

# GAS FUMES KILL MELVILLE KELLY, ATTORNEY'S SON

## 17-Year Old Lad is Found Dead in Garage.

## FATHER AWAY ON BUSINESS TRIP

Melville Kelly, 17 years old, senior in Ottawa high school, and son of Henry M. Kelly, prominent Ottawa attorney, was found dead in the garage at the Kelly residence in Eastwood place, East Ottawa, at 6:15 o'clock last evening. Death was due to suffocation, caused by deadly "motor gas" from a running automobile engine he was working over.

The lifeless body was found by the youth's brother and sister, Emmett and Marie, when they went in quest of Melville at supper time. The body was lying near the car face downwards. Emmett and Marie, realizing that he had been overcome by the deadly fumes, carried him from the garage, which is located in the basement of the house, to the porch and laid him on a porch swing.

Dr. T. W. Burrows, the family physician, and Dean Quinn were hurriedly summoned. Upon the arrival of the physician he declared that life was extinct.

### Father Out of Town.

When the tragic death occurred Melville Kelly and the children were at home. The father is on a business trip in the northwest. A number of telegrams were sent to different cities last evening in an effort to locate him, but no word was received of his exact whereabouts. Members of the family hope to get in touch with the father to-day.

Coroner Timothy Donoghue held an inquest at the Dwyer undertaking establishment this morning at 9 o'clock. Dr. Burrows and Martin Hanley, a brother of the boy's mother, were the only witnesses to testify. "Accidental death, due to suffocation," was the verdict returned by the Coroner's jury.

### Last Seen at P. M.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon was the last time any member of the family saw Melville alive. At the time he was out in the rear yard. It is presumed he went into the garage and started the motor going on one of the machines while he tinkered with the engine.

Unaware that he was slowly being drugged by the poisonous gases that filled the garage, young Kelly kept working over the machine until he dropped to the cement floor, unconscious. Here he lay unconscious until the gas poison drove the last spark of life out of his system.

While the youth was dying in the basement of the big mansion other members of the family were upstairs unconscious of the tragedy.

late was dealing out only a few feet away.

Melville probably had been dead some time before the body had been found. Upon examining the body Dr. Burrows stated it would be useless to attempt resuscitation.

At the Coroner's inquisition Dr. Burrows explained that the basement garage would not ventilate very good despite the fact that the doors were wide open. He said that the gas was very much heavier than the air and instead of passing out through the doors, settled along the floor. The youth probably never thought of such a thing happening until it was too late.

### Third Oldest Son.

Martin Hanley stated that the dead youth was born in Ottawa 17 years ago and had resided here all his life. He is the third oldest son.

Hanley was summoned to the Kelly home shortly after the body was discovered. When he arrived the body had been taken out of the garage and placed on the porch. The boy's uncle stated that Melville was in the habit of working in the garage during the afternoon. When he did not appear at supper time the first place the brother and sister went to search for him was in the garage.

Harry Kelly, older brother, who is a member of the reserve officers corps, in training at Fort Sheridan, was called home last evening. Upon his arrival at Ottawa he was told of his brother's death.

### Mother Prostrated.

The shock of the tragic death of her son prostrated the mother last evening. To-day Mrs. Kelly is under the care of the family physician.

No funeral arrangements will be made until the arrival of the father. Surviving the young man leaves his parents, five brothers—Harry, Emmett, Lawrence, Walter, and Jerome—and three sisters—Marie, Kathryn and Lora.

To-day school friends and church and persons who know him mourn the sudden death of Melville Kelly. He was a very likable youth, and his vital manner will be missed by friends.

The tragedy last evening is being studied at the York University as a number of competitors speak of it as a swimming pool.