

[Thayer, Henry L.]

Henry L. Thayer Rite Tomorrow

A funeral service for Henry L. Thayer, 84, who retired from Eastman Kodak Co. in 1945 after a 50-year career, will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow in Hedges Memorial Chapel, 271 University Ave.

Mr. Thayer, cashier at Kodak Office the last 10 years before retiring, died Tuesday May 7, 1957. His home was at 306 Birr St.

Kodak Park consisted only of four or five buildings when Mr. Thayer began work there in 1895 as an assistant cashier. Some of his friends had tried to persuade him not to join Kodak, which they thought was "probably only a fad."

Mr. Thayer, who was born on a farm near Victor, had worked for the freight offices of the New York Central and Hudson rive railroads before joining Kodak. He was a trustee and past treasurer of First Universalist here.

He leaves a son, L. Carleton Thayer, and a grandson. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

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Henry Thayer, 84, Kodak Vet, Dies

Henry L. Thayer, a retired Eastman Kodak Co. employee who joined the firm when it was in its infancy and worked there for 50 years, died yesterday (May 7, 1959). He was 84 years old and lived at 306 Birr St.

Mr. Thayer was born on a farm near Victor. He was hired by Kodak July 6, 1895 when the company had only four or five buildings. There are now 120. Construction of Kodak Park works had begun only five years before.

When he was offered the job at Kodak, friends told him that Kodak "was only a fad," Mr. Thayer later told company officials.

One of his first duties in his first job as assistant cashier was weighing wagonloads of coal coming into the plant. Mr. Thayer was promoted to cashier at Kodak Office Jan. 1, 1935. He retired July 1, 1945. Before coming to Kodak, he worked for the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad.

Mr. Thayer was a member of First Universalist Church, where he had served as treasurer, member of the Board of Trustees and for many years as chairman of the Board of Stewards.

He is survived by his son, L. Carlton Thayer and a grandson, L. Carlton Thayer II.

Friends may call at Hedges Memorial Chapel, 271 University Ave., from 7 to 9 p.m. today and from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. tomorrow. A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, the Rev. Donald Hoyt officiating. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

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