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IRA S. LOOS

It is impossible for us to tell just how the news of the death of Ira S. Loos affected us. Hundreds of students throughout the land who were at Chemawa during the years that Mr. Loos was here as bandmaster will grieve to learn that the Grim Reaper has cut him down. It will be the same with the many employes and others whose acquaintance he made during the years that he spent in the Indian Service in the Northwest.

Mr. and Mrs. Loos transferred from Tulalip to Chemawa and immediately gathered a warm circle of friends about them. Both were employed here for something like eight years, Mr. Loos as bandmaster and Mrs. Loos as matron. On retiring from the Service they went at once to their old home at LaPorte, Indiana, where they engaged in business, and Mr. Loos became active in the musical field—teaching and directing bands, in which capacity he was especially gifted. He died Mar. 2.

We are reprinting excerpts from the Herald-Argus of LaPorte giving the details of the death and burial of Mr. Loos. Few men have been more honored both living and dead than was our deceased friend, as the ensuing paragraphs will show:

La Porte lost one of the most unselfish men in the city and one whose place cannot be readily filled in the death today of Prof. Ira S. Loos, director of the boys' and girls' bands of more than 200 children.

Through the medium of music, he contributed more to the upbuilding of the community than can ever be measured. He toiled patiently and with small monetary reward to produce the children's bands, of which every resident of the city is proud.

He gave no thought to the time required. Money was not his object. Even when so ill he should have been in bed he met with "his children," keeping faith with them because he loved his work.

The city mourns that Prof. Loos should be called by death at the time he was of such noble service to the community. The highest tribute that can be paid him is to say that there is no one who can so ably take his place, the greatest compliment that can be paid any man.

Prof. Ira S. Loos, 57, founder and guiding hand of the La Porte Boys' band, the Junior Boys' band and the Girls' band and one of La Porte's most beloved citizens, died today at 8:15 a. m. in the Holy Family hospital. His death was expected hourly following a serious operation performed in a final effort to save his life Sunday night.

Prof. Loos had been in poor health for months, at one time last fall it became necessary for him to give up temporarily his work with the bands to which he devoted much of his time and thought. On Sunday afternoon he was stricken with severe intestinal pains and taken to the hospital.

He was operated on by Dr. R. B. Jones for the removal of his appendix and serious intestinal complications were found, which made death only a matter of hours.

Mayor John Line today prepared to make a proclamation declaring the hours from 2 to 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon a holiday out of respect to Prof. Loos. City offices and business houses will be closed during that time. School children who are members of the bands will be dismissed for the hours of the funeral.

While hundreds of LaPorteans filed past the bier of Prof. Ira S. Loos this afternoon in the band room of the Y. M. C. A. to pay their respect to a beloved citizen, completed arrangements for the public funeral tomorrow afternoon in the First Methodist church were announced.

The remains of the organizer and director of the LaPorte Boys' band, the Junior Boys' band and the Girls' band, were placed in the band room for public view at 2 o'clock this afternoon and will be kept there until 9 o'clock tonight.

Activity around the "Y" virtually ceased at 2 o'clock as persons who desired to pay tribute to the dead director even as they had admired him in life began to file past the bier. A guard of honor consisting of two Kiwanis club members, which guard was changed every hour throughout the afternoon, stood by the bier as the visitors filed past.

With the three bands which he trained grouped in

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