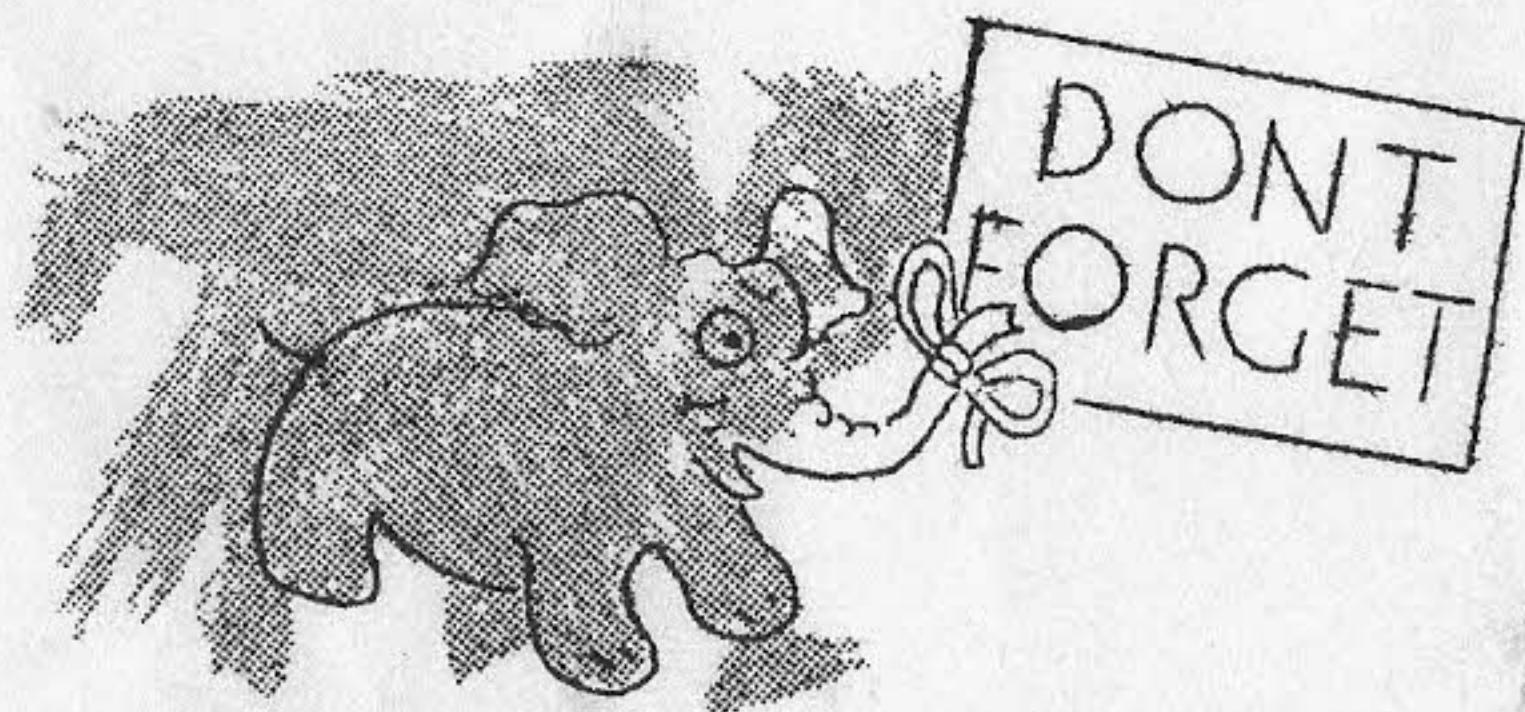


Annual Meeting

LONG VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday, July 28, 1956



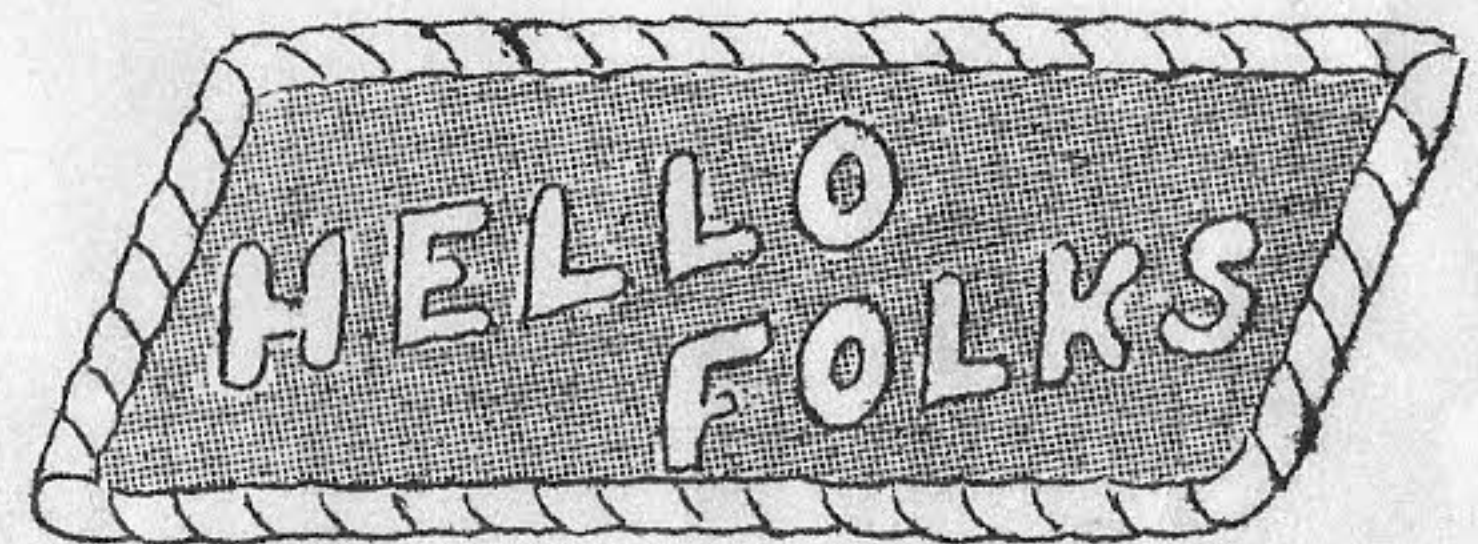
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LONG VALLEY, MORRIS COUNTY, N.J.

MEETS THE LAST SATURDAY IN JULY

*Mrs Birch*

Mr. & Mrs. William Smith  
Mr. Leon Swackhamer  
Miss Marion Henry  
Mrs. Helen Caskey  
Mrs. W. J. Moren

We also received money from Mr. L. Larrison, of Wharton, New Jersey, which he designated for use in the care of the Swackhamer plot at the Middle Valley Cemetery.

Total amount to be turned over to the new Treasurer, \$63.88.

Later we received donations from L. W. Brotzman and F. O. Brotzman, both of Binghamton, New York.

The oldest member present was Mrs. Elizabeth Trimmer, 98. Mrs. Augusta Dufford, of Middle Valley, 93, was the next oldest.

Danny Swackhamer, of Montrose, Pennsylvania, 7 months was the youngest, and David Stanley Dufford of Cedar Grove, New Jersey was next youngest.

Miss Marion Henry of Loveland, Colorado came the farthest. Mr. & Mrs. William Smith, of Dunkirk, New York were also with us.

During and after the picnic and meeting your secretary collected some 16 family names and addresses which we had not had on our list before. Family interest seems to be growing, thanks to our Bulletin.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZA HARRIMAN

SECRETARY

## SWACKHAMER-DUFFORD BULLETIN

A publication of the combined Swackhamer and Dufford Geneological Societies is for descendents of Samuel SCHWACHHAMMER (Swackhamer) who in 1730, settled in New Jersey in the Long Valley and of Philip Du Ford (Dufford) who settled there in 1738.

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### SWACKHAMER

Samuel Schwachhammer was born in 1700 and died February 3, 1782. He came to this country in 1731. It is believed from Neuwied, Germany (George Dufford claimed this date should be 1730). He built his home in what the Indians called the Long Valley. His funeral notice in an old church book states that he married three times and had 25 children, 73 grand children and 25 great grand children.

His will dated February 1, 1780 and probated March 8, 1782 (Trenton Lib. 23, fol. 247) Names wife Elizabeth and 13 children as follows:

1. Conrad b.1720, d.1813 M. Elizabeth
2. John b.1727, M. Sussana Margaret Terryberry
3. Catrina (Catherine) b.1733, d.1815, M.
4. Ann, M. a Leeke
5. Dolly (Dorthea) M. Philip Terryberry
6. Elizabeth, b.1748, d.1823, M. Jacob Dufford son of first Jacob Dufford
7. Barbery
8. Hellena
9. Baltus
10. Samuel
11. Andrew
12. Jacob
13. Daniel

#### DUFFORD

The name swas originally Du Ford and originated in Le Mans in the province of Orne, France. Religious persecution caused an exodus to other countries such as England, Germay and Holland and the name has been spelled Du Four; De Voor, Toffort, Duffort, Tuffert, Tefort, Dufford, and Du Ford. On September 11, 1738 the ship Robert and Oliver, Captain Roberts, Master delivered to Philadelphia among others Philip Du Ford, Senior, Philip Du Ford, Jr., and George Stephen, Son of Philip, Jr.

In the very beginning Philip, Jr. and son George Stephen seem to drop out of sight. In the will left by Philip, Sr., dated February 16, 1767 and probated February 1, 1769 he names wife, Catherine, sons Adam and George, (daughter Mary Magdalena) and grandson, George Stephen, the son of Jacob. Jacob had been disenherited by his father because he married an Indian maiden.

*Mary Magdalena Dufford*

#### MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH SWACKHAMER-DUFFORD REUNION MEETING

July 23, 1955

The eighth annual reunion of the Swackhamer and Dufford families was held at the Lutheran Church at Long Valley, New Jersey on July 23, 1955. This was the 15th meeting of the Swackhamers and the 30th of the Duffords. There were 64 present.

After a picnic lunch in the Parish house we moved to the Church lawn for our meeting. It was HOT.

The business meeting was presided over by our President, Mrs. L. R. Logan, who later turned the meeting over to our Vice President, Mr. Robert Swackhamer.

The Secretary-Treasurer's reports were read and approved. There remained \$17.88 in the Treasury.

There being no unfinished business, we proceeded to the election of Officers.

Mr. Norman Dufford, President  
Mr. Robert Swackhamer, Vice President  
Miss Mary Jane Hunsinger, Secretary and Treasurer  
Mr. Milton Swackhamer, Editor of the Bulletin

Our regular collection brought us \$41.00 of which \$18.00 was voted to the ladies of the Church for their refreshments. We received donations for the Bulletin from the following:

Keith Charles McCaffrey was born May 10, 1955 to Mr. & Mrs. J. McCaffrey of Hawthorne, New Jersey.

Lt. S. William Johnson was married to Miss Barbara Mercelis of Plainfield, New Jersey March 9, 1955, and is stationed at New Ulm, Germany.

Lt. Richard S. Johnson graduated from Bucknell University in June, 13, 1955. He married Miss Joyce Huking, of Plainfield on June 18, 1955. He is stationed at Ft. Eustis, Virginia for training.

Mr. & Mrs. Cyrus D. Harriman and family are now living in their new home on Hillandale Road, Westport, Connecticut.

Change of address for Mr. & Mrs. James M. Logan, to 2754 Woodland Road, Roslyn, Pennsylvania. (In their new home)

Richard Emmons received his discharge from the Navy in September and enrolled in the Rutgers Engineering School. He and his wife are nicely settled on the campus "University Heights".

The son Adam appears on Tewksbury Township records as a tax payer in 1758. That is all of him. George had a daughter, Catherine born 1752 and confirmed in 1772. No further record. Mary Magdalena married Andrew Mack and no further record of her. Jacob and his Indian wife had three children, Mathias, David and George Stephen and these three are the ancestors of all the Duffords.

In the July 1953 Bulletin we paid tribute to Samuel Stansbury Swackhamer, then approaching his 94th birthday.

The following is from The Plainfield Courier News of October 13, 1955:

"250 PAY FINAL TRIBUTE  
TO SAMUEL S. SWACKHAMER"

The repeated strains of the Battle Hymn of the Republic, favorite hymn of Samuel Stansbury Swackhamer, 96, lawyer, orator and legislator of the Plainfields, sounded the requiem to him yesterday afternoon in Memorial Funeral Home.

250 PAY TRIBUTE

More than 250 persons paid final tribute to Mr. Swackhamer, of 109 Summit Ave., who died Saturday after an extended illness. There were approximately 130 at the rites conducted by the Rev. Edward D. Conklin, pastor of Monroe Avenue Methodist Church, in the funeral home, including 46 from Plainfield Old Guard, a delegation from Plainfield Lions Club and another from Plainfield Bar Association. Still many others visited the funeral home Tuesday.

The Rev. Mr. Conklin, married to the granddaughter of Mr. Swackhamer, one of the giants of Plainfield's immediate past, read the venerable attorney's favorite 23rd Psalm and the repeated proofs of immortality from the words of Christ, St. Paul and St. John of Patmos.

Then, to epitomize the life of the longtime dean of the local courts, he cited the words of the Old Testament Prophet Micah, "What doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God," Fitz-Green Halleck's "None knew thee but to love thee," and the more recent personal citation of Mr. Swackhamer by State Supreme Court Justice Clarence C. Case:

"He has served without scandal, taint or irregularity: A gentleman."

#### "TRULY CHRISTIAN"

The Rev. Mr. Conklin said he knew the former Somerset County assemblyman, once urged for U. S. senator and Governor, as "a truly Christian Gentleman of two worlds, this and the next," and said Mr. Swackhamer "fashioned his life after that of his Creator and Redeemer."

He praised Mr. Swackhamer, shrewd and capable lawyer of high integrity, for "tempering justice with mercy" and gave as an instance the time that Lawyer Swackhamer won a case against a financially distressed individual, then turned around and helped the man recoup with Mr. Swackhamer's own fee-money.

"He had zeal in discerning the truth," the minister said. "He walked erect and tall through life, with long strides. But before God, he was the humblest of men."

Mrs. Hattie Swackhamer Dufford; the widow of George Stephen Dufford, the founder of the Swackhamer-Dufford Organization celebrated her 90th birthday anniversary on December 27, 1955. There was "Open House" and around forty friends and relatives were entertained.

One of the deaths that did not receive mention before in the Bulletin was that of Mrs. Florence Swackhamer, widow of the late Judge Austin H. Swackhamer of Woodbury, New Jersey. Austin was the eldest son of Rulif Swackhamer, of Whitehorse, New Jersey, once County Superintendent of Schools of Hunterdon County. Austin was first appointed Judge of the Gloucester County Court of Common Pleas by Woodrow Wilson, then Governor of New Jersey about 1912 and served in that capacity over a period of twenty years. He died about 1935. Mrs. Swackhamer left two children, Donald, a Woodbury lawyer and Gladys Swackhamer now residing in Santa Barbara, California.

The death of Mrs. Hattie Swackhamer Clark of Morristown which occurred in January 1955 was not reported here until after the publication of the last bulletin.

We are sorry to have to report the death of C. C. Dufford, of Glen Ridge, December 9, 1955. He was the father of our new President.

We missed the marriage of Lois Johnson Higgins to Alan S. Roth in August, 1954. They now have a young son, Douglas Ramsey Roth.

My wife Ida and I enjoyed our trip to the reunion and were pleased to meet so many friendly people.

Hope to get down again this year. I guess Henry Swackhamer, my brother-in-law in Syracuse will be with us.

A hello to all down that way.

Following are the names and addresses of the children of Philip Anderson Swackhamer.

Inez-

Mr. & Mrs. George W. Van Heusen, 897 New York Ave.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. & Mrs. Henry J. Swackhamer, 135 Haven Rd.,  
Syracuse 10, N. Y.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank E. Swackhamer, 26 Hanover St.,  
Silver Creek, N. Y.

Mrs. Veronica Tully, 213 Danforth St., Syracuse, N.Y.

Sincerely,

/s/William G. Smith

In the 1955 issue of the Bulletin we mentioned a Mrs. Sarah A. Ribble residing at Coas Bay, Oregon and spoke of receiving a letter from her. She was then 89 years old.

We regret now to have to report that she is now dead and that her funeral was held in Washington, N. J. Mrs. Lester Apgar of Califon was one of those who attended the funeral and passed the news to us. Her son, Dr. Roy Dufford Ribble is a New York dentist.

#### LEADS RITUAL PRAYER

The Rev. William H. Fassitt, retired minister, led the Old Guard in its ritual prayer for Mr. Swackhamer, a charter member, prefacing the invocation with remembrances of his first meeting with the North Plainfielder when the Rev. Mr. Fassitt became pastor of Whitehouse Methodist Church. Mr. Swackhamer was a native of Hunterdon County and spoke for the Rev. Mr. Fassitt at a community July 4 celebration that year. In later years, Mr. Swackhamer was noted for patriotic orations and writings.

Mrs. Guy Bender was at the organ during the rites, playing Mr. Swackhamer's favored selections and concluding with "Abide With Me." Many beautiful floral tributes were received.

Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, where the Rev. Conklin conducted the committal service.

The SWACKHAMERS IN ARIZONA, Doctor Chester, Daisy, and Bob, bring you greetings.

First of all, I must tell you that our third grandchild arrived in Jena, Louisiana, December fifth, and is named ROBERT DICKINSON SWACKHAMER (ROBERT-after his Uncle Bob). He tipped the scales at 6½ pounds. With DOTTIE, aged almost 5 years and BILL, JR. over 3 yr. we have three darling grandchildren whose pictures can be found in our pocketbooks, always.

This year finds us grateful for our many blessings. Dr.'s health is such that he lives an active life, enjoying some golf, fishing, attending Masonic Lodges, social clubs, Conventions, Rotary, and long trips. He has just been honored by being elected President of the Gila County Medical Society for the year of 1956. It is the third time he will have served as President of this Society, over a period of years.

At long last we are settled in a small, but comfortable three bedroom home, using one of the bedrooms as a den, which, of course, is the most used and best loved room in our home. A patio connects the kitchen with the garage and storeroom, and is covered with lovely grapevines, making a delightful out-door room for eating and recreation six months of the year. Large clusters of Thompson seedless and Flame Tokay grapes hang above our heads, making the patio a beautiful picture, in season. We harvested fifty pounds this Summer which we enjoyed thoroughly. We step down from this patio into a small garden, bordered on three sides by roses, pyracantha bushes, espaliered, chrysanthemums, bulbs, etc. A beautiful male mulberry tree, half of the branches having been eliminated to give space for our garage, shades half of the garden and anyone, who uses the wrought-iron settee grape design and an aluminum chaise lounge. Our patio has white wrought-iron table and chair, besides a chaise lounge and comfortable chairs, and we hope you will visit us and enjoy it. The front lawn has a sprinkling system to save work. It waters our beautiful pyracantha bush, nandinas, honeysuckle and a gorgeous yellow climbing rose bush which had over 1950 roses on this Spring. Our front has iron-wrought panels of curly-oak leaf and acorn design which we ordered while in Shreveport, Louisiana in July. We also added two comfortable chairs-rose and lyre pattern, and a planter-grape design. It is easy to see that we love the first home we have ever owned.

Bob has been with us since Doctor's heart attack. He is so wonderful to us that we wonder what we would ever have done without him. He does Dr.'s driving for him, and they have nice times together- golfing,

### HIGH BRIDGE

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Naughtright Funeral Home in High Bridge, for Mrs. Jennie C. Dufford, 87, who died February 5, 1956 at the home of Mrs. McLaughlin, in Flanders. The Rev. Charles Schnidling, pastor of the Zion Lutheran Church of Long Valley, of which the deceased was a member, officiated. Burial was in Union Cemetery, Hackettstown.

Mrs. Dufford, formerly for many years a resident of Long Valley, was also a member of Hobart Chapter, OES, High Bridge, which conducted Eastern Star services at the Naughtright Funeral Home.

Mrs. Dufford was the widow of the late Halloway Dufford. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Althea McLoughlin of Millville; five grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren.

### INFORMATION FROM:

WILLIAM G. SMITH, TEMPLE ROAD, R.D.2,  
DUNKIRK, NEW YORK

January 10, 1956

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing the names and addresses of our side of the Swackhamer family.

Philip was born near Montrose, Pennsylvania, the son of John Coonrod Swackhamer the son of Philip Coonrod Swackhamer. Some think the old Philip's father's name was Coonrod or Konrad Swackhamer.

A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION  
FROM:

MRS. ROBERT M. SHAW, 224 NINTH AVENUE,  
HADDON HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY.

Mr. R. B. Swackhamer,  
47 N. Bergen Street  
Dover, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:-

I was visiting up in Long Valley Tuesday and your name was given to me, so I am writing to see if you can help me.

I was a Wack before I married and I am interested in trying to find the dates of birth, death, marriage and where Elisabeth Schuyler who married John George Wack. There first child was (Rev.) Casper Wack who did a lot of preaching in the Valley.

A William Wack lived on his father's farm in Middle Valley and in 1870 I believe a John Swackhamer lived on it.

I would also like to know who the parents of Elisabeth were.

Thanking you for any information I am,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Mabel G. Shaw

fishing, attending many branches of the Masonic Lodges in which he is becoming active. He also has a hobby of his own.

My time is more than filled--Church-Sunday School, Ladies Aid, Woman's Club, Daughters of the Nile Club (sewing for Shriner's hospitals), Shrine Dinner Club, Bridge at parties, Almaden and Cobre Valley Country Clubs, etc. With nothing much to do, I joined an Art Class in November and I am proud of my first two sketches. After the holidays we will go into watercoloring and oil. In genealogy the past year, I have compiled some of our ancestors's families, and have just begun compiling the SWACKHAMER family who are descended from JOHN-2-, so if any of you Swackhamers want your line complete, please send it to me. I am also including descendants from the first SAMUEL's other children. My time this past year has been devoted mostly to encouraging PHILIP TABER descendants to join the Mayflower Society (I have proven four lines to Mayflower Compact signers thus far) that their lines may be perpetuated in the Mayflower Index which is being prepared for publication. The last Indexes were published twenty-five years ago.

In July we loaded a large U-HAUL with 3000 lbs. of extras, and took them to Bill and Dot in Louisiana. We visited them for ten days, enjoying our visit and getting to know our darling grandchildren better. They are precious, and we miss not seeing them more often.

We would just love to have a nice long letter from you, and anytime you can, visit us.

Dr. C. L., Robert and Daisy.



FROM  
"THE MONTANA FARMERS UNION NEWS"  
Helena Montana - May 25, 1955

DEATH TAKES POPULAR UNIVERSITY TEACHER

Death took John Swackhamer, assistant professor of economics at Montana State University, early Tuesday morning, May 10. He suffered from a brain infection that struck swiftly. He was ill only a few days. He was 36 years of age and leaves a widow, Mildred, and a two-year-old daughter, Margaret Ann.

Hundreds of his friends and acquaintances in Missoula and throughout the state were shocked by the tragedy.

A member of the University faculty since 1949, John Swackhamer was recognized widely as a brilliant teacher who spoke bravely for the welfare of the common citizen. He specialized in labor economics and had served one year as secretary-treasurer of the Missoula County Central Trades and Labor Council. He played a prominent part in the Farmer-Labor Institute conducted annually on the University Campus and had assisted with the local institutes at Great Falls, Kalispell, Anaconda and Butte.

The youthful professor had taught at Montana Farmers Union schools and camps and on numerous occasions was a featured speaker at Farmers Union summer picnics.

Several Farmers Union groups had requested him for speaking assignments this summer. Shortly before his death he had been asked to participate in labor educational conferences in Kentucky and Wyoming with affiliates of the American Federation of Labor.

Before joining the Montana State University faculty John Swackhamer taught one year at the University of Iowa where he had been awarded a Master of Arts degree. He earned his degree as a doctor of philosophy at the University of Zurich, Switzerland. He spent four years in the U. S. Navy during World War II. His boyhood home is at Easton, Pennsylvania, not far from Bethlehem.

He had worked hard to secure enactment of laws in the 1955 Montana legislative assembly broadening social security coverage for teachers and public employes on elective basis. His research in the field as well as his testimony before lawmaking committees helped greatly in furthering the understanding required to put the legislation on the statute books. Ironically, his own little family will not be protected by the beneficial program he believed all should enjoy.

Rev. Guy L. Barnes, pastor of the University Congregational Church, in Missoula where the memorial services were conducted spoke of the courage of this teacher who was willing to speak his own convictions and who did not hesitate to stand for unpopular causes if he thought they would contribute to the general welfare. In an eloquent eulogy Rev. Barnes reviewed John Swackhamer's fine record of achievement and indicated a most promising future that had been cut short by an untimely death.

The college teacher, who had become the champion of so many, was a member of the Montana Federation of Teachers and the Montana Farmers Union.

Besides his widow and daughter he is survived by his parents of Easton, Pennsylvania, and a brother of Thermopolis, Wyoming.