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Paramus Restaurateur Has Heart Attack

Paramus — Hans Christian Andersen Madison, 63, well-known restaurateur, died of an apparent heart attack last night while attending a Rotary International cotillion at the Suburban Restaurant.

Madison collapsed in the arms of his wife Eleanor just outside the banquet hall as he was preparing to direct a grand march of new members shortly after the affair began at 7 P. M.

Two Borough police cars and the volunteer ambulance corps were sent to the scene, but Madison died before they arrived. He was pronounced dead at about 7:20 P. M. by Dr. H. E. Keller of Farview Avenue, who was summoned by police.

Following the death, Rotary officials considered calling off the affair but decided to go on at the request of Mrs. Madison, who told them her husband would have wanted it that way. After a 10-minute delay, the dinner was continued but all dancing and entertainment were cut from the program.

Madison, known as Jack to his friends, operated the Hans Christian Andersen restaurant on Route 4 for 27 years. He had organized the cotillion, first of its kind ever staged by Rotary in these parts, and was chairman of the affair.

Ironically he had composed the responsive invocation printed in the program which was to be recited by the 250 Rotarians, men and women, attending. All are members of Rotary International District 749 which embraces Bergen, Passaic, and Hudson Counties.

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earlier in the day made the floral arrangements for the tables. W. G. Fiedler, District governor, of Union City, said last night all the flowers would be returned as floral tributes.

A noted horticulturist, Madison was general chairman of the floral exhibit scheduled to open tomorrow at Bergen Mall. In 1957, Madison served as a judge of the forty-second annual flower show of the American Dahlia Society and was host to the garden and flowers cultural travel tour. Again this year he was to direct the garden and flowers tour which sails June 4 to visit gardens at the World's Fair in Brussels and other European cities.

RELATIVE OF AUTHOR

Born in Philadelphia of Danish parents, Madison was a distant relative of the Danish author of fairy tales, Hans Christian Andersen. Madison moved to Paramus 21 years ago from Englewood. He made his home with his wife at 351 Spring Valley Road. Mrs. Madison is the only survivor.

Madison was a charter member and past president of the local Rotary Club. He also be-

longed to Post 128, American Legion, and the Garden Club, both in Teaneck, and was an honorary member of the Paramus Garden Club. He was a charter member of the Paramus Chamber of Commerce and a member of the advisory board of Bergen Mall.

During World War I, Madison served with an Army camouflage unit.

Friends may call tomorrow from 2 to 4 P. M. and from 7 to 10 P. M. at the Vander Plaats Memorial Home, S-113 Farview Avenue. Services will be conducted at 2 P. M. on Saturday in St. Matthew's Episcopal Church by the Rev. James Gill, rector. Cremation will follow.

On hearing the news of Madison's death, Mayor Fred C. Galda said at a meeting at Borough Hall, "The Borough has lost one of its great friends."

Fellow Rotarians during and after the dinner paid tribute to Madison. "He wore himself out loving people", Fiedler said.

It was decided by the Rotarians to name the cotillion, which is to now be an annual affair, in memory of Madison, who lived the Rotary ideals of fellowship and service to youth and community.

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