William Henry Harrison

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Indorse Harrison For Police Chief

Georgetown Citizens Urge Appointment of 8th Precinct Captain



Capt. William H. Harrison of the eighth police precinct was unanimously indorsed for major and superintendent of police by the Georgetown Citizens' Association at a meeting last night in Potomac Savings Bank Hall. Capt. Harrison lives in Georgetown.

George W. Offut, jr., in introducing the resolution proposing the name of Capt. Harrison as successor to the late Maj. Pullman called the attention of the association to what he said were the many sterling qualities of the officer and said a better choice could not be made. While not dissenting as to the fitness of Capt. Harrison for the post, John Hadley Doyle and Dr. Frank P. Leetch said they did not feel that the association should go on record as favoring any one man and an amendment offered by Mr. Doyle that the matter should be considered in committee before going before the whole association was defeated. On motion of A.K. Parris, the association voted unanimously in favor of Capt. Harrison. A resolution of sympathy to be sent to the parents of Maj. Raymond W. Pullman was adopted by the association on motion of Dr. Leetch.

Harrison, Inspector William Henry. On Monday, October 11, 1943, at his home, 3157 19th st., North Arlington, Va., Inspector William Henry Harrison, beloved husband of Edna E. Harrison (nee Rothery) and father of Lt. (j.g.) William H. Harrison, jr., Lt. (j.g.) Thomas R. Harrison and Corpl. John R. Harrison and brother of Thomas A. Harrison of Mount Airy, Md. Services at the Congress Street Methodist Church, 1238 31st st. n.w., on Wednesday, October 13, at 2 p.m. Remains will be at the church after 12 noon. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

Harrison, William H. A special communication of George C. Whiting Lodge No. 22,, F.A.A.M,. Is called for Wednesday, October 13, 1913, at 1 p.m. for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, William H. Harrison. By order of the worshipful master.

Reuben A. Bogley, Secretary

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William H. Harrison, Ex-Police Inspector, Dies in Arlington

William Henry Harrison, 76, retired District police inspector and director-treasurer of the Eastern Building and Loan Association, died yesterday at his home, 3157 North Nineteenth street, Arlington, Va., after an illness of a week.

He joined the metropolitan police force in 1892 and retired in 1931 after rising through the various grades to inspector.

He had been captain of the sixth precinct for six years until his appointment as inspector in 1920. As inspector he one was head of the mounted force.

Served at White House

During the McKinley administration he was made a sergeant in charge of a White House detail and remained through the terms of Presidents Theodore Roosevelt Taft and Wilson.

On his retirement from the police force he became associated with the real estate firm of Thomas Jarrell & Sons. In 1933 he was selected to head the Capitol building guards, but refused the post to remain in private business.

A native of Mount Airy, Md., he had been a resident here from 1891 until he moved from Georgetown to Arlington four years ago.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Edna E. Harrison, and three sons, Lt. (j.g.) Thomas R. Harrison, now overseas with the Navy; Lt. (j.g.) William H. Harrison, jr., U.S.N.R., and Corpl. John R. Harrison, Army.

Active in Masonic Order

Mr. Harrison was a member of the Board of Trade, Police Association, Georgetown Citizens' Association and the Washington Federation of Churches.

In 1933 he was named grand commander of the District Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, and was a past master of George C. Whiting Lodge of Masons and a past patron of Mizpah Chapter, No. 8, Order of the Eastern Star.

He organized the Harrison Bible Class at the Congress Street Methodist Church.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow at the Congress Street Methodist Church. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

The Washington Post, October 13, 1943, p. 25

Rites Set Today For W.H Harrison, Ex-Police Official

William Henry Harrison, 76, Metropolitan Police Inspector from 1920 to 1931, died Monday at his home, 3157 North Nineteenth st., Arlington, Va., following a week's illness.

Mr. Harrison was director-treasurer of the Eastern Building and Loan Association. He joined the police force in 1892. He was a sergeant in charge of the White House details during the administrations of McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, Taft and Wilson.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today at the Congress Street Methodist Church. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Edna E. Harrison, and three sons, Lieut. (jg) Thomas R. Harrison; Lieut. (jg) William E. Harrison jr., and Corpl. John R. Harrison, USA.