

did not intrude. Among the most important of these was the position as head of President Eisenhower's People to People Program. Meeting other people was one of his accomplishments, for he had been around the world over sixty times, and had found that all peoples wanted peace and security. His list of honors was truly international, including citations and decorations from England, Italy, Turkey, France, and other governments. At home he held citations from the United States Information Agency, Yale, Smith, Boston Museum of Fine Arts, and Boston University, where he also, as at New York University, held a lectureship. He was on the boards of trustees of a number of colleges, including Emerson College in Boston which presented him with the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters in 1964 for his untiring work in the People to People Program. He was a proprietor of the Boston Athenæum, a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company.

Years ago he told Mr. Shipton that he was happily confident that he would have no old age of illness and deterioration; that he had every intention of dropping off suddenly while still at the height of his activity. He did just this on the first of June at his home in Newton, survived by his wife Llaura, two sisters, a daughter, and two grandsons. He leaves among the officers and members of this Society many dear friends.

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FRED HAROLD DANIELS

Fred Harold Daniels, member of the Council, was born in Worcester on September 9, 1887, one of three sons of Fred Harris Daniels, later chairman of the board of engineers of

the United States Steel Corporation, and Sarah Lydia (White) Daniels. He was educated in the public schools of the city, and graduated from Worcester Academy in 1905. Before enrolling at Yale, he attended Bryant and Stratton Business College in Boston. After taking a bachelor of philosophy degree in mechanical engineering at the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale in 1909, he returned to Boston where he received a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1911. For the next two years he worked for the Sturtevant Company in Hyde Park before returning to Worcester to join the nascent Riley Stoker Corporation as secretary. There he joined the other two employees and R. Sanford Riley, the founder and owner. With these as nucleus, the firm grew and prospered. Daniels next served the company as vice-president and general manager until, in 1926, he was elected president. He held this post until after World War II when he became chairman of the board. In 1960 he retired from an active role in the firm, by then one of the world's largest manufacturers of steam-generating machinery, to become honorary chairman.

Throughout his business life, he was a motive force for excellence in the city's institutions. Worcester Academy, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, the Bancroft School, the Worcester Science Museum, and this Society, were but a few of the institutions to benefit largely from his public-spirited generosity. He also led in community affairs, holding presidencies of the Community Chest, Worcester Chapter of the American Red Cross, and the Golden Rule Drive. He was also the recipient of the Isaiah Thomas Award in 1958. He was elected to membership in this Society at the annual meeting of 1956, and three years later was elected to the Council. He was a neighbor in the literal and in the best sense of the word, crossing the street from his home opposite

to lend a hand in parlous times. He gave generously to the annual appeal, one year trying to bribe Clarence Brigham to delay his imminent retirement. Daniels wrote that if Brigham would stay, Daniels would double his thousand dollar check. He added, "If this bribe doesn't appeal to you, I do wish you every happiness in your retirement." His generosity extended often to the Society at large, when on those happily-remembered annual meeting days he was host, with his wife as gracious hostess, to the membership for luncheon at their home. He was a man of sound judgment, and a trusted friend and confidant of the Society.

In the last year alone, Daniels made possible the purchase of some fifty rare books. To see that the books, if not especially the staff, of the Society pass their days in controlled humidity, he contributed generously to the air-conditioning system. He and Mr. Shipton walked over the property dowsing for water, for one well Daniels used the the trusted apple twig; for the other well he depended upon his watch chain.

I learned of the death of Fred Harold Daniels on June 15th while I was dutifully attending a faculty meeting at Worcester Tech. The president of the Institute was reading a report when a note was delivered to him. In tones of shock and sadness, he announced the passing of a great benefactor. Daniels had been at lunch at the Worcester Club with his son and a business associate when he was struck by a heart attack. The faculty, Mr. Shipton, to whom I relayed this tragic news upon leaving the meeting, and indeed all Worcester mourned the loss of a dear friend.

He leaves his widow, Eleanor Goddard Daniels, a daughter and a son, one brother, and several grandchildren.

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