

Taken By Death



G. A. Radford

School Owner Dies On Lake

Dr. Templin Leaves For St. Louis To Attend His Funeral.

George Arthur Radford, 69, wealthy El Paso and St. Louis philanthropist and business man, who with Mrs. Radford owned and maintained the Radford School for Girls here, died at the Radford summer cottage on Plum Lake, Sawyer, Wis., at 10 a. m. yesterday.

Mr. Radford had been in ill health for several months and his death was not unexpected by his closer El Paso friends. He left here two months ago to visit in Wisconsin, where he expected to regain his failing strength.

Born in Kentucky, February 27, 1864, Mr. Radford was reared the son of poor parents. At an early age his parents moved to Missouri and it was there he received his education. After working his way through the grade schools and colleges as a railroad section hand, Mr. Radford earned his living for a time at teaching.

Married in 1893.

In 1893 he met and married Miss Julia Brown, the daughter of Paul Brown, one of St. Louis' wealthiest and most popular men.

He became connected with the American Tobacco company and rose to the position of district manager of the company with headquarters in St. Louis. He then became president of the Paul Brown Investment company and a partner in the Paul Brown & Co., two of the largest stock and bond companies in St. Louis.

Mr. Radford's struggle for an education led him to assist scores of American boys and girls to get their educations. It was he who educated

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Manley O. Hudson, of the Harvard law school and a member of the Hague conference.

Recalls Early Struggle.

"I was a poor boy who wanted an education more than anything else in the world," Mr. Radford once explained to his El Paso friends. "I got it—but it was a struggle from first to last. I made up my mind then, if ever I was in a position to help a deserving child get an education, I would not fail to do so."

J. Frank Coles, one of Mr. Radford's closest friends here, tells of a dinner they were enjoying recently. As they sat at their table a little girl walked up to Coles and was talking to him about her education. Mr. Radford overheard the conversation and after the child left them declared that the child should be educated. She now is a student at the Radford School for Girls.

In 1931, Mr. and Mrs. Radford sent 24 of their "children" to schools throughout the United States, 12 of them to their school here. Others were Hudson at Harvard, two in Washington university, St. Louis; a boy in the University of Oregon, and nine children in grade schools at Troy, Mo.

Other Philanthropies.

Mr. Radford's philanthropies were not limited to educational institutions. He was a member of the board of control of Kingdom House, a slum welfare organization in St. Louis; member of the state committee of the St. Louis Y. M. C. A.; a director of the Boy Scouts; a director of the Orphans' Home society; member of the board of the Homer Hall Girls' school, and a board

member of Central college of Fayette, Mo.

His interest in children also is reflected in his work in the Sunday school of the Methodist church in St. Louis, of which he was a member. He was superintendent of the Sunday school and directed the largest Sunday school class ever held in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Radford acquired the old El Paso School for Girls here in the spring of 1931. They became interested in the school during visits with Dr. Lucinda de Leftwich Templin, principal of the school and a close friend of the Radfords.

Plan for Future.

With characteristic Radford spirit, Mr. and Mrs. Radford immediately ordered improvements and additions to the school, having in view the making of a great school for girls here.

"We have learned to like your city," Mr. Radford often remarked to El Pasoans. "We enjoy your climate, but most of all, we love the citizens that compose El Paso. We have become so attached to this place that we are not satisfied just to visit with you. We want to become more closely united in the bonds of love and friendship with El Paso and El Pasoans."

"We want you to know that we are only too glad to add a few dollars for the upbuilding of El Paso and its community, and we hope the Radford School for Girls will grow until it will be known from New York to west Texas."

Set Aside Endowment.

Mr. and Mrs. Radford a few weeks ago set aside a considerable sum of money as an endowment fund for the school here, it was learned last night.

"Mr. Radford's death will be keenly felt by El Pasoans and especially among those who were connected

with him in his work at the Radford School for Girls," Brent N. Ricard, chairman of the board of trustees, said last night.

Dr. Templin left for St. Louis last night to attend Mr. Radford's funeral which will be held there tomorrow.