

THE JEWISH CRITERION



Irvin F. Lehman

1876 — 1936

Pittsburgh Mourns His Passing

LEADING NATIONAL JEWISH WEEKLY

Number 13
Volume 88

AUGUST 7, 1936

Pittsburgh, Pa.

10c per copy, \$2.00 per year

Oldest English Printed Jewish Weekly Representing Western
Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and West Virginia Jewry

IRVIN F. LEHMAN

TO eulogize the memory of Irvin F. Lehman does not mean delving into the past to sum up for the first time his many achievements, nor is it a matter of drawing up a completely new picture of his dynamic personality and invaluable contributions. For during his lifetime the splendid influence of his character and the worth of his accomplishments have never for a moment been lost sight of. Therefore, to speak of these things now is merely to repeat verbally tributes that for years have silently been paid him.

Few men have been such a strong force in so many widely diversified fields of activity as was Mr. Lehman. Thus, as president of the Blaw-Knox Company and an outstanding industrial leader here, he was at the same time a member of the Board of Trustees of Carnegie Institute and vitally interested in the cultural life of Pittsburgh. So too, though Mr. Lehman stood out as a prominent Jewish figure and was one of the organizers and a past president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, he was also recognized as a motivating force in non-Jewish circles and included among the directors of both the Community Fund and the Pennsylvania Public Charities Association.

It is obvious that Irvin F. Lehman's capabilities were rare, but rarer still was his unselfish humanitarianism, which made him a privileged person never to lose sight of the needs of the underprivileged.

His breadth of vision, his generosity, and his consistency of speech and deed were all equally unusual. Certainly it is not surprising that the news of Mr. Lehman's death leaves in its wake a community shocked by the grim realization of the irreparable loss it has suffered.