

CLYDE FITCH MEMORIAL UNDERGOES RESTORATION

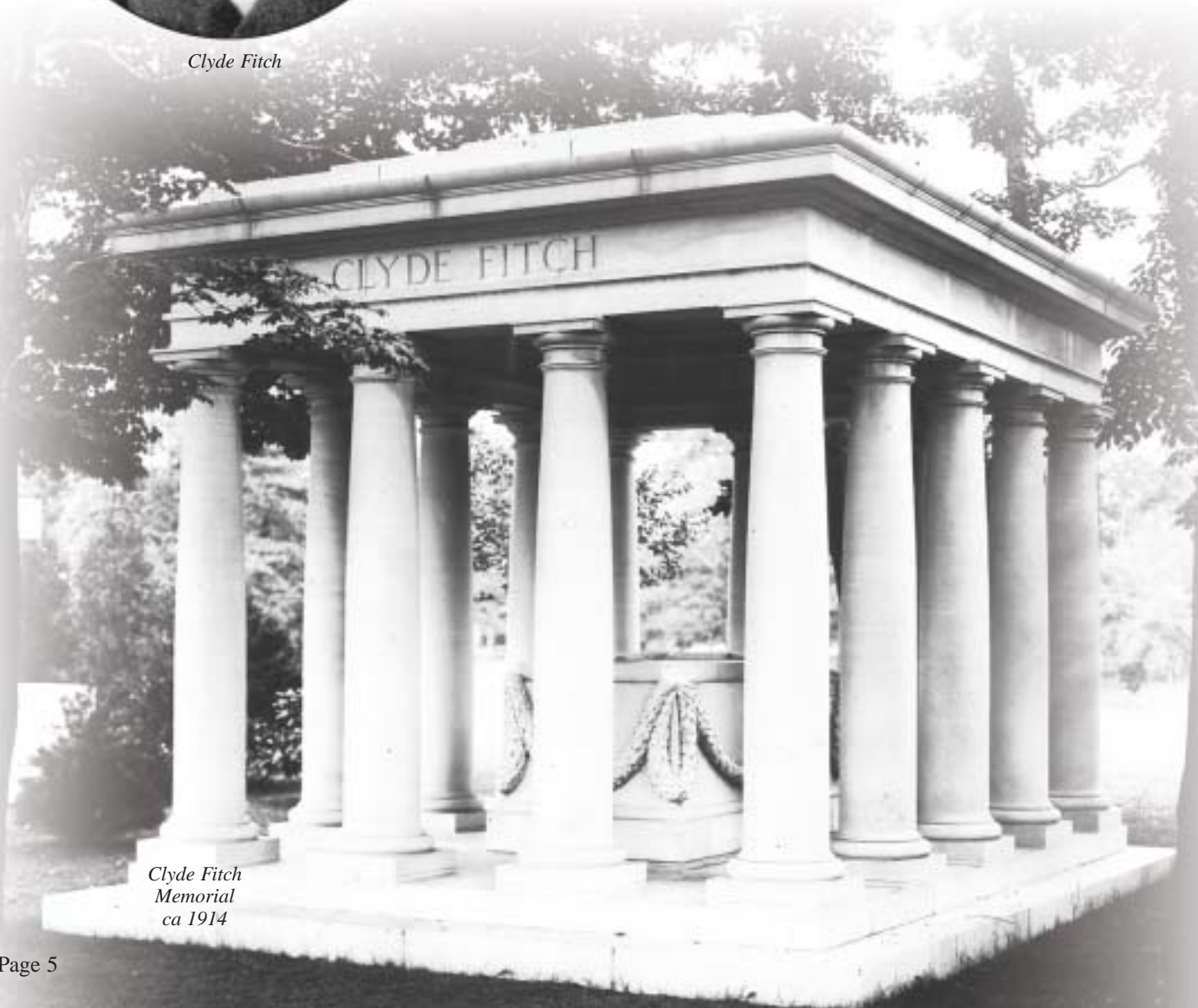


Clyde Fitch

The first major project of the Entertainers Campaign is underway! The Friends of The Woodlawn Cemetery contracted Integrated Conservation Contracting, Inc. to restore the Fitch Memorial. Funding for the project came through the generous gift of an anonymous donor.

Clyde Fitch was a successful playwright, famous for bringing drama to Broadway at the end of the 19th Century. He had five hits running at one time on Broadway and was the first American playwright to win international fame. His plays

included *Nathan Hale* (1898), *Barbara Frietchie* (1899) and *The Girl With Green Eyes* (1902). In 1909, Fitch died in France at the age of 44 from complications of appendicitis. His body was brought to The Woodlawn Cemetery and placed in the mausoleum of a friend until his parents built his tomb. Mrs. Fitch hired the architectural firm of Hunt and Hunt to design a highly decorated sarcophagus set inside an open Tuscan temple. The memorial took two years to complete and in 1911 the cremated remains of Clyde Fitch were laid to rest. Within a few



*Clyde Fitch Memorial
ca 1914*