—"Former Mayor Edgerton had the simple and rugged qualities of honesty, humor, perseverance, sympathy and common sense that made and respect him. He grew during his years in public office as few men ever have. His devotion to Rochester unsurpassed. His desire was always to have the children of the public schools housed in buildings that were ample, sanitary and architecturally attractive, to have them provided with facilities for wholesome recreation and to have them educated properly for their responsibilities as the coming citizens of the city which he loved. He was, accordingly, throughout his long and successful administration, generous in his support of the public schools. We have lost a citizen of very great value to the city and a friend whose death thousands of our people will mourn."

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JOHN DUNBAR, assistant superintendent of parks—"Mr. Edgerton was a man of sterling integrity, honesty and kindness. What the Rochester parks are today is due to his labors, efforts and assistance. He always stood for large appropriations for the parks and playgrounds. He was a fine, splendid man to meet. Mr. Edgerton was sympathetic and friendly and his advice was always excellent. His influence was felt, not only In the Park Department, but in all city departments. I always had profound respect for him and I feel Rochester has lost one of its best citizens."
Municipal Library Board's Tribute to Mr. Edgerton

A special meeting of the Municipal Library board, was held today in the Mayor's office in the City hall. The meeting, which was presided over by Charles H. Wiltsie, president, was called for the purpose of passing a resolution on the death of former Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton. The following resolution was officially adopted:

"Only a few months ago this board gave formal expression to its appreciation of the distinguished services of Hiram H. Edgerton in behalf of the Rochester Public library. To-day we join sorrowing city in paying our tribute of love and respect to the memory of the great Mayor whose peaceful end came on Sunday, June 18, 1922.

"He was pre-eminently the man for his time in the development of the city. Opportunities knocked at his door and found him ready. He brought with him into the public service the constructive habits and traits of a builder and applied them to the more stately processes of building a great city. Parks, playgrounds, schools and libraries, the recreation, education, health and happiness of the people were outstanding objects in the field of his many sided activities.

"We have called him the Father of the Public Library because to him it owed its beginning and the fostering care it has received since that time. He had the city charter amended to provide for its establishment; he appointed the first board of trustees and reappointed them regularly as their terms expired (three members of the original board are still of our number); he was the first president of the board and the only one for ten years; he took a deep personal interest in the library's welfare; he stood for a high standard in the personnel of its staff; he was responsible for the gradually increased appropriations which enabled it to expand from year to year and grow to its present proportions of seven branches, nine sub-branches, eighty-seven deposit nations and twelve playground and 642 classroom collections, containing altogether a total of 132,656 volumes, with a circulation during the last twelve months of 1,251,993 volumes.

"Mr. Edgerton was a preserver as well as a maker of history. He established not only the library but also the museum, which has hitherto been under his personal direction. Its splendid quarters house its own large and rapidly growing collection, together with the library and other valuable exhibits of the Rochester Historical Society. One of Mr. Edgerton's last acts as mayor was to provide by ordinance an appropriation for compiling the history of Rochester's part in the world war.

"The city has lost a great builder, a faithful and efficient administrator, a wise preserver, but his words do follow him. The famous motto may well apply to him "If you seek a monument, look about you." The library is only begun, and yet there is probably none of his constructive undertakings that will ultimately mean more to the masses of the people. He has laid the foundation. It is for us to continue the structure and make it adequate and worthy of a great city.

A special meeting of the board of managers of the Rochester Historical society was held at noon today in the offices of the president, Charles H. Wiltsie, when resolutions were adopted on the death of Hiram H. Edgerton, life honorary president of the society, and the second in its annals to be given that honor.
Death of his Friend Was Threat Shock

George W. Aldridge was the closest friend and constant advisor to Mayor H. H. Edgerton. When he heard of his death, Edgerton said, "I feel..." He continued in the public schools of this city. He was a successful businessman, a prominent citizen, and a beloved leader of his community.

Edgerton's death was a shock to the city and its citizens. He had been mayor for 14 years, serving four terms as mayor. His political career began in 1871, when he was elected school commissioner of the Fourth ward. He served four years, two of them as president of the Common Council.

Edgerton was known for his dedication to public service. He was a member of the Board of Education, served as mayor for 14 years, and was also president of the Common Council. He was a respected leader in the community and a beloved citizen of Rochester.

The city mourned the loss of its beloved mayor. His death was sudden and unexpected, and it left the city in mourning. The whole city was in shock as they mourned the loss of their beloved leader.

Rochester mourned its mayor. The city was in mourning as it said goodbye to the man who had led the city for so many years.

The death of Mayor H. H. Edgerton was a great loss to the city of Rochester. He was a respected leader and beloved citizen who will be deeply missed.
The Edgerton administration was one of the most progressive in the history of the city. When Mr. Edgerton assumed office, the city was beset with a number of problems, including an inadequate water supply, poor sanitation, and inadequate parks. The administration paid particular attention to the water supply problem, and the construction of the sewage disposal system was one of its major achievements.

The construction of the sewage disposal system was one of the most important accomplishments of the Edgerton administration. The system was designed to meet the needs of the city for many years to come, and it was instrumental in improving the health of the city.

The Edgerton administration also made significant progress in improving the city's parks. The city acquired a number of new parks, and existing parks were transformed into beautiful green spaces. The parks were used by millions of people during the 1920s, and they continue to be enjoyed by citizens today.

The Edgerton administration also made significant progress in improving the city's sanitation. The city acquired a new garbage disposal plant, and the old plant was closed. The city also began to separate the refuse from the garbage, and the refuse was burned in incinerators. This was a significant step towards improving the health of the city.

The Edgerton administration also made significant progress in improving the city's economy. The city acquired a number of new businesses, and existing businesses were transformed into more productive operations. The city's economy grew steadily during the 1920s, and it continues to be a major contributor to the city's prosperity today.

The Edgerton administration was also instrumental in improving the city's schools. The school system was modernized, and new schools were constructed. The city also acquired a new central library, which was a major contribution to the city's cultural life.

The Edgerton administration was a major force in the development of the city. It was a time of progress and prosperity, and it set the stage for the growth and development of the city in the years to come.
Many Pay Final Tribute to Former Mayor Edgerton

Immediately following the news of the death of former Mayor Edgerton, numerous tributes were received in which the activities of the man were praised and expressions of deep regret were made at his passing.

James J. Hotchkiss, recently appointed state committee to succeed the now-departing Democrat at last week, when the news reached him. He left immediately for the city to help as much as possible in the funeral arrangements. He was loud in his praise of Mr. Edgerton and declared that his character, achievements and personal life did not need further eulogizing.

Expressions of Appreciation.

Dr. Rush Rhees—"I think Mr. Edgerton gave the city extraordinary service, increasing in significance as the years of his service grew."

William S. Riley, commissioner of parks—"In the departing of Mr. Edgerton, Rochester loses one of its best citizens. I know that his death will be a shock to many."

Frederick D. Lamb, Democratic candidate for mayor in the last election—"I was greatly surprised and saddened at the news of the death of our distinguished fellow citizen. While I differed from him politically, I always entertained the most kindly sentiments toward him personally."

James G. Cutler—"I have sincere regret for the death of Mr. Edgerton."

R. Andrew Hamilton, commissioner of public safety—"I was greatly shocked to hear of the death of former Mayor Edgerton. I was in hopes the grand old man might again come back and be spared for a time longer."

Benjamin B. Cunningham, corporation counsel under former Mayor Edgerton—"I am overcome with grief. His one great ambition was to give Rochester the best government possible."
A Recent Picture of the Late Mayor
WOULD the accompanying picture mean anything in particular with the figure at the extreme left, that of George W. Aldridge, out of it?

Your answer to that question may be the answer to the query that has been on the lips of hundreds of politicians since Mr. Aldridge died on the golf links of the Westchester-Biltmore Country Club last Tuesday.

The picture here reproduced was taken in 1911 under the willows at Newport at the Supervisors’ annual picnic. For many years it had been the custom of Mr. Aldridge to make the picnic the occasion of meeting in public all the lesser chieftains and aspirants for public office, to talk over with them the availability of this or that candidate, and finally to reach a decision on candidates for offices to be filled in the ensuing election. Usually the decision had been reached by Mr. Aldridge before the day of the picnic, but aspirants and their friends felt that their chances were not hopeless until after the candidates selected by the chief had been named that afternoon.

An Impenetrable Line.

Persons familiar with Republican leaders here will have no difficulty in recognizing Mr. Aldridge at the left; “Bill” Craig, superintendent of the Penitentiary, who was one of the old wheel horses of the Aldridge chariot; Mayor Hiram Haskell Edgerton, who at that time had matted the intricacies of the mayoralty chair and was laying back for a long term in office, and “Brother Jim” Hotchkiss. Republican chieftains will meet under the willows as of yore on August 8. Superintendent Craig will be there and County Chairman Hotchkiss will (and at the head of the receiving line. But a familiar figure will be absent, and the wine of politics quaffed that afternoon will lack the old sparkle and flavor. Those present will “carry on” and will go through the motions, but the process of readjustment always is difficult, and particularly so when a loved and guiding hand has been removed by death. For it may be said without many of effectual contradiction that many of the Republican wheel horses had a abiding affection for Mr. Aldridge.

On all sides the question now a is. “Who will be the chief?” When Mr. Aldridge was very sick at his home last winter, a group of lesser chiefs met and decided that if death had claimed Mr. Aldridge at that time, they would ask Mr. Hotchkiss as the leader for the time being, and that policy will be pursued at this time.
FUNERAL OF MR. EDGERTON WEDNESDAY
Home of Former Mayor Edgerton

Former Mayor Of City
For 14 Years Dies At
His Home While Asleep

Mr. and Mrs. Edgerton had lived in the house in which the former mayor died yesterday, for many years. It was located at 50 South Goodman street, between East and Turk avenues.

Throughout yesterday afternoon and early last night city officials and former personal friends of the Edgerton family visited the house on South Goodman street to offer condolences to Mrs. Edgerton and other relatives and to perform various duties at the announcement of his death. Among those there were R. Andrew Hamilton, who was commissioner of public safety under Mayor Edgerton; Charles T. Chapple, Mayor Van Zandt and Charles E. Boardman. James L. Ratch- en was at the house yesterday. Miss Walker was a relative of Mr. Edgerton.

Mr. Edgerton held the position of assistant commissioner of municipal construction in the city of Rochester in 1891, the same position his father held before him, in 1880. In 1895, he was elected mayor by a plurality of 1,184 over Willard Ward, Democratic candidate. Six times since then he was elected mayor by pluralities ranging up to almost 14,000.

Mr. Edgerton was born in North Dakota in 1841, and he had been associated in the contracting business and a successful contractor. He was born at Port Henry, on Lake Champlain. His father was R. Andrew Hamilton, who was mayor of the city of Rochester, and who died in office.

When the death of the former mayor was announced, there was an outburst of grief, as his work in the contracting business was thought to have been done. His death was a great loss to the city, and the position he held was one of the most responsible in the government of the city.

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In the construction of buildings devoted to religious purposes he was one of the city's most active contractors. In that line he was responsible for construction of St. Bernard's Seminary and the Sibley, Lindsay & Currier printing and the Sibley, Lindsay & Currier printing and the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr ink. He was a builder, while more modern in conception the plants constructed by him include the plants of the Pfaff and the General Railway Signaling Company. In 1919 he appeared before the Democratic State Committee to urge holding Rochester as the place for the convention. The mayor was successful in securing the appearance of the mayor of the greatest Republican city in New York as a novelty that it made a big hit with the Tammany Hall men. When Senator Grady was especially impressed with the novelty of having a Republican leader for opportunity of extending hospitality to Democrats, and informed Mr. Edgerton that he was at his service any time.

The outstanding features of Mayor Edgerton's administration are the transformation of the old State Industrial School into Exposition Park and the organization of the Rochester Exposition. The Board of Estimate was empowered, under a special act of the legislature, to acquire the land at the request of Mayor Edgerton and to create an institutional park for the city.

Mayor Edgerton was the senior of any man in the service of the city, as an official since his incorporation in 1834. The Board of Estimate came into existence under a "municipal charter" on January 1, 1900, the same date on which Mr. Edgerton assumed his duties as president of the Common Council. The municipality of Rochester is the first class and the house of the city, a city of the first class and under which the municipality has been governed since January 1, 1908, was enacted, the Board of Estimate was not changed. So Mr. Edgerton had been a member of the board for five years as president of the Common Council and 14 years as mayor.

Mayor Edgerton was mayor of Rochester four or five weeks in the latter part of 1903. In November, 1903, Mayor Adolph J. Rodenbeck resigned to accept the office of judge of the State Court of Claims and President of the Common Council Edgerton was elected mayor upon the nomination of all his colleagues in both branches of the city council. The mayor went to Albany and appeared before Senator Grady and every member of the committee that he favored the Governor's plan to send the prisoners from Clinton to Rochester. Senator Grady went over the finance committee without hope and was sitting in the Senate lobby when for Grady was especially impressed with the novelty of having a Republican leader for opportunity of extending hospitality to Democrats, and informed Mr. Edgerton that he was at his service any time.

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Prominent Citizens Pay Tribute To Former Mayor

The death of Mr. Edgerton has called forth tributes from many prominent men of the city, including four of the mayors of the city, James C. Cutler, Adolph J. Rodenbeck, George A. Warner and George A. Carnahan. Mr. Cutler said:

"I regret very sincerely to learn of Mr. Edgerton's death. I have known him for 50 years, as it was in the early '70s that he as builder and I as architect first came into knowledge of each other, and we were rather intimately associated politically from 190 to 1908 while he was president of the Common Council and later when at his urgent request I accepted two appointments in the city government, in which for several years until his last term as mayor ended his interest and co-operation in the work of the Advisory Board of City Planning and the Art Commission. He was constant and helpful. He was an honest and capable public servant and accomplished very much for the city advancement in his 4½ years on the Supreme Court of Justice Adolph 37 years in the mayoralty."

Mr. Rodenbeck—"He was a faithful and loyal public official with extraordinary foresight and devotion to the interests of the community. He was the outstanding mayor of Rochester."

George A. Warner—"By the death of Mr. Edgerton Rochester lost one of its foremost citizens. During his administration and through his efforts Rochester became one of the best cities in the state. So much public improvements have been made during his administration that it will stand as a fitting monument to his official career."

George A. Carnahan—"I am extremely sorry at Mr. Edgerton's death. We were in the administration of the city's affairs, he as president, of the Common Council and I as mayor in 1900 and 1901. We have worked together and I found him a likeable person in his personality. Always genial and kindhearted."

"But the fact that he showed the deepest interest in Rochester's needs and his efforts were constantly directed in improving the city in every way possible. He had new ideas for civic betterment and could not be turned whenever he started out to accomplish anything. His interest in the parks was especially noticeable and he did more than anyone else in the city to accomplish their development. People are genuinely sorrowful at his taking away. Vast numbers had a real affection for him."

Mayor C. D. Van Zandt—"Mr. Edgerton was an enduring monument of various city improvements that came to their fullness during the 14 years that he was, at the head of Rochester affairs, and of him it may be truly said that the good he has done will live long now he has passed on, for Rochester is the beneficiary."

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George Eastman—Rochester has become more fortunate in having had the services of Hiram H. Edgerton as mayor for so many years. During those terms while he served, he became one of the most expert city managers and finally succeeded in giving us as good an administration as we can expect for our present system of municipal government. He was far-sighted and did many good things which have been and will be of great benefit to the city.

The first, and in the opinion of the people of Rochester, the greatest, broadest and best of all was when he scrapped the plan for a new public library building, an idea that had been entertained in some quarters for a long time. He saw the need for more books, but the city could not afford to build a new building. Instead, he decided to improve the existing library and add to its facilities. This decision was seen as a step forward in improving the intellectual life of the city.

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BODY OF MR. EDGERTON TO BE IN STATE
Will Be at City Hall To-morrow from 10 to 3 O'clock.

Friends, legion in number, innumerable admirers of his constructive genius and fellow citizens generally, will have an opportunity to-morrow to do honor to Hiram II. Edgerton, seven times mayor of Rochester, when his body rests in state in the City Hall from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. Although the family desired a quiet funeral, believing it would be in accordance with the wish of the late mayor, they acceded to the request of his countless friends that his body rest in state so that the countless persons, who held him in the highest possible esteem, could do him the honor fitting his long and honorable career in public service.

Many Visit Home.

Mayor Edgerton, beloved by thousands, was truly a man of the people. His friends embraced people in every line of endeavor. A man of humble, rugged qualities, he endeared himself to a vast number of persons. Already they have carted to show him the tribute of which he is so eminently deserving. A steady stream of people visited the home, No. 30 South Goodman street, yesterday, paying their respects and offering their condolences. Main telegrams and floral pieces have been received.

The passing of Mr. Edgerton, so soon after the death of his long and loyal friend, George W. Aldridge, has stirred many people, for it is symbolic of the wholesomeness of real friendship. Although Mr. Edgerton was in failing health his end was hastened by the severe shock sustained in the death of his friend and political mentor. One of the outstanding things in Mr. Edgerton's long and useful career was the loyal friendships he made. Some of those friends, Valentine Whitmore and Samuel Wilder, have passed away. Others like Clifford RalserKleith, James L. Notchin, Charles Hoyt, Alvin II. Dewey, Henry Kunze, and innumerable others, survive and mourn him.

Services to Be Simple.

Simplicity will mark the services. The funeral services will be held at the Central Presbyterian Church, with Rev. C. Waldo Cherry, D. D., officiating. There will be no eulogy. Burial will be at Mount Hope cemetery and will be strictly private. Although definite arrangements for the funeral will be completed this evening it is not expected that even the honorary bearers will go to the cemetery.

Monroe Commandery, Knights Templar, will serve as the guard of honor during the time the body rests in state at the City Hall. A number of former employees of Mr. Edgerton offered to serve as active bearers, but in't of them are in declining years, and it was feared that their strength would not be equal to the task. The family will announce the names of the honorary and active bearers this evening, and all other details of the funeral.
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Many instances of the sturdy character, the unfailing loyalty, and the overflowing kindness of Hiram H. Edgerton were recounted yesterday by his friends and neighbors in the neighborhood. A man of the highest character, of simple and honest friends, Hiram H. Edgerton was used by his neighbors as a leader in the neighborhood. He was trusted with great responsibility.

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Mr. Edgerton looked at the rope and said that it would last until 12 o’clock. Mr. Wilder spent many anxious moments waiting for the rope to break and the bricks and mortar to tumble to the ground. At ten minutes before the rope broke came.

Mr. Wilder’s only remark was that “Hi Edgerton is a great man, he can tell within ten minutes of when a rope is going to break.” This pleased the mayor greatly.

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When the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh office building was being erected, a brick fall and Struck a workman on the head, severely injuring him. The workmen retained Fred L. Story and 1001 special county judge, to see the insurance company. The insurance company asked Mr. Edgerton for payment of the money, but he had never seen away from Mr. Dutcher, so there would be no witnesses.

Mr. Edgerton pitched into the representatives of the company and said that he would not be a party to any act in defrauding his men. He said that he would pay the claim if the company didn’t. Judge Dutcher said that Mr. Edgerton sent the men to his office and instructed them to tell the truth.

Active as Sportsman.

Mayor Edgerton was the first employer of Harry J. Barham, commissioner of public safety. When Mr. Barham was 13 years old, he got a job during the summer vacation as water boy on one of the Mayor Edgerton’s construction jobs.

Always a devoted sportsman, Mayor Edgerton formed a lifelong friendship with Charles Courtney, the famous Cornell coach. He was interested in aquatic sports, principally. He was an oarsman of considerable ability, also a swimmer. In 32 years he was intimate in this sport with Darrell D. Sully, attorney, and president of the Genesee Valley Rowing Club. Mr. Edgerton rowed on several crews of the River Side Rowing Club, principally the Panchon Crew. The clubhouse was set up in the Crouch’s Island, on which the Lehigh early 70’s.

Prominent Men in Club.

Men prominent in the development of Rochester, some of whom are now dead, spent many pleasant evenings with the Barn Stormers’ Club, which met every Saturday evening in Mr. Pierce’s barn.

There were twenty-six members in the club, the first letter of each of their last names, making up the alphabet. The initials were gotten up in the form of a limerick. A stood for George W. Alridge, life member; Mr. Edgerton, and E. stood for Mr. Edgerton. Men later prominent in the affairs of the city made up the balance of the list.

William Flannigan, president of municipal buildings, worked for Mayor Edgerton, when he was a contractor. Mr. Flannigan recited the names of the late Valentine F. Whitmore, who was an intimate friend of both Mr. Alridge and Mr. Edgerton, told Mr. Edgerton, “Mr. Edgerton was in business a hundred years he would never accumulate any money.”

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Edgerton home in South Goodman Street.

Where Former Mayor Edgerton Died

Aldridge Family
Among First at Edgerton Home

Among the persons to hasten to the home of the late Hiram H. Edgerton Sunday afternoon as they heard that the former Mayor was dead were Mrs. George W. Aldridge and her son, George W. Aldridge, Jr.

Mrs. Aldridge and Mrs. Edgerton, the widows of the two men who were such fast friends and whose lives were so closely wrapped up in the city's history, spoke their sympathy for each other and comforted each other.

It was a private meeting, not intended for any public manifestation of their mutual sorrow, and what words were spoken were for the ears of each other only.

Aldridge looked as if he had struggled from a sick bed to take a last look at the young man's father and was very affected. The call was as informal as it could be and was made only as one sorrowing family can visit another in the days when all friends and acquaintances of the dead are gathered together to express the deep regret and adopt resolutions of sympathy.

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Aldridge told me how Mr. Edgerton was a communicant of the Central Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member. His home was at 70 South Goodman Street.

In the course of a short talk he said:

"It came as an awful shock to me," said Mr. Aldridge yesterday. "We learned last Tuesday night from the San Francisco papers of Mr. Aldridge's death, and it took all the heart for friends and sympathizers at the Edgerton home yesterday, and to name them would be to name most of the men prominent in the public and business life of the city. It was learned at the home that Mayor Edgerton gave up the fight for his life Friday night. Until that time he had refused to admit that the end was nigh, but the visit to Mr. Aldridge's house Thursday afternoon and the short talk he had at his home Friday night with a few old friends following the funeral of Mr. Aldridge took all the heart out of him. Saturday he was too weak to resist the encroachment of death although he yearned for one more trip to Highland Park.

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Many Floral Tributes.

Many handsome floral tributes were sent to the house yesterday. Among these were "ath's or other pieces from Thomas Swanton, Mrs. John C. Martin Union League Club, Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Barnes, Edgerton Sunshines Club, City Court, Civil Branch and M. F. Sam Johnson. The police Bureau was scheduled to hold a meeting yesterday, but the only business was the presentation of a bouquet of tropical flowers and a message, to the former Mayor to express its deep regret and adopt resolutions of sympathy.

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Turning the big key in the Exposition Park gate to let the waiting throngs in to see Rochester's Exposition and Horse Show was one of Former Mayor Edgerton's favorite outdoor sports. Here is shown the Mayor opening the gates for the last time last September. With him are, at the left, WILLIAM V. HIBBARD, president of the Exposition Association, and EDGAR F. EDWARDS, secretary of the exposition.
HONOR GUARD FOR EDGERTON JO BE NAMED

Anecdotes Exchange: July Illustrative of Stealing Character of City’s Seven-times Mayor.

Hundreds of close personal friends and former business and political associates of the late Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton visited the house at 30 South Goodman street today to pay their last respects to the man who for fourteen years guided the destinies of the city of Rochester from the mayor’s chair.

From all sides messages of condolence continue to pour into the Edgerton home, with words of sympathy for the members of the revered family.

Arrangements for the funeral provide that the body lie in state in the City hall to-morrow from 10 o’clock until 3. This is in response to the expressed wish of those who knew the Mayor and those whose knowledge of the accomplishment of his administrations led them to admire and respect him, though they did not know him by name, the opportunity of paying their last tribute to the man who did much to make Rochester the city it is.

Rev. Dr. C. Waldo Cherry, pastor of Central Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Edgerton was one of the oldest members, will be present to perform the service at the home at 3 o’clock to-morrow morning. Only members of the family and a few close friends will be present.

Active and Honorary Bearers.

The active bearers who were named this noon are as follows: E. Russell Bingeman, husband of the former mayor; Dr. Hiram Hoyt, Howard Clapp, Whiting Morse, Walter Whitmore and William Barrows, Charles C. Beahan.


At 10 o’clock of Monroe Commandery Knights Templar, in full Templar regalia, will escort the body at 10 o’clock. Plans similar to those of the Aldridge funeral will be followed. A guard of honor of Knights Templar, will be maintained about the cortege.

Bearers will take charge of the body at 3 o’clock and accompany it to Central church, where funeral services will be conducted by Dr. C. Waldo Cherry at 3.30 o’clock. The body will then be taken to Mt. Hope cemetery, where the burial will be private.

Summary will be made of the interment.

It was the plan of the family to refrain from having any public ceremonies whatever at the funeral. But the wishes of friends prevailed to the extent of permitting the body to lie in state at the Court house and in the church, in following a conference of members of the family, with Mayor Van Sandt, James L. Hotchkiss, county clerk; Herbert W. Pierce, commissioner of public works; Harry J. Bareham, commissioner of public safety, and other officials. Former employees of Mr. Edgerton have volunteered as active bearers, but most of them are declining years, and other arrangements may be made.

Among the first to hasten to the home of the late mayor as soon as the news of his death was announced, were members of the Aldridge family, who suffered similar bereavement last week.

Stories of Rugged Honesty.

Many stories were recounted to-day of the rugged character and sterling honesty of the former mayor and private were the expressions of sorrow from those who knew him both as executive and business man. It was pointed out that one infallible indication of his integrity was the confidence children placed in him.

Throughout his life Mr. Edgerton did everything he possibly could to assist the coming generation in its struggle for health and happiness. This fact is attested by the beautiful parks, numerous playgrounds, up-to-date and spacious school buildings and the many other things which had their origin during the administrations of Mayor Edgerton.

It has been said that, when Mr. Edgerton built his home in South Goodman street about forty years ago, he undertook to construct a playground for his children in the lot at the rear of the house. The grounds were fully equipped with swings and other apparatus. It was not limited to his own children or their friends, but it was thrown open to any child who desired to participate in its amusements its facilities afforded.

Men who knew Mr. Edgerton when he was engaged in the contracting business were loud in their praise of his qualities as a business man and a gentleman. On numerous occasions, it is said, Mr. Edgerton undertook important construction work without written contract in any circumstances. Invariably the work was completed within the time limit set by the contractor and the owner would find that all specifications had been filled to the letter.

Mr. Edgerton possessed these qualities which make all he comes in contact with feel at home wherever their station. He was a great favorite and there was no disrespect, but love and esteem, in the appellation of "Uncle Hi" by which he was generally known.

Various organizations have adopted resolutions in which is expressed deep regret. The Kiwanis club, which met for its weekly session at the Powers hotel yesterday, paid this last honor to the man who was the first in this city to be named honorary member of the organization. Pending the funeral all unnecessary business in the city was suspended and many business houses have signified intention of closing while the funeral is held.

A plan is on foot to change the name of Ontario Beach park to Edgerton park in honor of the man who inspired and directed its acquisition by the city for the use of the people. In response to letters written by Rev. William S. McCoy, pastor of St. George’s Episcopal church, in the Twenty-third ward, Mayor Van Sandt and Alderman Hannahs of that ward, which contained suggestions as to the change in names, the writer was informed that the matter had been considered by the Common Council for the past year and that it had the endorsement of the Chamber of Commerce.
Former Sheriff Owen Learns on Late Arrival from Pacific Coast of Death of Former Mayor

Profound regret at the deaths of George W. Aldridge and Hiram H. Edgerton was expressed by Charles S. Owen, former sheriff and commissioner of public safety, when he reached Rochester shortly after 1 o'clock this morning. Mr. Owen was at the Shriners' convention at San Francisco and left the Damascus party to return to this city. He left San Francisco at noon on Thursday and traveled on the crack trans-continental trains reached home early this morning.

Mr. Owen was apprised of Mr. Edgerton's death when Mrs. Owen met him at the station. He was greatly shocked to learn of the passing away of Mr. Edgerton. He said the news of Mr. Aldridge's death brought much sorrow to the many friends that the deceased leader had with the Shrine party.

Mr. Owen learned of Mr. Aldridge's death through an Associated Press dispatch published in an early addition of the San Francisco Chronicle. When he reached his hotel he found telegrams from Mayor Van Zandt, Charles T. Chapin, business associates; County Judge Willis K. Gillette, Harry J. Bareham and Frank Smith.

Mr. Owen said that he was "terribly upset by the death of Mr. Aldridge," and was equally grieved by Mrs. Edgerton being taken away. He was intimate with both of the men. Mr. Aldridge held Mr. Owen in much esteem and had Mr. Owen been inclined he might have had the mayoralty nomination last year.

Instead Mayor Van Zandt, who is a close friend of Mr. Owen, received the nomination. Mr. Owen acted as his political mentor during the campaign.

Mr. Owen served as commissioner of public safety under several of Mr. Edgerton's administrations. He has the warmest praise for the former Mayor's ability as a public official.

When Mr. Owen was told that the party leaders had gotten solidly behind Tamos L. Hotchkiss to continue the work of the Republican organization, intact, he declared:

"Good, that's the stuff. That is what our man, friend George Aldridge would want."

Mr. Owen said that the Shriners were being royally entertained, and the only marred event was the news of Mr. Aldridge's death. Damascus Temple is due back in Rochester on Wednesday morning, June 29th.

Mr. Owen is captain of the Damascus patrol. He left San Francisco with Alexander Townson, a member of the patrol.
Citizens Will Pay Final Tribute To Much Beloved Former Mayor Tomorrow


John J. Friedrich, Edward Strauch­en and A. W. Koppman have been named as a committee to represent the Builders’ Exchange at the funeral.

Since the death of the former mayor was announced there has been a con­fluence have been received at the South Goodman street residence from mayors of other cities and other of­ficials by whom Mr. Edgerton was known personally. Many of the tele­grams contained pungent obsequies. Scores of beautiful floral tributes also have been and still are being received at the house, a number of these being sent by city officials and city employees, as well as by contractors who had known Mr. Edgerton through long years of association in the contract­ing business.

Additional tributes were paid to the former mayor last Saturday, when the city, through the mayor, had caused about 800 of these to be sent in a telegram from Mr. Edgerton’s former secretary, Ber­nard J. Hapgood, to a newspaper. The letter was addressed to the reportorial staff of a Baltimore newspaper. It follows:

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The Rev. C. Waldo Cherry, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Edgerton was one of the oldest members in point of years affiliated with the church said: “I consider Mayor Edgerton to have been one of the prime factors in the development of Rochester as a beautiful and pleasant place in which to live. He gave himself without stint to the service of his fellow citizens. He was a man of absolute honesty and integrity. At all times strove to maintain the high moral standards of the community and was always proud that he had succeeded in driv­ing organized vice from the city. I believe that, in the year that he is gone, Rochester citizens will appre­ciate more and more his character and the service he rendered to the city.”

George J. Otto, secretary and con­fident of George W. Aldridge for twenty years, paid Mayor Edgerton a high tribute.

Charles S. Owen, who was commis­sioner of public safety called Mayor Edgerton for the first seven years Mr. Edgerton was mayor, arrived in Rochester from San Francisco at 7 o’clock yesterday morning.

“It came as an awful shock to me,” said Mr. Owen yesterday. “We learned last Tuesday morning of the San Francisco papers of Mr. Aldridge’s death, and it took all the heart for pleasure out of me. I arrived at the station and was met by my family, my wife told me of Mr. Edger­ton’s death. I wondered whether any­thing worse could be told me. I knew them both and loved them; I knew their ideals and their demands for efficiency. I know of their efforts and I knew their capacity for friendships. We shall learn, slowly perhaps, but surely, of the loss of those two men have meant to the city.”

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TSX: JUO Edgerton Park? Why not Edgerton Park?

Rochester's fine bathing beach, acquired during the last administration of Hiram H. Edgerton, seems to have no name of its own. Ontario Beach Park, the name commonly used, is really associated with the former privately owned amusement ground.

The suggestion made that the name Edgerton Park be officially bestowed has merit. When a man has been honored by his fellow citizens with seven consecutive elections to the highest municipal office it is only fitting that there should be some memorial of such a term of public service.

People who come after will wonder what manner of man was chosen as mayor for so many years. Naming of a park after him will suggest that he was a man interested in the comfort and recreation of the people of Rochester, as well as the city's material growth.

Incidentally the name will be more handy than the present designation. Some of us still cling to the name South Park, finding Genesee Valley Park too large a mouthful. In this instance the change will be toward simplicity.

Why not Edgerton Park?
BODY OF FORMER MAYOR WILL
LIE IN STATE AT CITY HALL

FIVE HOURS BEFORE FUNERAL

City Officials Will Pay Respects from 10 to 11 o'clock. Public Admitted from 11 to 3.

Final tribute will be paid to-day to the mortal body of Miriam H. Edgerton, whose kindness and geniality endeared him to many people, and whose constructive genius, demonstrated in more than a half century of public life, won him innumerable admirers. The body of the man who for fourteen years guided the destinies of Rochester as chief executive will rest to-morrow in the City Hall from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

City employees, all of whom held the former Mayor in the deepest affection, will line the streets in that fine hour. They will gather according to departments.

Simplicity will mark the funeral and burial services. At 9 o'clock this morning a prayer will be said at the main door, and the body will be removed from the house. It will be offered by Rev. C. Waldo Cherry, D.D., pastor of Central Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Edgerton was one of the oldest members of that body.

From House at 9:30 O'clock.

At 9:30 o'clock the funeral cortège, headed by an escort of city and county officials, made up of James L. Hotchkiss, Mayor Van Zandt, Harry J. Bareham, commissioner of public safety, and others, accompanied by a detail of Monroe Commandery, Knights Templar, acting as a guard of honor, will start for the City Hall.

The route will be South Goodman street to South Fitzhugh street, to Main street, to the City Hall. Proceeding the procession will be an escort of eight mounted policemen.

They followed by police officers in dress coats will ride with the Knights Templar at the City Hall as a guard of honor. A prayer will be given by Dr. Harry J. Bareham at the City Hall before the body is placed in state. Entrance to the City Hall will be from the main entrance and the line will pass out of the building at the Fitzhugh street door.

The corridors of the building are draped in black and white bunting, and an American flag is suspended at each end of the main ceiling, and in the front hall.

Floral pieces were received before the ceremony, and they were banked in the front room, about the casket, nearly as high as the ceiling, and in the front hall. Floral pieces received yesterday afternoon, numbered 122; numerous others had been received before. Included among the floral pieces was a corset in white carnations, the tribute of the Park Band.

Roses, orchids and other flowers were to be seen in profusion. Near the foot of the casket was a color photograph of Mr. Edgerton, lighted by electricity. It was presented to him by George Eastman, a staunch admirer of the Mayor, some years ago when the first constructive steps in color photography were achieved by the Eastman Kodak Company. The picture is lifelike. It was a touching affect in the room crowded with flowers.

Assembling in the morning the many friends last evening were J. Clifford Kalbfleisch and Charles Hoyt, close friends of Mr. Edgerton, for a long span of years.

Following the Corto's Church, where the service will be held, the body will be taken to the church, where a prayer will be said at the home, No. 30 South Goodman street, before the body is removed from the house. It will be offered by Rev. C. Waldo Cherry, D.D., pastor of Central Presbyterian Church.

The honorary bearers and a few intimate friends will do honor to the body at the grave. Burial will be in the family plot in Mount Hope cemetery.

Streets-car service will be suspended in the afternoon during the time the body is removed from the church.

Harry J. Bareham, commissioner of public safety, has issued public orders for handling the crowds and he said that they would be of the same high order that prevailed during the funeral of George W. Aldridge.

Active and Honorary Bearers.

The active bearers will be Howard Clapp, Miriam O. Hoyt, E. Russell Bingham, Whiting B. Morse, Walter V. Whitmore and William F. Barrows.

The honorary bearers are:


In afternoon during the time the body is removed from the church, many of the aldermen went to the home to offer their message of condolence. Charles T. Chapin, Eugene J. Dwyer, James L. Hotchkiss, William Pitkin, John Steele and Charles F. Barnes were among the many callers.

At a special meeting of the Library Board, held at 12:30 o'clock yesterday, resolutions were adopted in the death of Mr. Edgerton. They extol his character and achievements.

Former Secretary's Tribute.

Charles E. Ogden, who was secretary to Mayor Edgerton, during his first two terms, yesterday lauded the character of the former Mayor, his ambitions and his unfailing devotion to the interests of the city.

"Mr. Ogden tells of the constructive achievements of Mr. Edgerton's administrations, and says:

"But it was the immensely human side of his life that drew around him a band of loyal and devoted friends. Those who knew him best were proud of his public honors, but they loved him more for his personal worth. They knew the real man.

"Most great men have their cronies, and he had his, but his circle of friends, among whom his quaint sense of humor played its part, was old. And he was devoted to his family, and was proud of the five generations which were grouped together during the early part of his administration as mayor. And I have never known a family more loyal and devoted than w.r.s his.

"I went with him when he entered City Hall for the first time as mayor of Rochester. The executive rooms were filled with flowers. He smiled as he read the cards of his business, political and personal associates. This was a sign of his happiness. He was the one who could laugh in the face of sadness, and he was a man who could laugh in the face of sadness, and he was a man who could laugh while he was in sadness. He was a man who could laugh while he was in sadness. He was a man who could laugh while he was in sadness. He was a man who could laugh while he was in sadness. He was a man who could laugh while he was in sadness. He was a man who could laugh while he was in sadness. He was a man who could laugh while he was in sadness. He was a man who could laugh while he was in sadness. He was a man who could laugh while he was in sadness. He was a man who could laugh while he was in sadness. He was a man who could laugh while he was in sadness. 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The Department of Engineering adopted resolutions yesterday on Mr. Edgerton's death. They recite the large number of public improvements that he fostered, and tall of their affectionate grief at his passing.

Mr. Edgerton was a charter member of the Builders' Exchange and its second president. He with twenty other contractors met on January 10, 1888 and began the organization of the exchange. Of the twenty men who signed the articles of incorporation, six are still living, and four are still active members of the Exchange. They are Joseph E. Summerhays, John J. L. Friederich, Edward S. Stalman, A. W. Hopeman, and these four men have been designated by the exchange to conduct the funeral. A letter expressing the sentiments of the members of the Exchange has been sent to the family.

From Scout Leader.

Mrs. Edgerton yesterday received the following letter from George H. Grant, Boy Scout leader, after he and his comrades had met and taken action on their friend's death:

"Dear Mrs. Edgerton: We feel that we havè lost one of the greatest men alive. One who piloted our city through trouble and danger; who was beloved by all and who is mourned by rich and poor, one who was an example among men. The shock to you we know is very great, but it is not true that—he is not dead, he has awakened from the dream of life. This letter is probably but one of thousands but we hope its contents will add to the consolation carried by all the others."

**Mayor asks loyal service to public**

Deaths of Aldridge and Edgerton Evoke Appeal to City Employees.

Because of the death of (sic) W. A. Aldridge and Hiram H. Edgerton, two men who did much in promoting the upbuilding of Rochester, Mayor Van Zandt has issued an appeal to city employees to remain loyal to their obligation or public service and so work as efficiently as possible so that Rochester may continue the development brought about through the activity of these two prominent citizens. The appeal is as follows:

No time could be more opportune to again urge the fullest cooperation on the part of all identified with the administration in striving to afford a maximum of service to the public. We should be true to our trust were we to falter now. Each of you knows the high standard of performance that has come upon us. And be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution and the foregoing appeal shall be spread upon the minutes and be engrossed and presented to his family.

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Common Council Pays Tribute to Former Mayor, Eulogizing Record

By rising vote the Common Council last evening unanimously adopted the following memorial to former Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton, which was offered by Alderman Martin B. O'Neil, the floor leader: Hiram Haskell Edgerton has gone to his final rest. He was seven times elected Mayor of the City of Rochester. He was a conscientious citizen and a warm personal friend.

He was born at Belfast, Allegany County, New York, April 19, 1847, the son of Ralph H. and Octavia C. Edgerton. In 1858 the family moved to Rochester where the future Mayor was educated. He engaged in the lumber business and continued in that line of work until 1889 when he took up the contracting business. He was identified with this business until he became Mayor of the city in 1907. He hold numerous positions of trust. He was commissioner of the East Side Trunk Sewer Commission, president of the Common Council, school commissioner and secretary of the Board of Education. His earthly life was ended Sunday, June 18, 1922. He married Medora DeWitt in 1858, who, with his daughters, Mrs. Benjamin T. Woodhouse and Mrs. Henry Lempert, his granddaughter, Mrs. E. Russell Bingeman, and Great-grandchild, Edna Frances Bingeman, survive him.

From Mr. Edgerton's business and inclination he was public spirited and always engaged in planning and constructing those works which increased the importance of the city. His vigorous endeavors have resulted in a lasting realization of his idealism. The material things which were erected under his supervision, as a builder and contractor, benefited the business life of Rochester. Some of these were the Wilder building, the postoffice, and government building, rebuilding of the Granite building, and the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company's stores. In his public life he continued to increase the comforts of the inhabitants. The mention of only some of these flaxas an imposing list and wonderfully exemplifies his marvelous ability to conceive big things and his unusual skill in creating Rochester, as we know it to-day. Making Exposition Park where a reformatory stood and preventing the existence of a prison near the heart of the city alone would entitle Mayor Edgerton to the plaudits of his fellow citizens, and when the great expansion of park area is considered its natural beautification and its adornment by public buildings, the inestimable value of his work appears. The construction of an additional conduit from Honeoye Lake and the building of the additional adequate reservoir, the construction of the sewage disposal systems, the garbage disposal plant and incinerator, the building of flood protection walls on the river and the deepening thereof, the acquisition of a large number of new pieces of city apparatus, the elimination of four grade crossings, the preliminary plans for a new bridge across the Genesee and the beginning of construction on the new street and railroad in the bed of the old Erie canal is an imposing array of improvements, testifying to his earnest devotion to beneficent acts for the dwellers in the city. Mr. Edgerton always loved children. He had an affection for all his fellowmen. He was revered for his good judgment and his indomitable spirit. He endeared himself to all people by his kindness and geniality.

All who were privileged to know this great Mayor deeply mourn his loss. The spirit of the man still lives. It is an inspiration and encouragement which will forever glow in the hearts of his friends and will point out the path to continued human love and public good for all of us. Be it

RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Rochester that profound sympathy and heartfelt condolence be extended to the members of the family of Hiram Haskell Edgerton, and that in the passing of this great hearted, broad-minded man a grievous loss has come upon us. And be it

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Stevens, V. Whitmore and William F. Tar 
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Adolph J. Rodenbeck, James G. 
Cutler, George A. Carnahan, Gebrge 
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Charles T. Chapin, William H. Craig, 
Charles S. Owen, Charles J. Brown, 
William W. Simon, Armin Stein, 
J. Clifford Kalbhiseh, John M. 
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Henry Kunze, Dr. George W. Cole, 
John Dunbar, Albert M. Flannery, 
Charles F. Wray, James P. B. Duffy, 
Frederick W. Wilcher, Calvin C. 
Laney, Samuel C. Pierce, Bradley Carroll, 
Harry J. Bareham, Beekman C. Little, 
George S. Taylor, Simon J. Fennell, 
Charles L. Fierst, Arthur Pool, 
Joseph M. Quigley, Frank A. Jaynes, 
Adolph M. Spieghler, LeGrand Brown, 
George Herberzberg, George E. Cripps, 
Armour S. Lloyd, William F. Yust, 
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The honorary bearers will meet at 
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Many visit Edgerton Home.
From early in the day until late last 
night personal friends and acquaint-
ances of the late Hiram H. Edgerton 
formed a continual stream of grieving 
visitors to the Mayor's home at 30 
Bouth Goodman Street, where many of 
them took a last farewell of an 
old friend and beloved neighbor and citi-
cen.

The Mayor's body, lying in its casket, 
was surrounded by a wonderful collection 
of floral tributes, fully LB beautiful 
pieces attesting the thoughtfulness of 
relatives and friends. Near the casket 
was an electrically illuminated color 
photograph of the former Mayor, pre-
"ented to him several years ago by George Eastman. Old friends of the former Mayor ... and at the flower* and walked reverently to the bier, hesitated a short period and departed sadly. Members of the family

Tips of active and honorary bearers, all 
of whom are personal friends of 
Mr. Edgerton.

ROCHESTER TO 
HONOR FORMER MAYORTODAY 
Edgerton's Body To Lie in 
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//Rotunda ///

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HISTORIC SCRAPBOOKS COLLECTION

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until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.
The rotunda of City Hall has been 
draped with the same drapery 
that was used last Friday in the 
Court House, where the body of 
George W. Aldridge lay in state. 
The public will enter City Hall at 
the front door, pass by the bier 
and leave on the Fitzhugh Street side.

Funeral Arrangements.
Funeral arrangements are that 
there shall be private prayer at the 
Mayor's late home at 9 o'clock. At 
9:30 o'clock the body will be escorted 
by a detail of police and a detach-
ment of Monroe Commandery, 
Knights Templar, to City Hall, where 
the doors will be opened at 10 o'clock. 
It is the wish of the authorities that 
the public attend from 11 o'clock 
until 3 o'clock. At 3 o'clock the doors 
will be closed to the public and the 
body will be taken to Mount Hope 
Cemetery for burial, accompanied by 
the family and honorary bearers, all 
of whom are personal friends of 
Mr. Edgerton.
Dinner Given in Honor of Seventieth Birthday of Mr. Edgerton at Genesee Valley Club Was Unusual Compliment

“Tribute and thanks to all the people” who held Mr. Edgerton in esteem was the story of the party given in his honor at the Genesee Valley Club on the occasion of his seventieth birthday. No public mention ever has been made of the party, which is said to have been the most pretentious ever given at the club.

A group of his intimate friends decided to give a testimonial dinner to the mayor. It first was decided to limit the number to fifteen persons. One by one his intimate friends urged the others to be included until the list totaled ninety. Then, it was decided to limit the party to this number, regardless of the urgent requests of many others that they be included.

Gathered at the dinner were George W. Aldridge, George Eastman, and other men long friends to the mayor. Active in arranging the details of the party were J. C. Rabeflame and H. C. Hoyt.

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Cherished Tribute to the Late Mayor from Boy Scout Leader

Of all the tributes to Hiram Haskell Edgerton, the one received this morning by Mrs. Edgerton from the Boy Scouts is perhaps one of the finest. Mrs. Edgerton received the following letter from George H. Grant, a Boy Scout leader, after he and his comrades had officially met to take action on their benefactor’s death. She cherishes the letter as one of her choicest possessions.

“Dear Mrs. Edgerton: We feel that we have lost one of the greatest men alive. One who piloted our city through trouble and danger; one who was beloved by all and who is mourned by rich and poor, one who was an example among men. The shock to you, we know, is very great, but in it is a sense that he is not dead, he has awakened from his dream of life. This letter is probably but one of thousands but we hope its contents will add to the consolation carried by all the others.”

Tribute Paid Former Mayor Edgerton When Washington Junior High School j. Gives Diplomas to Its Largest Class

Tribute to Former Mayor Edgerton, as a man who was always interested in the welfare of Rochesterians was expressed by Samuel P. Moulthrop, principal of No. 26 School, in an address to 240 boys and girls of Washington Junior High School who received certificates of graduation at exercises in the school hall last night.

Mr. Moulthrop spoke feelingly of his 44 years’ association with Mr. Edgerton in public and private life.
Now Lies in State

CITY PAYS RESPECT TO THE DEAD

Extrem Simplicity Marks the Ceremonies at the Family Lot

Traffic Stops and Citizens Bare Heads as the Hearse Passes.

Extrem simplicity marked the ceremonies attendant upon the removal of the body of the former Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton from the South Fifth street house to the City Bethel by the following line of public officials drawn up to do honor to the dead. Through the wide avenue which they formed the casket was carried to the steps of the building, where another detachment of public officials in full dress uniform had been posted. As the bearer and their1000 classmates passed by the last officer in line they saluted and followed his example.

First among them were Mayor Clarence V. Van Houten and James H. pockets. They were followed by Assistant Commissioner of Public Safety Harry J. Bareham, Sheriff Henry W. Morse, Commissioner of City Planning Edwin A. Fisher, Deputy City Engineer Le Grand Grunau, Superintendent of Public Works Harwood H. Pierce, and Charles Walsh.

In Main Hall

The catafalque upon which the casket rested was placed in the center of the main hall, a few feet from the entrance. The service was conducted by a detail of mounted policemen. The members of the Common Council and the department heads seat behind the bier. The procession will move from the City Hall in Fifth street to Main street east, thence to Plymouth avenue, to the church. Main street service will be extended during that time.

The services there will be conducted by Dr. Cherry. The following have been appointed to serve as ushers: William T. Farwell, Franklin H. Judson, J. Frank Jones, Albert C. Kell, William H. Orage, its entrance into East avenue. All the doors were opened and music played to the accompaniment of the band. The process was led by a detachment of mounted policemen, the bearers, the officers, and the public officials, followed by the赶快, the body lying in a hearse surrounded by a line of horses.

The family followed the casket out and back to the steps of the building, remaining outside. From early morning until the casket was closed and taken to the family lot. Only a few intimate friends, the bearers and the officers, were then permitted to enter. The lines were made up of persons of all descriptions and ages; some who could scarcely walk. There was scarcely a dry eye, among them before they made their way out of the building.

The features of the former Mayor were, as a matter of course, not naturally, but the extreme fortitude for which he was known for so long, under the subdued light cast by the electric bulbs and the candle, which had been placed on each side of the casket. It could be seen that each and every one of them was affected. To a large extent, the chief suffering was expected, as he announced that he expected the opening and passed into it. There was scarcely a dry eye among them before they made their way out of the building.

As soon as they became acquainted with the significance of the procession, heads were quickly bared out of the crowd, which consisted of firemen and policemen, after which they formed a second line. The Templar bearers maintained their stations as guards or nontouching officers, holding their reins of city government as symbolically as they realized the full significance of the event. One of them was affected by the sight.

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Carrying the Former Mayor's Body from His Home
Council Tribute to Former Mayor Edgerton

By rising vote the Common Council last evening unanimously adopted the following memorial to former Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton, which was offered by Alderman Martin B. O'Neil, the floor leader:

Hiram Haskell Edgerton has gone to his final rest. He was seven times elected mayor of the city of Rochester. He was a conscientious citizen and a warm personal friend.

He was born at Belfast, Allegany county, New York, April 19, 1847, the son of Ralph H. and Octavia C. Edgerton. In 1858 the family moved to Rochester where the future mayor was educated. He engaged in the lumber business and continued in that line of work until 1880, when he took up the contracting business. He was identified with this business until he became mayor of the city in 1907. He held numerous positions of trust. He was commissioner of the East Side Trunk Sewer commission, president of the Common Council, school commissioner, and president of the Board of Education. His earthly life was ended Sunday, June 18, 1922. He married Medora De Witt in 1868, who, with his daughters, Mrs. Benjamin T. Roehnhouse and Mrs. Henry Lempert; his granddaughter, Mrs. E. Russell Binghaman; and great-grandchild, Edna Frances Binghaman, survive him.

From Mr. Edgerton's business and Inclination he was public-spirited and always engaged in planning and constructing those works which increased the importance of the city. His vigorous endeavors have resulted in a lasting realization of his idealism. The material things which were erected under his supervision, as a builder and contractor, benefited the business life of Rochester. Some of these were the Wilder building, the post-office and government building, rebuilding of the Granite Building, and the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr company's stores. In his public life he continued to increase the comforts of the inhabitants. The mention of only some of these makes an imposing list and wonderfully exemplifies his marvelous ability to conceive big things and his unusual skill in creating Rochester, as we know it to-day. Making Exposition park where a reformatory stood and preventing the existence of a prison near the heart of the city alone would entitle Mayor Edgerton to the plaudits of his fellow citizens, and when the great expansion of park area is considered, its natural beautification and its adornment by public buildings, the inestimable value of his work appears. The construction of an additional conduit from Hemlock lake and the building of the additional adequate reservoirs, the construction of the sewage disposal systems, the garbage disposal plant and incinerator, the building of flood protection walls on the river and the deepening thereof, the acquisition of a large number of new pieces of fire apparatus, the elimination of four grade crossings, the preliminary plans for a new bridge across the Genesee and the beginning of construction on the new street and railroad in the bed of the old Erie canal is an imposing array of improvements, testifying to his earnest devotion to beneficent acts for the dwellers in the city.

Mr. Edgerton always loved children. He had an affection for all his fellowmen. He was revered for his good judgment and his indomitable spirit. He endeared himself to all people by his kindness and geniality.

All who were privileged to know this great mayor deeply mourn his loss. The spirit of the man still lives. It is an inspiration and encouragement which will forever glow in the hearts of his friends and will point out the path to continued human love and public zeal for those of us who are left. Be it Resolved, by the Common Council of the city of Rochester, that profound sympathy and heartfelt condolence be extended to the members of the family of Hiram Haskell Edgerton, and that in the passing of this great-hearted, broad-minded man a grievous loss has come upon us. And be It further Resolved, That this resolution and the foregoing memorial be spread upon the minutes and be engrossed and presented to his family.
In Unbroken Line
They Move Slowly
Through City Hall

Former Mayor Edgerton's Bier

Knights Templar Guard Bier of Former Mayor

Former Mayor Edgerton's body, prepared and resting in a casket, was viewed by thousands today in the rotunda of City Hall. The body was lying in state, surrounded by flowers and coats of arms, and guarded by the Knights Templar. The body was borne on a flag and carried to the orchestra of the City Hall. The casket was then taken to the Memorial Bell Tower and placed in the Kneeling Chair of the Knights Templar. The body was then carried through the streets of Rochester, accompanied by a large procession, to the Central Church, where the funeral service was held. The body was then taken to Memorial Park Cemetery, where the interment service was held. The body was then laid to rest in the family plot at Memorial Park Cemetery.
Entire City, Mourning, Honors Hiram H Edgerton

LEADING CITIZENS BEARERS AT FUNERAL; THRONGS SADLY VIEW CORTEGE AS IT PASSES

With appropriate honors the body of Hiram H. Edgerton, man of the masses, faithful and efficient public servant, honest and constructive business man, lover of children, and devoted and loyal friend, yesterday afternoon was committed to its final resting place in the family plot in Mount Hope cemetery. There in the same cemetery last Friday afternoon was buried the body of George W. Aldridge, friend and political mentor of Mr. Edgerton, whose sudden death hastened the end of the beloved former mayor.

Rochester genuinely mourned the passing of Mr. Edgerton and yesterday gathered to do him the honor that his long and useful career of diversified public service thoroughly deserved. The grief was real for Mr. Edgerton was held in sincere affection and esteem by innumerable friends and admirers.
City Hall Bell Tolls.

The funeral cortège moved from the City Hall at 3:30 o'clock. The body had rested in state from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.

The casket, carried by Howard Clapp, Hiram C. Hoyt, E. Russell Bingman, Whiting B. Morse, Walter V. Whitmore and William P. Barrows, passed through a crowd of twelve policemen, standing at attention. As it was being carried out the City Hall bell was tolled.

Covering the casket were several floral pieces, a few of the several hundred that had been placed by the family as messages of condolence and sympathy from loyal friends. One especially beautiful piece was made roses, the token of a group of city officials who served under Mayor Edgerton. This rested immediately on top of the casket.

The body from the City Hall the heads of thousands of people were uncovered. Behind the casket walked the heads of city and county officials, and intimate friends of Mr. Edgerton. Many struggling along the curbstone to the main entrance of the City Hall stood. Dr. Cherry was in the midst of the crowd.

Car Service Suspended.

Precircled by eight mounted officers, and with a detachment of twelve people of the Knights Templar, serving as a guard of honor, the hearse moved slowly through South Fitzhugh street west and Plymouth avenue north to the Central Presbyterian Church. Thousands of people crossed the avenue as the automobile service was suspended. The long line of bearers, city and county officials, and friends, made up the cortege.

Services at the church started promptly at 3:30 o'clock. As the body was carried into the church, the flags were hung at half-mast. The organist played as the bearers entered the church. Following the bearers came Edgerton, bent with grief, was supported on the arm of her son-in-law, Henry Lampert, and her daughter, Janie T. Roodhouse, of Wilmette, II.

Church Service Simple.

There was a scripture reading by Dr. Cherry, a solo, "Crossing the Bar," sung by Mrs. Rae Potter Roberts, another solo, "Onward Christian Soldiers," by the congregation. The recessional was an organ selection, "For all the Saints."


After the services were concluded the "honorary bearers" two long lines from the main entrance of the City Hall to the hearse. The cortège moved into Plymouth avenue through which the body was carried to the church.

Children in Groups.

Along the route through which the cortège moved were a number of people, including many, many children, for whom Mr. Edgerton had been watchful. Services at the grave were brief, consisting of a prayer by Dr. Cherry as the body was lowered into the fern-lined grave. People were heard in prayer around the grave. Mr. Edgerton is buried in the family plot with his father, mother and sisters.
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Flag Drops as Casket Is Lifted into Hearse

A strange incident in connection with Mr. Edgerton’s funeral greatly impressed persons who witnessed it. As the casket was being lifted into the hearse yesterday afternoon, after being taken from the City Hall, just at the same instant the flag, flying in half-mast on the Municipal building, dropped from its support and fell to the roof, part of it hanging over the front cornice.

It was this building in 1873, of which Mr. Edgerton, as president of the Board of Education, supervised the construction. It was then the Rochester Free Academy. On the tablet in the main corridor of the Municipal building, under the date, 1873, is Mr. Edgerton’s name as president of the Board of Education, and George W. Aldridge’s name, father of the late leader, as president of the Common Council.

Mr. Edgerton began his public service when in 1871 he was elected school commissioner of the Fourth ward. He served four years, two of them as president of the Board of Education. He was largely instrumental in having the Free Academy, now the Municipal building, and No. 15 school erected during his term.

Resolution on Death of Edgerton Is Adopted by Board of Estimate

At a meeting of the Board of Estimate to-day in the City Hall, the following resolution was proposed by Mayor Clarence D. Van Zandt and unanimously adopted:

"For eighteen years our former mayor, Hiram H. Edgerton, was a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and for fourteen of those years he presided over the board. During all of that time Mr. Edgerton was gifted with rare good judgment, a keen business sense and excellent executive ability. His recommendations always showed a breadth of vision, an earnest desire to benefit the public, and a sympathetic understanding of human needs.

"On Sunday, June 18th, he left us for a larger life, and his going leaves upon us deep grief. We hold our lives fortunate to have had in our city this man who gave himself so unstintingly to the service of the public. Mr. Edgerton was a kind, humorous and cheerful companion. The worthy enthusiasm engendered by association with this grand old man will long endure, and will be the torch that will light us along the path which we shall tread for the general good of this fair city."

"Resolved, That the foregoing statement be spread upon the minutes, and the sincere sympathy and heartfelt condolence of the members of this board be extended to the family of Hiram H. Edgerton."
ENTIRE CITY PAYS HOMAGE WHILE FORMER MAYOR IS LAID TO REST
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The top picture, taken at the funeral of former Mayor Edgerton yesterday afternoon, shows the casket being carried into the Central Presbyterian Church.

The second picture shows the throng that massed outside of the church, reverent heads bared and bowed, as the funeral procession arrived from, the City Hall.

The two bottom pictures show the large delegation from the city’s forces of public safety, the policemen and firemen, who stood outside the City Hall as the funeral cortege passed, paying their last tribute to the man whose long administration of city affairs added much to the efficiency and importance of their respective departments.

Children, Boy Scouts, City and County Officials Seen in Line That Assesses by Bier

Rochestrians of All Walks of Life Pay Respects to Beloved Mayor—Little Ones Are Lifted in Arms to See His Face.

Humanity coursing past the bier of Hiram H. Edgerton yesterday in solemn tribute to his unselfish devotion to the interests of the city knew no distinction in race, color or creed. There was a steady stream of persons past the casket, placed in the center of the draped corridors of the City Hall. Children, aged people, friends, admirers, political opponents, public officials and every element that goes to make up society filed past the bier in grief at the passing of a man whose memory will live long for his achievements in civic betterment during the greatest epoch this city has known.

A feeling of genuine sorrow pervaded the City Hall. The casket was surrounded with a wealth of floral pieces, the tokens of friends in both the humble and highest stations in life. A candle burned at each end. The corridors were draped with black and white bunting, and suspended from the main entrance was an American flag. The subdued light, the spirit of lament at the passing of the man whose activities had meant so much to the progress of Rochester, added to the sobriety and solemnity of the occasion.

Children in Line

Children, hundreds of them, from all strata in life paid their respects to the man who was always considerate of their interests and who always held them close to his heart. Children from the playgrounds, which Mr. Edgerton fostered with as much enthusiasm, were in the procession of people. Many of these children had now grown to manhood and womanhood, but they had not forgotten their youthful impressions of the visits of the genial Mayor, most often accompanied by his wife and companion, to the playgrounds of the city.

Many recalled the scramble for a place on his picturesque one-cylinder automobile as the Mayor himself patiently rode children about the playgrounds. Many of the youngsters were introduced first to the joys of motoring on this historical automobile of the Mayor, who with everlasting kindness never tired of giving the children a treat.

Some Are Lifted Up

There were children that had to be lifted on the arms of their parents to catch a glimpse of the man whose energies had been directed toward bringing some little comfort, some little joy, into their lives. Father of the playground system, he was held in endearment of the children of Rochester and they did not forsake him in his declining years. As a last tribute to his mortal body they turned out in number and passed his bier conscious of the fact that they had lost a good friend. The Boy Scouts were there. They held Mr. Edgerton in high esteem and turned out in number to do him honor. Friends, bent in gray, yet by their actions reflecting the loyalty and sincerity of years of genuine fellowship, passed the bier with grief the deep-rootedness of which was unmistakable.

Always loyal to his friends and family Mr. Edgerton endeared himself to a vast number of persons. In their hour of bereavement members of the family joined with their fellow citizens in doing honor to their illustrious members. Shortly after 1 o’clock members of the family passed the bier. The atmosphere of sorrow at viewing their beloved one touched the hearts of all those present. Mrs. George W. Aldridge, widow of the man who was the co-worker, staunchest friend and loyal supporter, of her husband, passed the bier, accompanied by her son, George W. Aldridge, Jr. As Mrs. Aldridge passed she deposited on the sleeping body of the former Mayor a red rose. At this token of affection for the man who was the co-worker, staunchest friend and loyal supporter, of her husband, few eyes were dry in the City Hall.

Aged Charwoman Pays Tribute

It was a touching incident when an aged woman, more than 80 years of age, assisted by Captain of Detectives John P. McDonald, passed the bier and deposited in it a large white rose. She is a charwoman, now feeble and bent, but paid her final tribute and offered her last thanks to the Mayor who had befriended her.
Mayor Edgerton At Fourth Of July Celebration

Held At Rochester Exposition Park In 1919

With him in the above picture Is Senator Poinlester of the "Lump of Washington" who was the address on that date. The photograph was taken by B. L. Twlmi, of this city.
Greeley Club Picture Shows Edgerton in Early Youth as a Political Bolter from Rochester Republican Standpats

That the late Hiram Haskell Edgerton, for fourteen years Rochester's Mayor, early in youth was a bolter from Monroe County's standpat Republican is indicated by an old, faded photograph in the possession of Mrs. Carrie McWhorter of 555 Monroe Avenue. The print is of the Greeley Club of Rochester and was taken 51 years ago.

At that time Hiram Edgerton was about 24 years old. Other Rochesterians identified as having posed for the Greeley Club photograph were Alexander McWhorter, brother of Alexander McWhorter, M. [illegible], Mrs. McWhorter's husband, and Joseph Bantel of 78 Lake Avenue. The elder McWhorter was at one time superintendent of the Monroe County Penitentiary.

In Campaign of 1871.

With the sole exception of Mr. Bantel, all the men wore the pearl gray hats that the Greeley men wore in the fall campaign of 1871. That was one of the most stirring political campaigns ever conducted in this country. Horace Greeley, the famous editor of the New York Daily Tribune, and other Republicans were dissatisfied with President Grant's first administration, and the campaign conducted by the National Republican Party. That party met in convention in Cincinnati and nominated Greeley.

Southern Illinois was indorsed by the Democrats. Greeley was popular in the corners of the state where the sand swayed from the standpat Republicans to his support. These followers of Old Business were walked by. Mr. Hiram Edgerton was popularly called, formed themselves into clubs and wore the pearl gray hats.

The result elected overwhelmingly in favor of Grant, who received 3,557,070 popular votes against 2,834,079 cast for Greeley. Greeley's wife died during the closing days of the campaign, and that fact, together with his defeat, broke his spirit and hastened his death, which occurred soon after.

But Identified.

It was during that campaign that the McWhorter picture was taken. It has been shown in the presence of many older residents of Rochester, but so far no one has been able to identify beyond a doubt any of the men, with the exception of Edgerton, McWhorter and Bantel.

"Well, now, that looks like Wallace Hagaman," said one old-time politician.

"That hat fellow in the chair looks something like James P. B. Duffy's father," said another.

"That one over there on the right in the middle might have been old Jake Gerling, father of the present Jake," was the comment of a third.

"That one in the back, with his hand to his mouth, was Sam B. Williams. I'll bet a red apple," said another.

"No," said Mr. Williams, "I never was a Greeley man."

IMPROVEMENT TO PERISTYLE BEGUN

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dition Park

As is Workmen started tearing out the blank wall at the north end of the peristyle at Exposition Park this morning, thereby doing away with the only eyesore at the park. Before the wall is taken away, a fully a-fivetower will be placed from the east pillar at the north end to the west and the west pillar at the south end and at the same time hold the pillars together.

The removal of the unsightly brick wall will not only eliminate an eyesore, but it will give persons attending the Rochester Industrial exposition a better opportunity for witnessing the pageant which is an annual feature of the exposition.

There has been considerable wonder as to what will be done with the untidy wall was left. It looked as if another building had been torn away and one of its walls, rough, unfinished and unsightly, had been left standing in the similitude of a ruin.

The wall remains as a reminder of the expectation that when the Rundell fund for art gallery and library purposes became available a building would be erected at the north end of the peristyle, using the wall as its south wall, and that in this structure, the gallery and art gallery, would be housed the art treasures, also purchased out of the Rundell fund for public library.

It is probable that the Rundell fund will soon be available but public sentiment evidently favors some other location that for the present appears to be more central. However, those who are watching the growth of the city believe that the great building movement now on in the northwest section from Ridge road to Braddocks Heights on the lake and from Ridge road to the lake at Charlotte along Lake Avenue will shortly change the center of population so that in five or ten years Exposition park will be about central.

However that may be, it is a satisfaction to the public that the old brick wall at the north of the peristyle is being torn down. That the city had at some time to erect another building on the north of the peristyle is indicated by an architect's drawing of the assembly hall, the peristyle and the Hope building now hanging in the outer office of Mayor Van Zandt.

This drawing indicates very clearly what was in the minds of Mr. H. Edgerton, fourteen years mayor of Rochester, who developed Exposition park out of the old Western House of Refuge, making a combination of art, culture and pleasure ground were named in honor of the late Mayor Edgerton who died during the closing days of the election and had been Indorsed by the Greeley Club Picture Shows Edgerton.

The Union League Republican Club last evening resolved that the late Hiram H. Edgerton be and is hereby expressed the sincere sorrow and extends its heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family. His wise counsel, fatherly kindness and material assistance will ever be treasured with grateful remembrance by this organization.

A grander combination of the various elements essential to success in business life is rarely ever found so harmoniously and effectively assimilated in one person, as found an every day expression in the life of Hiram H. Edgerton. He had courage, patience and perseverance beyond most of the human race; while in courtesy and kindness he was a millionaire.

The wonderful achievements made for substantial bettmets in schools, streets and parks during his administration as mayor are lasting monuments to his genius to conceive, his ability to construct and his judgment to manage.

But amid all his business activity, he carried his home in his heart, and in the family circle he centered his heart's best affection. The good man is gone, and a sincere regret for our loss in the universal expression of all our people, while the gentle tear of recollection finds easy access down many a hardy cheek unused to such a visitor.

If eternal happiness be the reward of the good, then the late Hiram Edgerton's kindness, charity, blessed be the spirit that once animated the earthly form of Hiram H. Edgerton. The frust flower received his tenderest care—the humblest citizen his kindest consideration.

The Union League Republican Club mourns its honored dead—their resolution, that its action he public through the press, a copy conveyed to the bereaved family and a copy of this oration.

Correspondence

Top--For Edgerton L'nk.

Rochester Post Express: During a half hour spent at the new municipal park on Sunday afternoon I counted people showing the characteristics of seven nationalities, mingling in perfect accord while enjoying the bracing air and sunlight. A pleasing sight, and one arguing well for the future, as there can be no better way of rendering this great people service than furnishing them means by which during their leisure hours they may take recreation in common and thus learn to know and trust each other.

On leaving, the thought came of how fitting it would be if, as some have suggested, this splendidly appointed pleasure ground were named in honor of the late Mayor Edgerton, who began that the present effective city administration has so admirably finished.

Citizen.

Rochester, June 26, 1922.
Following her were some of the leading citizens of the city, bankers, lawyers, physicians, and men prominent in industrial life. All held the Mayor in genuine affection. Filing by the bier were such intimate friends as Charles Hoyt, Charles T. Chapin, J. Clifford Kahlfleisch, John M. Steele and innumerable others.

The casket reached the City Hall at 10 o'clock. During the first hour the city employees paid their respects. First came Mayor Van Zandt; his secretary, Albert M. Flannery, Harry J. Bareham, commissioner of public safety; Herbert W. Pierce, commissioner of public works; Simon J. Fennell, superintendent of building; William S. Riley, commissioner of parks; Corporation Counsel Charles L. Pierce; Comptroller Joseph C. Wilson; City Treasurer H. Bradley Carroll, and other department heads. Then came the firemen, the policemen, and the employees of the other departments.

Pass in Continuous Line.

At 11 o'clock the public was admitted and from then on it was a continuous file. Many were dressed in mourning, perhaps in tribute to Mr. Edgerton's memory. There were former employees of the mayor when he was engaged in the contracting business. Men of the prominence of James L. Wochlass, Phineas V. Cittenden, R. Andrew Hamilton, and others passed by among men in shirt-sleeves and children with bare feet.

Political ties meant nothing. Men who had opposed Mr. Edgerton in his strenuous political fights were present, feeling the same grief as his long and devoted friends. Included among his political opponents passing the bier were Jacob Ceding and Frederick D. Lamb.

COUNCIL AND SUPERVISORS.

At 2:30 o'clock the members of the Common Council, gathered in their chambers and headed by Abram DePottier, president, and Martin M. Miller, floor leader, passed the casket. Shortly before 6 o'clock the members of the Board of Supervisors and county officials, headed by Sheriff Henry M. Morse and County Attorney George Y. Webster, passed the bier in the solemnity of profoundest grief. Judges of the Supreme Court were adjourned here this afternoon. Appropriate expressions of sorrow at the death of Mayor Edgerton were made in court by Judge Cunningham and Attorney-General Newton at this morning's session.

The annulment case of Glenn C. Grimes, of Nunda, against his wife, Marion F. Grimes, which has been before the court since June 12th, was given to the jury to-day.

To-morrow's calendar calls for the trial of the contract case of the Foote Contracting Company, of Nunda, against the Greenfield Construction Company, of Hornell. Thirty other cases marked ready for this term of court are still to be disposed of, with the probability that the majority of them will now have to be put over the term because of the length of time consumed in trying the Grimes case.

If the term goes over into next week, it will conflict with the regular June term of County Court and the county will have the unique experience of having two courts in session at the same time.

RESPECT TO EDGERTON

Geneseo Supreme Court Calendar Expected to Go Over Next Week.

Geneseo, June 21. - The June term of Supreme Court was adjourned here this morning at 11 o'clock, until to-morrow morning, out of respect to the memory of Hiram H. Edgerton, late mayor of Rochester. Justice Benjamin B. Gunningham, presiding at the term, was one of the honorary bearers at Mayor Edgerton's funeral this afternoon. Appropriate expressions of sorrow at the death of Mayor Edgerton were made in court by Judge Cunningham and Attorney-General Newton at this morning's session.

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ELKS LODGE IN TRIBUTE

Mr. Aldridge Kild Mr. Edgerton Ignored By Resolutions at Meeting.

At a special session of the Rochester Lodge of Elks, at the clubhouse last night, testimonials and resolutions on the death of George W. Aldridge and Hiram H. Edgerton were adopted. Dr. M. J. Dock, chairman of the committee to draft the resolutions, paid tribute to both men, who were members of the order.

The glee club sang "The Vacant Chair" and "Nearer My God To Thee" and the traditional 11 o'clock toast was given to the dead members. Balloting on 283 applications for membership also took place at the meeting and a hundred candidates were initiated.

The Building Committee has obtained the consent of the Advisory Committee to place before the members the plans for a new Elk's home or plans for enlargement of the present quarters. This was brought before the session last night and final action will be taken later. The Building Committee proposes to have the dues and initiation fees of new members placed in a separate fund for the building project.

Mayor Edgerton At Fourth Of July celebration

Held At Rochester Exposition Park In 1919

--- With him in the above picture is Senator Polden, of the state of Washington, who made the address on that date. The photograph was taken by B. L. Twin, of this city. ---
Greeley Club Picture Shows Edgerton in Early Youth as a Political Bolter

From Rochester

Greeley Club Men Were Men of the Eighties

Mr. A. B. Williams, the well-known Rochester photographer, has this picture of Hiram H. Edgerton, former mayor of this city, which shows him in early youth as a political centrist.

The picture was taken of Edgerton in the Rochester Union League Club and was published in a number of old newspapers.

The picture shows Edgerton as a young man, wearing a dark suit and a light-colored tie. He is standing in front of a large window, and the light coming through the window illuminates his face.

Edgerton was born in 1831 and died in 1897. He served as mayor of Rochester from 1871 to 1875.

To the right of the picture is a note written by Mr. Williams:

"This picture shows Edgerton in his youth, taken in the Union League Club.

"He was a political centrist and was known for his moderate political views.

"The picture was taken in 1870 and shows Edgerton wearing a dark suit and a light-colored tie.

"He served as mayor of Rochester from 1871 to 1875 and was a prominent figure in the city's political life.

"The Union League Club was a political organization that opposed the Know Nothing Party and supported the Republican Party."
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ALL ROCHESTER UNITES TO PAY LAST TO MEMORy OF MAYOR EDGERTON

HALL OF EDGERTON

Recalling Days when Mayor Edgerton...
Above—Funeral procession of former Mayor Edgerton leaving the City Hall, where the body lay in state previous to the service* in Central Presbyterian Church yesterday.

Upper right—Arrival of body at the City Hall, with members of Monroe Commandery, Knights Templar, as bearers.

At right—Policemen and firemen waiting for an opportunity to look for the last time on the face of the former mayor note the "H" formed by the waiting lines.

*Funeral service.
Beautiful Tribute Paid

By Central Church Pastor

To Former Mayor Edgerton

Speaking at Funeral Services, Dr. C. Cherry says Mr. Edgerton II at 1 Vision of "City Beautiful"—Maintained Honor and Integrity and Had

"Love for All."
Scenes Attending Funeral Of Former Mayor Edgerton

Upper picture—Casket, preceded by the Rev C. Vale (left), was carried into Central Presbyterian Church, where funeral service was held yesterday. Mayer C. p. Van Sandt (right) and Supreme Court Justice Adolph J. Rodenbeck (left) at the head of the active bearers, on way from City Hall to Central Church.

Lower picture—Hearse containing former mayor's body, escorted by act...
SIMPLE SERVICE
MARKS BURIAL
OF MR. EDGERTON
ONLY MEMBERS OF FAMILY, FFAV
CLOSE FRIENDS AND BEARERS AT MT. HOPE.

IMPRESSIVE CHURCH SERVICES

Dr. Cherry Eulogizes Former Mayor
—Thousands Pay Tribute to Man Who Served City Many Years.

The body of former Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton was lowered into the depths of its spruce lined grave in Mt. Hope cemetery at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Only members of the family, a few close friends and the honorary and active bearers were present to witness the ceremony. Rev. C. Waldo Cherry, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, officiated at the grave.

During the time that the body lay in state in the main corridor of the City hall, thousands of persons filed past the bier to pay their last silent tribute to the mortal remains of him who acted as benefactor for both rich and poor during the fourteen years he occupied the office of mayor of the city of Rochester. Shortly before 3 o'clock, when the casket was to have been closed, the stream of mourners became noticeably heavier. Among them were Mrs. George W. Aldridge, widow of Mr. Edgerton's friend, and her son. As she passed the bier Mrs. Aldridge deposed on the breast of the former mayor. Others who paid their last silent tribute were Sison J. Fennell, Superintendent of Buildings; Joseph C. Wilson, City Treasurer H. Bradley Carlisle, and other department heads.

At 3 o'clock the doors were closed and the hall was cleared to their places beside the bier. Fifteen minutes later the doors opened, the City hall bell began to toil and the procession began to move. Mayor Clarence B. Van Andel led the honorary bearers, James L. Hotchkiss and Judge Adolph J. Rodenbeck were next and directly behind them flew at half-mast over the Municipal building, as a member of which Mr. Edgerton began his public career in 1872.

Thousands of persons lined the thoroughfares leading to the church. Heads were bowed out of profound respect and grief as the hearse came along slowly. In some instants, where the on-lookers were accompanied by small children who were unable to see what was passing on account of the density of the crowd, the children were lifted high into the air to obtain a glimpse of the procession which had started to carry the remains of him whose energies had been directed to bringing some little comfort and joy into their lives.

While the procession was in motion all street car and other traffic was suspended. As the casket was carried into the church and deposited at the chancel, which was banked high with flowers, everyone in the church stood up and remained in this position until the mourners reached the front of the church. Mrs. Edgerton, nearly overcome with grief, was supported by her son-in-law, Henry Lampert, and her daughter, Mrs. Benjamin T. Woodhouse, of Wilmette, Ill.

The services consisted of a short organ prelude, after which Dr. Cherry gave a Scripture reading. A solo, "Crossing the Bar," was sung by Mrs. Rae Potter Roberts, there was another Scripture reading, eulogy and prayer by Dr. Cherry, and then the services were concluded by the congregation singing "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Eulogized by Dr. Cherry.

"Hiram H. Edgerton had a dream of a city beautiful," Dr. Cherry said in his eulogy. "A city of parks and playgrounds. A city of happy homes and wholesome. A city of men and women and little children could live and grow strong with the hope of a Useful life and the graces of mind and soul.

"Fifty years ago Hiram H. Edgerton had a dream and gave his life to making it true. He forgot his own ambitions, he put aside the dream of wealth and success. He gave himself to Rochester. He built himself into the structure of her progress. Every great building, noble park, school this city possesses today has on it somewhere the stamp of his personality.

"It is our joy to-day that he lived to see his dream come true. With such patience, such devotion, such lighted wisdom he wrought, that the city of his dreams arose before his eye.

"Because we are too near at hand sometimes we do not realize the greatness of him upon whom we live. But in the days to come men will place on the head of Hiram Edgerton the crown of greatness.

"For if to be good is to be great; If to be wise is to be great; If to be noble is to be great, then he was great. If it is great to serve, to forget oneself for others, if it is great to have high visions of achievement and then to have strength and courage and common sense and patience to carry them out he was great.

"If it is great to be a benefactor, to leave wealth behind you, but 10% and life better and happier for millions who come after you, then Hiram Edgerton is secure in the hearts and memories of the people whom he blessed."

Simple Services at Grave.

The services at the grave were exceedingly simple, typifying the life which was led by the former mayor. The procession made its way to the cemetery through Plymouth avenue, past the house of the late George W. Aldridge, thence to Greys street, to Clarissa street, to Mount Hope avenue.

Out of respect to the memory of former Mayor Edgerton, the county and city offices were closed at 3 o'clock.

PAY TRIBUTE TO
—FORMER MAYOR

Directors Rochester Exposition Adopt Resolution at Meeting Held at 12:00 Noon To-day. *

Directors of the Rochester exposition met at noon to-day to adopt a resolution on the death of former Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton. The meeting was called to order by President William W. Hibbard and the following tribute and resolution, read by Treasurer Charles W. Wiltsie, was adopted by a rising vote:

"The directors of the Rochester Exposition Association have learned with profound regret the death of our honored member, the Hon. Hiram H. Edgerton, seven times elected mayor of Rochester, creator of exposition park, founder of our annual exposition, and honorary president for fourteen years. It fills us in attempting to express our deep appreciation of his great service to this community, not only in making possible the holding of our great fall exhibition in a park of such beauty and convenience, but in the making of the vast public improvements that marked his long career as a public servant and caused Rochester to become famed as a city of progress and enlightenment.

"Exposition park stands as one of the monuments of his far-seeing vision, and is recognized on all sides as a great civic asset. We shall always remember him for his integrity, his great love for Rochester, his wise counsel and his kindly and sympathetic nature. His democratic character made him beloved by thousands of our citizens, and thousands mourn his death as a great civic and grievous loss. Therefore be it

"Resolved, That we express to his family our deepest sympathy, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to his bereaved family."
This is probably the best of the two men, who, having co-operated for years in public service for the betterment of Rochester, were taken by death within the same week. Hiram H. Edgerton, mayor of Rochester for fourteen years, and Geo. Aldr., Republican leader, both were at the peak of their careers and in evident good health when photograph was taken.
Above, left—Crowd in front of Central Presbyterian Church on arrival of the funeral procession of former Mayor Hirain Eagerton. Right—Departure of the body of former Mayor Edgerton from his home in South Goodman Street.
Fröm Mayor Edgerton Visited Own
Grave Three Days Before Death and
1^S'te^Cl^eteSuperintendent

Three days before, former Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton fell into eternal sleep, he made a trip through Mt. Hope Cemetery and curiously inspected the spot where he would lie in time, only a week later, he was buried. In a greatly enfeebled condition, the ex-Mayor, accompanied by a nurse, called at the home of George M. Aldridge in order that he might pay his respects to the bereaved family of the political leader. Mr. Edgerton was greatly affected by seeing his friend of so many years lying dead, and when he left the Aldridge home he appeared more weary and broken in spirit than ever.

Directing his chauffeur to motor to Genesee Valley Park, on leaving the Aldridge home, Mr. Edgerton made a short trip over the park roads, and then drove to Mt. Hope Cemetery through the southern gate. He proceeded slowly through the cemetery and stopped for a few moments at the lot where his mother, father and sister were buried, and where, a few days later, his mortal remains were laid. Talking with Cemetery Superintendent leaving the cemetery through the north gate, Mr. Edgerton had his car stopped and dispatched his chauffeur for John W. Keller, superintendent of the cemetery, who had long been a friend of the former Mayor. Mr. Keller left the cemetery office and walked down to the Mayor’s car.

“Told to the mayor,” said Mr. Keller yesterday, in relating the meeting to a reporter for The Herald, "for several minutes, and mostly we talked about Mayor Edgerton’s administration. I tried to do,” said the mayor, “everything that I could for you, while I was in office. You were always kind, and I wish it wasn’t very long before you get me up here.”

Admired Improvements.

“Talked of the improvements that had been made in Mt. Hope during Mr. Edgerton’s administration. ‘I tried to do,’ said the mayor, ‘everything that I could for you, while I was in office. You were always kind, and I wish it wasn’t very long before you get me up here.’ I am very sorry that a life so filled with work and devotion to the welfare of humanity has been cut off. I am very sorry that a life so filled with work and devotion to the welfare of humanity has been cut off.

Name’s Ma’round**

After Mr. Edgerton

Because of the great and deep interest that former Mayor Edgerton took in the development of the parks and playgrounds of Rochester, the Department of Parks and Playgrounds has decided to name one of its playgrounds Edgerton Playground. This field, which has just been taken over by the Department of Parks and Playgrounds, is the one which has been operated by the Bausch & Lomb Company.

ALDRIDGE AND FORMER MAYOR TO BE HONORED

Kills Lodge to Pay Tribute by Resolution to 1st Members, ftisy

Tribute will be paid to both George Y. Aldridge and former Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton this evening at a Special Session of Rochester Lodge of Elks. Both men were members of the lodge and a committee headed by Paul Kealke, Ruler Richard J. Decker and composed of all past exalted rulers and officers of the lodge has been appointed to write resolutions of appreciation for the former Mayor Edgerton, 1871 and later for Edgerton Playground, which field was donated to the city.

For the reasons of 14 years of his career as mayor he was ever a faithful friend of the public schools.

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New flag wound Dedicated to Former Mayor Edgerton

Top: Mayor Van Zandt, assisted by Robert H. Bernhart, superintendent of playgrounds and recreation, raising the flag at the official opening of Edgerton Playground in Avenue D yesterday afternoon.

Center: Corporation Counsel Charles L. Pierce delivering the dedicatory address.

Bottom: Group of girls who danced in dedicatory program.
DEDICATE NEW PLAYGROUND TO FORMER MAYOR

Officials and Large Crowd Honor H. H. Edgerton at Memorial Ceremony.

MULLAN GIVES EULOGY

Reviews Work of Man Who Developed System of City Playgrounds.

A flag raised by Mayor Van Zundt while the national anthem was played and seventeen officials stood with bared heads, culminated the formal dedication yesterday afternoon of the new playground in Avenue D to Hiram H. Edgerton, mayor of Rochester for fourteen years, whose sudden death occurred recently.

City, county and Federal officials united in the ceremony, which by its tribute to one phase of Mr. Edgerton's activities and accomplishments during his seven terms as head of the city administration, Mayor Van Zundt, Postmaster John B. Mullan, Supervisor Charles A. Engel of the Seventieth ward, Seventh ward, Alderman Charles H. Alderman Eugene M. Schied of the Schuman of the Eighth ward, Corporation Counsel Charles L. Pierce, Park Superintendent William S. Riley, Playground and Recreation Superintendent Robert A. Bernhard, members of the Seventeenth Ward Committee and other prominent men, all of whom had known Mayor Edgerton during his civic career, present. Automobiles lined both sides of the street for more than a block in the vicinity of the new playground.

Postmaster Gives Eulogy.

As chairman of the exercises, Corporation Counsel Charles L. Pierce described the acquisition of the new playground from the Bausch & Lomb Optical Company. The acquisition is temporary, as the playground is being rented just now, although it is planned to purchase it if possible. It is understood that the price desired is a little over $50,000.

Postmaster John B. Mullan eulogized former Mayor Edgerton particularly in reference to his development of the park and playground system in the city. Back in 1914, just before Mr. Edgerton was elected mayor for the first time, the few playgrounds in the city were scattered, some under control of the Board of Education and others under the Department of Parks. In 1914, Mr. Edgerton established the Bureau of Playgrounds and Recreation, under the Department of Parks.
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PLAN TO RENAME
EXPOSITION PARK
WIDELY FAVORED

Prominent Persons Indorse
Suggested Memorial to
Hiram H. Edgerton.

Say Naming Park Would Be
Fitting Testimonial.

Representative men and women in all lines of endeavor yesterday unani­
mosly indorsed the suggestion to change
the name of Exposition Park to Edger­
ton Park in honor of the late Hiram H.
Edgerton, who served seven terms as
mayor of Rochester, and who was largely
instrumental in bringing about the as­
establishment of the park in the face of
adverse criticism. The foresight of the
late mayor in advocating the establish­
ment of the park is now apparent to ever­
yone. It is now one of the real
assets of the city.

Scores of persons were asked about
the suggestion yesterday at the super­
visors' picnic and from each one of them
came the response, "splendid," "fine,"
"just the thing to do." In fact not one
word of disapproval of the scheme was
spoken.

Mayor Heartily in Favor.

Mayor Clarence D. Van Zandt made it
clear that he is firmly in favor of paying
tribute to Mr. Edgerton, his predecessor.
The mayor said he would do what the
people want.

James L. Ketchkiss, Republican leader, 
heartily indorsed the suggestion to do Mr.
Edgerton honor.

Coroner Thomas A. Killip, William H.
Craig, Simon L. Adair, majority leader of
the assembly; Harry J. Bareham, com­
missioner of public safety; Harry J.
Police Joseph M. Quigley; William S.
Riley, commissioner of parks; Herbert
H. Pierce, commissioner of public works;
District-Attorney William F. Love,
Sheriff Henry M. Morsé, Franklin W.
Judson, Senator James L. Whitney, were
among the sco ws who indorsed the sug­
gestion and declared that "It was little
enough to do for the man who accom­
plished so much for Rochester.

Pharaohus V. rittend, long an inti­
mate friend of George M. Aldridge and
Hiram H. Edgerton, declared that "It
is the right thing? to do and should be
done at once." Mr. Crittenden said that
a statue should be erected in Mr. Edger­
ton's honor in the park. He said he
would contribute to the fund.

Florence Van W. Poole, vice-chairman of
the Republican County Committee, and
leader of the Republican women, declared
that it would be a splendid tribute to
Mr. Edgerton and nothing more than he
deserved.

Roosevelt Praises Plan

Frederick W. Zoller, president of the
Lincoln Trust company; Thomas J. San­
ton, president of the National Bank of
Commerce; Thomas E. Lannin, vice­
president of the Lincoln-Alliance Bank
all gave their unqualified indorsement to
the suggestion.
A whatever permanent and material monument or other memorial the citizens of Rochester may eventually provide in remembrance of the fine services of former Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton, there is one thing which they should do without delay that would be a fitting recognition in part of their obligations to him. Not only would it be peculiarly fitting, but it is a fact that it would be the one thing above all others that Mayor Edgerton, if he could make manifest his wishes, would like to have done.

It is known to all the former mayor’s friends, and that includes a very large part of Rochester’s citizens, that he took particular pleasure and pride in the development of Exposition Park. In his own mind, as well as in the minds of many others, this was considered the crowning achievement of his long and able administration. It was his ideal of a beautiful utility for the enrichment of city life.

That is the first consideration. The second is that the name Exposition Park is no name at all for Rochester’s magnificent exposition grounds. It has no significance. To make a comparison, it is as if Highland Park were known as blowery Garden Park. One is as absurd as the other.

Here is a chance to remove an absurdity and honor a man who is richly deserving of honor.

Rename Exposition Park Edgerton Park.

That is the thing to do. It should be done, and done at once.

This is a matter which ought to secure unanimous assent on the part of the citizens of Rochester. It involves no expense needing consideration. There is no question of sentiment in giving up a name. In fact it means supplying a name where now there is none.

Let the friends of Mayor Edgerton set this project in motion without delay. It ought to be possible to make the change now, not next winter or even next fall.

Now is the time to do it; today. Let the thing be done this morning. Today let it be called Edgerton Park by the citizens. At the next meeting the Common Council can ratify the change.

That is all that is necessary.

It will give a worthy name to something worth while and something that now is worse than nameless. That will be the result.
EXPOSITION PARK AS MEMORIAL TO FORMER MAYOR EDGERTON IS CONSIDERED BY COMMON COUNCIL

Exposition Park, taken over by the city and developed to its present splendid proportions under former Mayor Edgerton, shortly will become Edgerton Park by resolution of the Common Council. Friends of the deceased Mayor behind the move and no opposition is expected, will meet with no opposition.

Soon after the death of former Mayor Edgerton by year and no one today doubts the wisdom of the move.

In the old days, the State Industrial School stood where the park now is and when the state abandoned it, a plan was formulated at Albany to turn the school with its high stone wall and gray buildings temporarily into an adjunct of the state's prison system. Mayor Edgerton at once went into action against this plan and labored hard for the sale of the property to the city. Through his influence at Albany, he gained his wish and the state turned over the grounds to the municipality. Such opposition as developed to the Mayor faded away as the park grew more beautiful year by year and no one today doubts the wisdom of the move.

The high stone wall was leveled but at first the exposition which later gave the park its name was not held there but at Convention Hall. The Mayor with other prominent citizens watched the growth of the annual exposition and the development of the public bathing places at the lake. It would be highly appropriate to have either of the parks called Edgerton park. It is merely a question which change is preferable.

In the circumstances, it would seem that the public should have something to say about it. The wishes of the family also should be consulted in the matter. The Times-Union would like to receive expressions of opinion on the subject from its readers.
MEMORIAL TO BE ERECTED TO LATE MAYOR Hiram H. Edgerton
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Rochester Historical Society
Fosters Plan for Erection
by the People.

TO REPRESENT EVERYONE

ESTIMATED THAT COST WILL BE AT LEAST $25,000 AND START FOR FUNDS TO BEGIN.

It is now proposed to erect a memorial to the late Hiram H. Edgerton, mayor of Rochester for seven consecutive terms. The Rochester Historical society, under the presidency of the late mayor, has formed the Hiram H. Edgerton Memorial association, and has proposed to erect a memorial in Exposition park, the site of which has been chosen.

The board of managers adopted the following resolution at the meeting:

"Resolved, That the Board of Managers of the Rochester Historical society, heartily approve of the plan of the city authorities to give the name Edgerton park to the present Exposition park in honor of its founder, Hiram H. Edgerton, for fourteen years mayor of Rochester, and who was the life honorary president of the Rochester Historical society.

"And be it further resolved that the Rochester Historical society propose to the public the organization of a Hiram H. Edgerton Memorial association with funds collected in the general appeal to all citizens of Rochester, for the erection, at the said Edgerton park, of a suitable memorial, which shall speak to future generations of the public services of Mayor Edgerton and of the plans he held in the hearts of his townsmen.

"And be it further resolved that the said Hiram H. Edgerton Memorial association function through a general committee, representing all organizations and groups in the city of Rochester who would naturally be interested, and that the amount sought as an objective be at least twenty-five thousand dollars, only leaving the form and nature of the memorial to the judgment of the duly appointed committee of the association.

"And be it further resolved that the managers of the Rochester Industrial Exposition association be asked to provide a booth at the coming 1922 exposition, which booth shall be devoted to the purposes of the said Hiram H. Edgerton Memorial association."

No Action Toward Municipal Dock
lease to Canadian Steamship Lines

No action was taken yesterday by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on the awarding of the municipal dock at Summerville to Canadian Steamship Lines, Limited.

At a meeting of the Common Council Tuesday night an ordinance was adopted, authorizing Mayor Clarence D. Van Zandt to negotiate such a lease with the steamship company, and the reason given for passing the ordinance at that time was that the Mayor wanted to sign the contract with the company yesterday. The ordinance provides that the Mayor shall execute the lease at a price to be approved by the Board of Estimate.

Property To Be Leased

Property to be leased includes the immigration quarters, waiting room, baggage, freight and parcel room and ticket office. The leasing of this property would not give the company the exclusive use of it, but gives it the right to use it in common with other shipping interests that may enter into similar contracts with the city, according to City Engineer Arthur Poole. At the present time the Canadian Steamship Lines, Limited, pays the city $7.50 each time one of its boats calls at the dock.

There was an interesting story in circulation yesterday over the construction of the buildings on the dock. Former Mayor Edgerton wanted the dock located on the east side of the river in the Twenty-third Ward, and it was said that he considered its establishment on the east side of the river as one of the comparatively few mistakes of his administration. But circumstances conspired to have it placed on the Summerville side, and when that had been decided, plans for the landings were drawn.

Those plans provided that the buildings should be parallel with the river and the ground was laid out on the construction of the buildings on the dock. Former Mayor Edgerton wanted the dock located on the west side of the river, instead of parallel with it, and he wanted it to go down there one day and look over it. "Here," he said, "I am not going to have those buildings put up that will shut those plans 'round so that the building will stand at right angles 'Etne river, instead of parallel with it."

"But, Mayor Edgerton," someone said to him, "will nothing?" he replied. "Do you think I am going to have the beautiful view of this river and that park on the other side shut out altogether?" Exposition and some buildings went up at right angles with the river, and now everyone is satisfied that the utility of the buildings has not been impaired and that the beauty of the view has not been sacrificed.
BODY IS ORGANIZED TO ERECT MEMORIAL TO MAYOR EDGERTON

Historical Society Sponsors Plan to Raise $25,000 Fund for It.

With the Rochester Historical Society backing the plan, it is now proposed to erect some suitable memorial to the late Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton, in recognition of his public service. Mayor Edgerton was 11th honorary president of the society. At a meeting of the board of managers held yesterday at the home of the vice-president, Mrs. Anah B. Yates, in East Avenue, the tentative plans were made. It is proposed to enlist the broad interest of public and private organizations in the erection of the memorial. This will be accomplished through the appointment of a general committee, which will be the nucleus of the Hiram H. Edgerton Memorial Association, which it is proposed to organize. John Clements, president of Central Bank and a member of the society, was selected as chairman of the general committee, which he will organize.

Task for Art Commission.

What form the memorial will take will be left to the decision of the general committee, subject to the approval of the City Art Commission, which includes James C. Outler, chairman; James S. Watson, Francis B. Mitchell, George L. Herd, and Mayor Van Zandt, ex-officio. The minimum amount to be raised is $25,000. With organization now started, collection of the fund will begin promptly. A suitable booth will be provided at the coming Exposition, with Mrs. Yates in charge. Some of any sum will be acceptable toward the fund. The subscriptions received will be turned over to the duly-appointed committee of said association.

The society gave its formal approval at the meeting yesterday to the proposal to rename Exposition Park as Edgerton Park in honor of its founder, Hiram H. Edgerton, for fourteen years mayor of Rochester, and who was 11th honorary president of the Rochester Historical Society.

Renaming Park Approved.

Covering the general plan, the board of managers adopted the following resolution:

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FOREST HEAD FAVORS "EDGERTON PARK" HERE

Charles Lathrop Pack, president of the American Forestry association has written to Mrs. Anna B. Yates, a member of the Rochester Historical society, commending plans for the renaming of Exposition park, to Edgerton park, as a memorial to Hiram H. Edgerton, by whose efforts mainly the park was secured to the city. Among other things Mr. Pack says: "In the suggestion to rename Exposition park to Edgerton park In honor of your former mayor, it seems to me there is a fine opportunity for honoring that man. It may be that there is an opportunity for a memorial avenue of trees in that park or a semi-circle of trees in a place of prominence in honor of him."

"At Pasadena, Cal., they have a "Hall of Fame" of trees In one of their parks that looks directly at the mountains. These trees were planted in honor of famous men of California."

"Here in Washington a hall of fame has been planted in the Lincoln Memorial grounds in honor of Burroughs, Mo. and other nationalists."

"Whatever form the memorial for Mr. Edgerton takes it seems to me it should have the proper setting of memorial trees, the planting of which all citizens of Rochester should have a part."
$25,000 WILL BE SOUGHT
Contributions to Edgerton Memorial
To Be Received in Booths at Exposition.

No time will be lost in perfecting the organization of the Hiram H. Edgerton Memorial Association, committed to the plan to collect a fund of at least $25,000 for the erection of a suitable memorial in former Exposition Park, which, by act of the Common Council has been renamed Edgerton Park.

The Rochester Historical Society has appointed women members of the directorate which will include representatives of societies and organizations, public and semi-public, scattered over the city. Those appointed are Mrs. John Outhout, Mrs. Granger A. Hollis, Mrs. Alexander Lindsay, Mrs. Frank Elwood, Mrs. Charles H. "Winnie", Mrs. George "W." Aldridge, Mrs. Arthur G. Yates, Mrs. Harvey F. Remington, Mrs. Lucius W. Robinson, Mrs. Sherman Clark, Mrs. Harvey F. Remington, Mrs. Levi S. Ward, Mrs. Henry Strong. Other members will be appointed later.

To Collect at Exposition.

The beginning of collection of the fund is timed for Exposition week, when two booths will be opened at Edgerton Park, one at the Exposition proper and the other at the horse show. There contributions in any amount will be received. It is emphasized that the desire is to make the fund widely representative of the townsmen of the late mayor and sums, no matter how small, will be gladly received. Pledge cards will be supplied to those who desire to defer payment. An Edgerton memorial badge and certificate will be given to each contributor. An autograph list of contributors to the fund will be obtained. It is proposed to preserve this list in the archives of the Historical Society in the Museum building at Edgerton Park.

In Charge of Booths.

The following will be in charge of the booths at the park on successive days of the Exposition: Monday, Mrs. Sherman Clark; Tuesday, Mrs. Mortimer Adler; Wednesday, Mrs. Richard Ford; Thursday, Mrs. Henry Danforth; Friday, Mrs. Bert Van Wie; Saturday, Frank F. Dow.

Two treasurers have been appointed Mrs. Harold Field, and Mrs. Edward D. Putnam. From now forward, the organization of the memorial association is expected to go forward rapidly, plans now formative taking definite shape.
"When a good man dies, for years, beyond our ken, the light he leaves behind him lies upon the lives of men."

This is to certify that

is a member of the

Hiram H. Edgerton Memorial Association

Rochester, New York
1922
MONUMENTAL GATE AT PARK TO BE MEMORIAL GATE TO MR. EDGERTON

Grecian Design to Be Executed at Cost of $25,000 by Committee.

A gate of Grecian architecture at the entrance of one of the most impressive monuments to his memory, Edgerton Park, will be the civic memorial of Rochester to the man who, as mayor, guided the destinies of the city for fourteen years, developing its parks and playgrounds and enhancing its beauty and desirability.

Public sentiment for such a memorial crystallized at the last Exposition, after Mayor Van Zandt had announced regretfully that the city’s finances were not sufficient to stand to the cost of a memorial to Mr. Edgerton. The Rochester Historical Society appointed a committee to take up the matter and the final decision has been made that a memorial gate, similar to those at Harvard University, will be the most appropriate tribute.

Central Committee Formed.

A bronze portrait bas-relief panel of the late mayor will be on one side of a large stone monument in the center of the gate, which is to be placed at the Backus street entrance of the park. On the other side will be a shallow arched niche and fountain. The panel is to be modeled by Joseph B. Benner, sculptor, a Fellow of the American Academy in Rome.

A rather severe and Bingle Grecian treatment will be used throughout, with a sparing amount of carving to accentuate certain parts.

The cost of the memorial gate, for which plans already are drawn, is estimated at $25,000. The Historical Society’s Edgerton Memorial Committee raised $5,000 in pledges at the last Exposition. Opportunity for additional donations will be given within a short time. No difficulty is expected in obtaining the funds.

The plans for the gate have been approved by the Municipal Art Commission. A central committee, headed by Park Commissioner William S. Riley, long a personal friend of the late Mayor Edgerton, has been formed to further the memorial. This includes the following members: Edgar F. Edwards, secretary; Leon F. Argetsinger, William C. Barry, F. V. Crittenden, Alvin N. Dewey, George Eastman, Edward S. Foreman, Fred Gleason, Edwin S. Gordon, John H. Gregory, William Ilknard, James L. Hough, W. C. Kalbfleisch, Charles H. Owen, Herbert W. Pierce, William Pitkin, Dr. Rush Rees, Harper Sibley, Simon L. Stein, Mayor Van Zandt, Charles H. Wiltzie and Mrs. Fred W. Yates.

Mr. Edwards, secretary of the Exposition, has been named treasurer of the committee, as well as its secretary, to take charge of subscriptions received.

To Unveil at Exposition.

The committee in charge of construction of the memorial, headed by Charles H. Wiltzie, hopes to have the memorial completed by the time the Exposition opens. A public ceremony will mark the unveiling. The building committee have had the services and advice of Edwin S. Gordon and William G. Kaelber, free of charge, on plans for the structure.

Assisting Wiltzie on the Building Committee are Commissioner of Public Works Herbert W. Piorro, Fred Gleason, Edwin S. Gordon and William S. Riley. The committee plans to exhibit a model of the gate at one of the central stores next week.

Commissioner Riley gave a resume of the plans in a statement yesterday as follows:

"During the last Exposition a movement was started by members of the Rochester Historical Society for the erection of a memorial to the late Mayor Hiram II. Edgerton, for fifty years a faithful public official in Rochester and for fourteen years the chief executive of the city. Nearly $5,000 in cash and pledges were received by the women in charge of the booths at the Exposition. Hinder the direction of Mrs. Frederick W. Yates.

"The memorial will consist of a large stone monument in the center, the Backus street face of which will have a tablet framed with plasterers at the sides and a pediment at the top, in which will be a bronze portrait bas-relief panel of the late mayor. On the reverse side of the monument, will be a shallow arched niche and fountain. This center feature will be flanked on each side by a rather broad, low stone wall, containing panels for suitable inscriptions, the walls terminating in piers surmounted by urns.

"On the axis of the sidewalk on each side of Phelps avenue there will be monumental stone gate posts and ornamental iron gates, which will add breadth and dignity to the memorial.

"There never has been any question in the minds of the committee that funds can be raised for the memorial. In fact, they feel that the money could easily be obtained from among the business, political and social intimates of the man we are about to honor; but the committee feels that this would not be proper. There are thousands in Rochester who would be disappointed if they were not given an opportunity to share in the work; and furthermore a memorial erected by a few friends would not be the public testimonial to his virtues that the man’s life and services deserve.

Contributions Voluntary.

"However, there is to be no general campaigning for funds, as the committee prefers to regard this as an Opportunity for Mr. Edgerton’s admirers to pay this final tribute to his memory. Everyone is invited to subscribe, whether it be $1 or a thousand times that sum. But every contribution must be entirely voluntary. No one will be urged to give. Contributions should be made payable to the Edgerton Memorial Committee and should be sent to Edgar F. Edwards, th. tr., at the committee’s office.

"It is estimated that about $5,000 will be required to carry out the plans of the committee."
Will Unveil Edgerton Memorial Gate during Exposition

Drawing of proposed memorial gate to the late Mayor Hiram II. Edgerton to be effected at the Phelps Avenue entrance to Edgerton Park.

A FTERT MANY WEEKS OF planning, work is actually under way on the memorial to the late Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton, to be erected at the Phelps Avenue entrance to Edgerton Park. Both the stone cutters and Joseph E. Ranler, a New York sculptor, who will make a bronze portrait bas-relief panel of the late mayor, for the center of the monument, have promised to complete the work in time for unveiling at the Exposition in September.

Historian Picks Inscriptions.
The front elevation with three panels for inscriptions is shown in the accompanying illustration. Three panels are on the reverse side of the monument. Edward H. Foreman, city historian, has been at work several weeks on the proposed inscriptions and has been assisted by Charles H. Wiltse, president of the Rochester Historical Society.

In speaking of the inscriptions yesterday, Mr. Foreman said: "In a remarkable degree Mayor Edgerton combined practical common sense with Idealism and, withal, he was a very human and approachable man. The attempt has been made to include these qualities in the inscriptions. The three panels on the Park Street elevation will be devoted to the记 Edgerton; the mayor. The left wing panel will exhibit the Edgerton prominently over all, with the portrait in bronze and the chief biographical facts below. The right wing panel will be devoted to the great city builder, and the center panel will exhibit his idealism and supreme devotion."

Under the portrait will be the birth and death dates, 1847 and 1922, this being part of the bronze tablet. Under this the words will be in bronze letters:

Mavor of Rochester
1908-1922
For Fifty Years
A Faithful Public Servant.

The proposed inscription for the panels on the Park Street elevation are as follows:

Left Panel.
II owe Honor
For the great city builder
Who has done these many practical achievements
Increased human happiness
and enriched the lives of all our people.
They never fail who speak in deeds.

Right Panel.
II had a vision
Of the city beautiful
and gave his heart
To make the dream come true.

The quotation from the farewell address has been selected for the center panel on the parkside, is as follows:

"My confidence in the future of Rochester is unbounded and my faith in the people is limitless. I know they will permit no backward steps."

The inscriptions for the other two panels on the parkside will be as follows:

Left Panel.
He most deserves a memorial
Who does not need one who has raised
In a remarkable degree Mayor Edgerton, the man.

Right Panel.
"The parkside elevations are to be devoted to Edgerton, the man," continued Mr. Foreman. "The center panel will contain his farewell words upon retiring from office, expressing heart glowing words to the people. The panel will he devoted to the Edgerton; the mayor.

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WORK STARTED ON MEMORIAL FOR EDGERTON
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The stonecutters have begun work on the memorial to the late Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton, which is to be erected at the Phelps avenue entrance to Edgerton park and which it is hoped may be unveiled before the annual exposition next September. Joseph E. Renier, a New York sculptor, is also at work on the bronze portrait bas-relief panel which will be placed in the center of the monument.

Much thought and study have been given to the preparation of the inscriptions which it is proposed to place on the monument. The illustration printed herewith shows the front elevation with three panels for inscriptions. There are three similar panels on the back elevation.

Edward R. Foreman, city historian, for several weeks has been working out the proposed inscriptions with Charles H. Wiltsie, president of the Rochester Historical society. In speaking of the inscriptions this morning, Mr. Foreman said:

"Common Sense and Idealism."

"In a remarkable degree Mayor Edgerton combined practical common sense with idealism and, withal, he was a very human and lovable man. The attempt has been made to memorialize these peculiar qualities in the inscriptions. The three panels on the Backus street elevation will be devoted to Edgerton, the mayor. The central panel will exhibit the name 'Edgerton' prominently over all, with the portrait in bronze and the chief biographical facts below. The left wing panel will be devoted to the mayor's practical accomplishments as a great city builder, and the right wing panel will exhibit his idealism and supreme devotion. Under the portrait will be the birth and death dates. 1847 and 1922, this being part of the bronze tablet. Under this there will be in bronze letters:

Mayor of Rochester
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The proposed inscriptions for the panels on the Backus street elevation are as follows:

Left Panel.

"Have honor For the great city builder Whose many practical achievements Ad human happiness and enriched the lives of all our people. They never fail, who speak in deed."

Right Panel.

"He most deserves a memorial Who does not need one-Who has raised Himself a monument In the minds and memories of men."

Edgar F. Edwards, treasurer of the Edgerton memorial committee, said this morning that since the announcement of the definite plans for the memorial had been made, several subscriptions had been received. Contributions to the fund should be sent to the Edgerton memorial committee, 309 Powers building.
Erecting Memorial Gate to Former Mayor

Setting the foundation of the memorial gate to the late Mayor Hiram H. Erlington is being carefully done by JAMES BEAGLY, mason, of 28 Edmonds Street. The gate, which is located at the main entrance to Edgerton Park in Blox Street, will be unveiled just before the Exposition and Horse Show is opened. Funds for the memorial gate are being contributed by friends and admirers of Edgerton.
WILL DEDICATE MEMORIAL GATE TON Structure in Honor of Late Mayor

Hiram Haskell Edgerton

Dedication services for the memorial gate of the late Hiram Haskell Edgerton, former mayor of Rochester, at the Backus Street entrance to Edgerton Park will be conducted this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the peristyle at the park.

Workmen have been at work night and day for the last week completing the gate and everything will be in shape early this morning. The gate is built entirely from private funds, voluntarily donated by men, women and children of Rochester. Solicitation for the needed money was made by the Edgerton Memorial Committee, headed by William S. Riley, commissioner of parks.

Mayor To Be Chairman.

Mayor Clarence D. Van Zandt will be honorary chairman for the dedication, which will open with a number of selections by the Park Band, under the leadership of Theodor. J. Dossenbach. Commissioner Riley will give a short talk, explaining how the money, needed for the memorial, was secured and outlining the peculiar features of the gate. Bishop Thomas F. Hickey will read a prayer and President Rush Rhees of the University of Rochester will speak on "Hiram H. Edgerton—the Mayor." Rev. Dr. C. Waldo Cherry will tell of "Hiram H. Edgerton—the Man." Edward R. Foreman, chairman of the committee on inscriptions for the gate, will unveil the central panel, which includes a bronze portrait of the late Mayor.

Edwin S. Gordon and William G. Kaelber. architects, planner the memorial. The bronze portrait of the late Mayor was designed by Joseph Renier of New York, fellow of the American Academy at Rome.

The gate is entirely of Indiana limestone cut by Whitmore, Rauber & Vicinus. It is 33 1/2 feet long. The principal figure is seven feet wide and the wings are eight feet wide. The wings will be extended to form a long side-wall. In the wings will be inscriptions, which will be cut in stone. The central piece is a portrait bust of the Mayor, six feet high and seven feet wide. The stone work was erected by Henry Lampert, under direction of Frank Gleason. Most of the masons employed in the work formerly worked for Mayor Edgerton and donated their services. The ornamental iron fence, used in connection with the monument, was designed by Charles B. Knedelcitz.

The state includes six panels dealing with the outstanding characteristics of the late Mayor.
ROCHESTER WILL PAY HOMAGE TO EDGERTON MEMORY TO-DAY AT DEDICATION OF GATEWAY

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FOR FIFTY YEARS A FAITHFUL PUBLIC SERVANT.

The panel on the left wing pays tribute to the mayor as a great city builder. It is as follows:

HAVE HONOR FOR THE GREAT CITY TO VAIL WHOSE MANY PRACTICAL ACHIEVEMENTS INCREASED HUMAN HAPPINESS AND BENEFITTED ALL PEOPLE.

They Never Fail Who Strive in Deeds.

On the right wing panel is the legend:

MAY HAVE A VISION OF THE CITY BEAUTIFUL AND GAVE HIS BEST TO MAKE IT A DREAM COME TRUE.

UPON HIS INVADED WAS IT GIVEN TO ROCHESTER.

Whosoever Would be First Among Men, be Servant of All.

These three inscriptions are on the Backus street elevations. On the right side elevations is a her group. The central panel reads:

MY CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF ROCHESTER IS UNSHAKED AND IN FAITH IN YOU, PEOPLE IS LIMITLESS. I KNOW THEY WILL PERMIT NO BACKWARD STEPS.

Following the addresses, officials and auditors will move in procession to the Backus street entrance of the park, where the formal unveiling, which will take place in charge of Edward R. Foreman, city historian, will take place.

The memorial gate was built by private funds, voluntarily contributed by men, women, and children of Rochester. It was designed by Edwin S. Gordon and William O. Kaelber, members of the firm of Gordon & Kaelber. A bronze bas-relief portrait, mounted upon the central panel, was modeled by Joseph Renier, of New York city, fellow of the American Academy in Rome. The material used is light Indiana limestone. Much of the work of erection was done voluntarily by workmen formerly in the employ of Mr. Edgerton.

Inscriptions on the gateway tall of the good, uplifting, and character of Mayor Edgerton. Below the bronze portrait is a panel with the W.O.D.

IIKAM HASKELL EDGERTON
Born April 10, 1847
Died June 19, 1922
MAYOR OF ROCHESTER 1908-1921

Northwestern University, 1868.

Inscriptions on the left wing bear witness to the veneration and respect of Rochester citizens:

WHOSE DEEDS ARE NOT WANTED BY ONE—WHO HAS RAISED HIMSELF A MONUMENT ON HIS LEFT SIDE.

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UK LIVES
BECAUSE THOUGHT OF WHICH EDWARD R. FOREMAN was CHAIRMAN, assisted by
Charles H. Will.
Unveiling of Gate Memorial to Seven-time Mayor Is Impressive Tribute.

In the eulogies of the speakers and the reverent homage of the 1,500 spectators that attended the unveiling of the memorial to Hiram Haskell Edgerton, late mayor of Rochester, in the park style at Edgerton Park yesterday afternoon, was discernible a note of thankfulness and sincere appreciation of the services rendered by Mayor Edgerton during his fourteen years in office. Hiram Edgerton, the mayor, is dead. Edgerton, the man lives in the hearts of his friends. The spirit of Hiram Edgerton, public benefactor, is inscribed in bronze in a memorial gate at the entrance of the park which of all civic projects lay closest to his heart while he lived.

The service was executed with the dignity due a tribute to the dead. Yet through it all was the closer note of understanding and sympathy with which hundreds of his friends listened to the recounts of his public deeds by Dr. Rush Rhees, president of the University of Rochester, and his personal characteristics by Rev. Waldo C. Cherry, former pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, who delivered the eulogy at the funeral services for former Mayor Edgerton.

Mr. Edgerton at Ceremony.

The addresses were given in the park style, where seats had been provided for the spectators, and the unveiling ceremony took place at the Park street entrance to the park. A cordon of policemen placed there to prevent traffic from interrupting the service stood at attention as Edward R. Foreman, city historian, slowly drew back the national flags that draped the bronze tablet upon which is carved a striking likeness of the former mayor and the dates of his birth and death as well as the months of his tenure of service. Beneath was the inscription, "Edgar R. Foreman, City Historian, 1938.

When Mr. Foreman had finished reading the inscription, carved in stone, the gateway a hushed moaning rose and the Park Band played the postlude.
The speakers, who had moved from the peristyle to the stage for the unveiling ceremony, bowed near Mrs. Edgerton during the unveiling service. Mrs. Edgerton was seated facing the Memorial.

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The Park Band had played a prelude. Bishop Thomas F. Idkey gave the invocation.

City's Good Close to Heart.

In his address on "Hiram Edgerton, the Mayor," Dr. Rhees reviewed the benefactions enjoyed by the citizens of Rochester during the fourteen years former Mayor Edgerton was in office and pointed out that the origin of many of the beautiful and civic features that have made Rochester nationally famous for its homes and good government originated in Hiram Edgerton's dreams and practical plans for the betterment of the City.

The varied interests outside of his regular duties in which Mr. Edgerton participated or supported showed even more strongly how close to his heart the good of Rochester's citizens lay, the speaker declared. There was no phase of city government that former Mayor Edgerton did not closely supervise, he said.

Rev. Mr. Cherry spoke on "Hiram Edgerton, the Man." He stressed the fact that in all the political campaigns that took place while Hiram Edgerton was in office no opponent dared to question the unimpeachable honor and rigid integrity of the then present mayor.

A happy note was struck by the speaker when he pictured the subject of his address as a "gateway through which the people of Rochester passed to a cleaner and more beautiful city." Glowing tributes to the personal memory of Hiram Edgerton were paid by Mr. Cherry, who said that regardless of political and material differences men had had with him, there was none who did not love Mayor Edgerton for his broad understanding and deep sympathy for the troubles and difficulties of those with whom he came in personal contact.

Inscriptions Appropriate.

"Whatever may have been his faults, and he had them as do all of us, he was human, sympathetic, a gentleman at all times and ever ready to do all in his power to help whoever he could," Mr. Cherry said. "Rochester may not remember the mayor, but Rochester can never forget the man."

Edward R. Foreman, chairman of the Committee on Inscriptions, and Charles H. Wiltsie, the other member of the committee, were recipients of expressions of appreciation from many city officials and friends of the former mayor who said that the inscriptions on the gateway were exactly typical and fitting the honor paid by a great city to a public servant. The memorial is the gift of private individuals who contributed funds to build it.

There are six inscriptions on the gateway, three on the Backus street elevation and three on the park side elevation. The central panel on the Backus street side contains the bronze bas-relief of former Mayor Edgerton and on each side of the central panel are inscriptions eulogizing his public services.
