

[Ward, Bela Otis]

BELA O. WARD FOUND DEAD IN HIS CAR

Bela O. Ward, 73, formerly of East Herkimer, was found dead today in his automobile, parked beside Route 5-S near Harter Ave. about 1,000 feet east of the Frankfort village line. State police said the body was found on the floor by the rear seat of the car, into which led a hose connected to the tailpipe. They said Ward, who a few days ago moved into a Frankfort rooming house, had complained of poor health. Frankfort police said the body was discovered about 6 a.m. by an unidentified boy, who summoned them. Patrolmen Leon Cavanna, Edward Corbett and Thomas Loicano went to the scene with oxygen equipment. They were unable to revive the man, who was pronounced dead by Dr. Ernest Enzein of Frankfort.

Dr. C. C. Whittemore of Ilion, county coroner, withheld a verdict temporarily. The body was removed to the Fenner Funeral Home in Herkimer.

Bela Otis Ward was born May 14, 1789, in the Town of Little Falls, the son of Dudley and Ella Bucklin Ward.

He was an Army veteran of World War I, serving with the 57th Regiment, Coast Artillery. He served in France in the Meuse, Marne and Argonne campaigns.

For 26 years he was a polisher at the Elmira plant of Remington Rand, retiring in September, 1960.

Surviving are two nephews, Carlton and Kenneth Ward, East Herkimer, and five nieces, Mrs. Alice Shipengrover and Mrs. Robert Livingston, East Herkimer; Mrs. Bentrice Myers, Mrs. Hazel McKinney and Katherine Stafford, all of Indianapolis, Ind.

The funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday from the Fenner Funeral Home, Dr. Ralph N. Schmidt, interim pastor of the Universalist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery. Calling hours will be Sunday afternoon and evening.

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