

# Moravia Man's Body Found in Small Lake

## Parker Conducts Probe of Edwin Steele's Death

The body of Edwin G. Steele, 60, well known resident of the Village of Moravia, was found floating in Sylvan Lake, an artificial body of water, in the Northeast part of the village at 11:45 o'clock this morning. It was discovered by William Perkins and his father, Charles Perkins, both of Moravia, a few feet from shore, in two or three feet of water, near the Stevens organ works, where William Perkins is employed.

Coroner Paul M. Parker and State Troopers Andrews and Burton of the Moravia outpost were called and started an investigation. Coroner Parker is reserving his decision of the manner of death until he has performed an autopsy, which will be done late this afternoon or this evening.

Relatives and friends doubted the theory of suicide. They said Mr. Steele had been in good health and so far as they knew had had no worries which might have prompted him to end his life.

The body was removed to the Wade undertaking rooms. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Steele had been employed as a clerk in the W. D. Cuykendall dry goods store for several years. He was at work, as usual, this morning, but left the store about 9 o'clock, it was said. As he had been in the habit of leaving the shop frequently for short periods of time, his employer and fellow clerks thought nothing of his absence.

Members of the family, his store associates and countless friends were profoundly shocked at learning of the discovery of his body in the lake. Mr. Steele was active in the Odd Fellows fraternity, a member of the village volunteer fire department and for many years played in the Moravia Band. He was well known and liked throughout the Southern end of the county.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Bertha Fulmer Steele; a son, Earl Steele, an attorney, of Syracuse; and a brother, Fred Steele of Richford, N. Y.

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Schools Close Thursday. George F. Barford, superintendent of schools, announced this morning that the schools of this city will close for the Easter vacation Thursday afternoon and reopen Monday, April 5.

This respite will mark the last long rest for the pupils and the teachers before the final examinations in June.

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# FERTILIZER TIPS GIVEN IN RADIO TALK BY BUREAU

### Time Now to Prepare for Enriching Soil—Chemical Details Explained.

Cornelius VanDuyne, president of the Cayuga County Farm Bureau, spoke this noon to the rural residents over radio station WMOB. The address was sponsored by the fertilizer project group of the Farm Bureau.

Mr. VanDuyne said: "Mr. Farmer, don't delay any longer if you haven't already ordered your fertilizer. Too many farmers are in the habit of waiting until they are ready to sow their seed before getting their fertilizer. Then they jump into the truck and run down to the store for some 'phosphate,' and usually have to take what the dealer has on hand. Unfortunately, more often than not this turns out to be some mixed fertilizer which usually has too much potash and not enough phosphoric acid and probably too little ammonia, if the farmer really wants a 'complete' fertilizer at all.

"And right here is where one of the biggest leaks in the farmer's finances occur. He spends too much money for the amount of fertilizer he gets that will do him any good. Instead of using a fertilizer that will grow and mature his crop most economically these last minute purchasers very often run the cost per bushel of the crop they expect to harvest way up. This, too, applies to the farmer who orders this kind of fertilizer in advance. We'll speak of him later. If we can't get more for our crops we should at least be more careful to produce them economically.

"But, one may ask, what is the fertilizer to buy? What is economical fertilizer practice? These questions were answered very ably at our series of fertilizer meetings this past winter but we are repeating them now for the benefit of those who have not ordered as yet.

"For the dairyman or sheep raiser or the general farmer who has plenty of manure all that is required is good superphosphate—what we used to call acid phosphate.

"In spite of the fact that many of our best farmers have proved that superphosphate is the cheapest and best fertilizer for general farm crops—not necessarily cash crops—there are still many, many farmers who claim that when using complete fertilizer they can see the difference in the field. But that difference in the field does not necessarily mean a difference in the yield. Far from it, in many cases in fact.

"The real function of the phosphate acid, which is what we use superphosphate for, is to hasten the maturity of the crop, and in the case of grain, to plump or fill the kernels. The real place to observe the effectiveness of your fertilizer, then, is on the scales as your grain comes from the threshing, not when it is standing in the field, for there the eye cannot always see the plumpness of the kernels.

Now let us look at this fertilizer question from another angle. For the growth of plants, 10 elements are needed. These are carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, sulphur, iron, magnesium, calcium, nitrogen, phosphorus and potash. The first six of these are abundantly supplied in the soil, in the air, and in the moisture. The sixth element named, calcium, may or may not be present in the soil in sufficient quantities for the growth of certain plants. This, if needed, is added in the form of lime.

"The three remaining elements are the three that are considered when we speak of the fertilization of the soil. But we need not look to the fertilizer bag entirely for our supply of these elements.

"In the first place nitrogen is the principal part of ammonia and we generally speak in terms of ammonia when speaking of fertilizers. Ammonia is formed by decaying organic matter such as manure, plant and animal life, and the like. It is also formed to some extent by certain bacteria working in the soil, independent of the nodules that we know are on legumes, and about six or seven pounds of ammonia per acre are brought down from the air by rainfall each year.

"Phosphorus used by plants in the form of phosphoric acid is found in small quantities and only very small quantities are produced by decay of organic matter.

"Potash is 10 times more abundant in the soil than phosphorus and likewise in decaying organic matter.

"A ton of average manure contains 12 pounds of ammonia, only five pounds of phosphoric acid, and 10 pounds of potash. Here, you will note, is a distinct shortage of phosphoric acid, but a good supply of ammonia and potash. And this is the reason for advocating superphosphate instead of a complete fertilizer. Of course, with cash crops at a fair price, one is justified in spending a little more on some additional ammonia and perhaps potash.

# Fear Ex-Auburnian Is Victim of River

## Police Drag Mass. River for Body of Geo. Bennett

(Special to The Citizen.)  
Ludlow, Mass., March 25.—As Paul Narrow of 80 Water Street was walking along the Chicopee River bank yesterday he found a hat which was identified as belonging to George S. Bennett, superintendent of the Perkins Machine Tool Company of Springfield, formerly of Auburn, N. Y., whose body the police believe to be in the stream.

Bennett has been ill for several weeks and was last seen yesterday morning. The hat was found near Indian Leap Bridge where he abandoned his automobile yesterday.

Obtaining this important clue the Ludlow police secured a boat and grappling irons and dragged the stream, but found no trace of the missing man.

Mrs. Frank Narrow, mother of Paul, reported that yesterday she saw what resembled a log floating in the river near Water Street. In view of recent developments she believes that this may have been Bennett's body.

Bennett was formerly connected with the Auburn Wooden Heel Company of Auburn and was for many years an executive of the Ludlow Manufacturing Association. George G. Bennett formerly lived at 216 1/2 Genesee Street and was the manager of the F. W. Mears Heal Co. A year ago Mr. Bennett, his wife and two daughters, Dorothy and Mildred Bennett, moved to Ludlow, Mass. Mr. Bennett's son, Frederick G., of this city is employed at the Auburn Button Works.

A short time ago Frederick was called to Ludlow because of the illness of his father.

While here Mr. Bennett was very active in Boy Scout work. He was a deputy commissioner of the scouts and supervised the tree planting project of the Scouts and the Cayuga County Farm Bureau one year.

# ROOSEVELT VEToes COUNTY LOAN BILL

Albany, March 25.—(AP)—Governor Roosevelt today vetoed the bill designed to permit a county or town to borrow money in excess of the amount of anticipated taxes by temporary loans for the purpose of county improvements.

Under the terms of the bill part of the certificate would be paid by issuance of bonds and the balance by inclusion in the tax levy.

"In view of the mounting cost of town and county government, not only in the state but throughout the nation," said the governor, "I am unwilling to accept a bill that adds to the ease of borrowing money by such municipalities."

The governor announced he had signed a bill giving further protection to domestic animals against the attack of dogs. The new law will allow the owner of livestock or any person witnessing the attack to kill a dog for the purpose of protecting cattle, sheep or other farm stock.

A bill providing for annual appropriations sufficient to meet the expenses of veterinary service in the periodical re-testing of accredited dairy herds, if the rules of the commissioner of agriculture provide for such re-tests, also has been signed by the governor.

A crime commission bill, approved by the governor, provides for a simplified indictment with a bill of particulars to follow if requested by the defendant, with the privilege of amendment to both the indictment and the bill without the necessity of re-submission of the case to the grand jury.

Governor Roosevelt also announced his disapproval of three and approval of 13 other measures, bringing the total of new laws for the year to 188.

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# U. S. ARMY PAYS TRIBUTE TO FOCH

Washington, March 25.—(AP)—Secretary Kellogg will represent President Hoover at services for Marshal Foch to be conducted here at high noon tomorrow at St. Patrick's Church, at the same hour that funeral services are held in Paris for the late generalissimo of the Allied and American armies.

The services in Washington have been arranged by the French embassy and will be attended by most members of the president's cabinet, other high officials of the American government and members of the diplomatic corps.

The American army's tribute to Marshal Foch was set forth today in General orders issued by General Summerall, chief of staff, which formally announced his death, briefly sketched his career and designated honors to his memory in the firing of a national salute at every army post at sunrise tomorrow and of a single gun each half hour until sunset.

"Foch the Frenchman was patriotism itself," said the order, "Foch the soldier, led his men with confidence and courage to success. Foch, the generalissimo, by clarity of vision, simplicity of plan, and vigor of decision, produced in his armies that unity of command and action which insured victory. Foch, the man was kind, straightforward, modest, and reverent. His conduct and character exemplified his own motto: 'I fear God.'"

"The sense of loss felt by the armed forces of the United States is as great as it is among his soldiers and comrades of France, and comrades of France which gave the world a Foch."

# ENTERTAINMENT FEATURES WILL MARK LEGION DANCE

William E. Morrissey, chairman of the Entertainment Committee for the American Legion dance to be held April 16, in the Osborne Hotel, announced today that a very fine brand of entertainment will be presented during the course of the evening. Special artists will be brought into the spotlight to make the evening a merry one.

Reservations are coming in from Seneca Falls, Geneva, Syracuse and other American Legion Posts of the surrounding districts. According to the committees in charge the dance will be one of the gayest in a number of years.

# Social Notes & Personals

Mrs. Fred Emerson returned yesterday to her home in South Street after three months spent in Pasadena, Calif., Hawaii, and Augusta, Ga.

Frank S. Coburn returned Saturday to his home in East Genesee Street from New York City, where he underwent a successful operation at St. Luke's Hospital.

Miss Gertrude Coleman of Rome spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Coleman, in N. Hoopes Avenue.

Mrs. George B. Turner has returned to her home in West Genesee Street after spending three months in New York City with her son, George H. Turner, and his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Eldredge have returned to their home in Franklin Street, after spending a week in New York City.

Sherman Parker has returned from New York City.

Fred J. Manro attended a conference with the State Hospital Commission Friday in Albany.

Willard G. Monros of Dunkirk, N. Y., has been the guest of his mother, Mrs. John W. Monros, in Sheridan Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Eldredge of Milwaukee, Wis., are in town. Mr. Eldredge is here for the Enna Jettick shoe conference, which is being held at the Osborne Hotel.

Miss Elizabeth Emerson of the Knox School at Cooperstown is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Emerson of South Street for the Easter vacation.

Mrs. S. L. Dewey has returned to her home in East Genesee Street Road after spending the Winter in Dayton, Fla.

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