

[Leneker, Emiel R.]

E. R. Leneker, Fort Plain Mayor, Dies

FORT PLAIN—Mayor Emiel R. Leneker, 62, Fort Plain business man and public official for many years, died Thursday morning in the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital, Cooperstown, where he had been taken Tuesday afternoon after he suffered a stroke while playing golf at the Canajoharie Country Club.

He was born in the Starkville section of the Town of Minden, Oct. 2, 1890, son of Godfrey and Katherine Rebell Leneker, and attended the Mindenville district school and Fort Plain high school. He was first employed as a clerk in Parr's shoe store. Later he traveled in the mid-west for a shoe company, returning to this village several years later to operate the Greeley hotel following the death of his father-in-law William Greeley.

After the sale of the hotel business in 1922, Mr. Leneker was employed in the Stemple and Smith grocery store, which was later operated as the Heiser and Leneker store, of which he was a partner. Since the death of Albert Heiser, Mayor Leneker has operated the business as E. R. Leneker, Inc.

His wife, the late Nellie Greeley, to whom he was married in 1913, died in 1947.

Mr. Leneker was elected mayor in April, 1951, after serving as a trustee for several years. He was a member of the Universalist Church, the church board, the Fort Plain club, the Community club and the Canajoharie Country club.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. William Winston of Herkimer; three brothers, Robert, of Van Hornesville, Harry, of Ames, and Howard, of Starkville; two nieces and a nephew.

The funeral service will be held at the Universalist Church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Rev. Lyman Achenbach, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Fort Plain cemetery. Friends may call at the Gray funeral home until 11 a.m. Monday.

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EMIEL R. LENEKER

Mayor Emiel R. Leneker died in the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital at Cooperstown on Thursday, November 13, following a stroke which he suffered while playing golf at the Canajoharie Country Club on November 11. He was rushed to Cooperstown but was unable to recover. He was in his sixty-second year.

He was a native of Minden and graduated from the high school of Fort Plain. He began his business career as a clerk in a local shoe store and then travelled as a salesman for a shoe concern throughout the middlewest. He then became manager of Hotel Greeley in Fort Plain. In 1922, he entered the employ of the Stemple and Smith Grocery store which eventually became E. R. Lenker, Inc., a prominent meat and grocery store in the center of the village. He was married to the late Nellie Greeley of Fort Plain in 1913 and her death occurred in 1947.

Mr. Leneker served the village as a trustee for many years, becoming mayor in April, 1951. He was a member of the Universalist church and served many years as a trustee. He was also affiliated with the Fort Plain Club and the Country Club of Canajoharie. He was an outstanding citizen in Fort Plain.

Survivors include his daughter, Mrs. William Winston of Herkimer; three brothers; a sister, Mrs. Clara Gerhart of Fort Plain; several nieces and a nephew and a great aunt, Mrs. Flora Rebell of Canajoharie. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Lyman I. Achenbach in the Universalist Church on Monday, November 17. The church was filled with friends for the occasion.

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