

# GAS FUMES KILL MELVILLE KELLY

17-YEAR-OLD SON OF HENRY  
KELLY ASPHYXIATED.

## FATHER ABSENT IN THE NORTHWEST

Body Found Monday Evening in  
Garage at Kelly Home in East Ot-  
tawa—Was Working On Auto.

Melville Kelly, aged seventeen, and son of Henry M. Kelly, prominent Ottawa attorney, met a tragic death by motor gas asphyxiation late last Monday afternoon. The accident occurred in the garage at the Kelly residence in East Ottawa, and the discovery was made at 6:15 o'clock by a brother and sister of the youth, who had gone to the garage to call the young man to supper.

Melville was last seen about 3 o'clock in the afternoon when he had gone to the garage to work on an automobile. The Kelly garage is at the rear and partially under the residence which is one of the most handsome homes in the city.

When found the body was lying in the car, face downward, and the brother and sister, realizing that he had been overcome by the gas fumes, succeeded in carrying him from the garage to the porch of the home where they placed him on a porch swing and summoned help.

Mrs. Kelly, the mother, and the other children, were at the home at the time of the fearful tragedy, all being unconscious of the fate of their son and brother. Henry M. Kelly, the father, was absent in the northwest on a business trip and considerable trouble was had in locating him, his exact location being unknown, and telegrams were sent to many cities in an endeavor to find him.

After the mother had been notified, Dr. T. W. Burrows, the family physician, and Dean Quinn were summoned and hastened to the Kelly residence. Dr. Burrows examined the body of the young man and pronounced him dead.

Coroner Timothy Donoghue held an inquest at the Dwyer undertaking establishment Tuesday 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.

Upon examining the body Dr. Burrows said it would be useless to attempt resuscitation, as the youth had been dead for some time.

Dr. Burrows, in his testimony before the coroner's jury, stated that the Kelly basement garage would not ventilate very good even when the doors were wide open. He stated further that gas was much heavier than the air and would naturally settle along the floor instead of passing out through the doors. The youth probably never realized his danger until he was powerless to move.

Melville was born in Ottawa seventeen years ago and was the third oldest son. Harry Kelly, older brother, who is a member of the reserve officers' corps, in training at Fort Sheridan, was called home Monday evening. Upon his arrival at Ottawa he was told of his brother's death.

Melville was a senior in the Ottawa high school and was popular with the teachers and students. He was very fond of all kinds of athletic sports and had spent a portion of Monday in swimming.

Surviving, the young man leaves his parents, five brothers—Harry, Emmett, Lawrence, Walter and Jerome; and three sisters—Marie, Kathryn and Lora.

The funeral services were held yesterday morning at 9 o'clock at St. Columba church, Dean J. P. Quinn officiating.

The boy's father did not learn of his son's death until Tuesday afternoon and the news of the tragedy was a severe blow to him.