

# DEATHS IN THE ERIE FAMILY

## W. H. Curran

The Chicago Terminal employes were saddened on April 24 by the death of W. H. Curran, who had been actively employed in locomotive service since October 27, 1883, almost 50 years. Mr. Curran was 68 years of age. For several years it was "Billy's" privilege as senior locomotive engineer to hostile the passenger engines between Dearborn Station and 49th Street Roundhouse, and he became a familiar figure to the passengers arriving on Nos. 1 and 7. His long association with locomotives had built up an understanding of them, and the few engine failures which he was required to report were due to conditions beyond his control. In his capacity of Chairman of the B. of L. E., "Billy" had the respect of his constituents and the officers of the Erie. His jovial disposition and keen sense of duty will never be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to have enjoyed his acquaintance.

## Vaughn Buck

Vaughn Buck, formerly in the Accounting department of the Erie at Hornell, died in hospital there last month from a complication of diseases. He was 26 and made his home at 907 Elmwood avenue, Buffalo. He is survived by his parents, his widow, who was Miss Ruth Barnhardt, and a daughter, Faith Louise Buck.

## William P. Effinger

William P. Effinger, 87, an inspector of the American Railway Association at Hornell, who was retired three years ago after serving on the Erie railroad for 20 years, died last month at the Elks' Home at Bedford, Va. He was born at Newark, O., and is survived by a daughter, Mrs. H. D. Bline of Alexandria, O.

## Thomas W. Lyden

Thomas W. Lyden, supervisor of agents and stations on the Delaware, Jefferson and Wyoming divisions of the Erie, died suddenly last month while attending church in Carbondale. The day before he had completed an inspection of his territory and had come to his home in Carbondale to pass the week-end.

Mr. Lyden was considered an expert on railroad rates and traffic. He was well liked and had a great many friends. Immediate survivors are his widow, who was Miss Marie Graham, a talented musician in the anthracite region, and a son, Charles Lyden, who is becoming known as a violinist. (See page 4.)



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## George F. Baker

Two special Erie trains carried the mourners from Jersey City to Tuxedo for the funeral at his country home in Tuxedo Park of George Fisher Baker, famous banker and philanthropist, who died May 2 in his New York home, 258 Madison avenue. Mr. Baker was 91. He had been a director of the Erie for many years and many Erie officers, past and present, were among the leaders in finance, railroads and other industries who made the journey to Tuxedo. The funeral was simple and there was no eulogy, in accordance with Mr. Baker's wishes. Burial was in Kensico cemetery at Valhalla, Westchester county.

## Alonzo E. Whitney

Alonzo E. Whitney, 81, formerly employed by the Erie as machinist in its Susquehanna shops, died last April, at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Terboss, in West Main street, Susquehanna. Other children who survive are Mrs. F. E. Baty of Endicott; Leonard Whitney of Rutherford, Walter Whitney of

Susquehanna, and Floyd Whitney of Erie, Pa.

## Paul Osterhoudt

Paul Osterhoudt, 65, employed for many years by the Erie at Susquehanna, died last February at the family home, 107 Mason avenue, Binghamton.

## Arthur W. Peelman

Arthur W. Peelman, 58, for many years employed in the Erie shops at Meadville, died last April at his home, 507 East Allegheny street. He is survived by his widow and two sons, Fred and Orville, of Meadville.

## Darwin F. Potter

Darwin F. Potter, 72, widely known Allegheny division engineer, died at his home, 14 Pearl street, Hornell, last month, after a long illness. He was a member of the Engineers' Brotherhood and the Masons. He is survived by his widow and two married daughters, Mrs. George Parkinson of Elmira and Mrs. C. W. Hahn of Hornell.

## David Shepherd

David Shepherd, 61, employed for many years on the Erie line between Butler and Newfoundland, died last month at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Stephen Taylor of Main street, Paterson. He is survived also by another daughter, Mrs. Edgar Schuster.

## William Carnall

William Carnall, an Erie veteran, who lived at 113 Huppell avenue, Buffalo, died last April. He is survived by his widow, Caroline Carnall, and the following children: Charles L. Carnall, Mrs. William Sheldon, Mrs. E. Brooks, Mrs. William Maroney, Walter E. and William R. Carnall.

## John H. Joyce

John H. Joyce, 68, of Mast Hope, Pa., who had been with the Erie on the Delaware division for more than 50 years, died last month. He is survived by his widow, Mary C. Joyce; two sons, Edward of Cave Creek, Ariz., and Charles of New York; four daughters, Mrs. George

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Kleinkaut of Palisade, N. J., Mildred of New York, Winifred of New Rochelle, and Doris, at home. The funeral was held in Narrowsburg.

### Bernard A. Eckhart

Bernard A. Eckhart, president of the B. A. Eckhart Milling Co., and a director of the Erie, died in Chicago last month at 79 years of age. He was an industrial, financial and political leader in the Middle West for half a century.

### Frederick D. Schrieber

Frederick D. Schrieber, 75, employed for many years on the A. & G. W. and N. Y. P. & O., died last month at his home, 55 Chambers avenue, Greenville, Pa.

### Charles W. Clarke

Charles W. Clarke, who was employed as soliciting assistant to the general eastern freight agent in the Produce Exchange, New York,

when he was retired in 1927, died April 27. He had been in service 55 years. He was 81. He is survived by his widow, Susan B. Clarke, and a son, John A. Clarke.

### Mrs. John O'Laughlin

Mrs. John O'Laughlin, wife of John O'Laughlin, drill press man in the boiler shop at Meadville, died last month after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, three daughters, Mrs. O. J. B. Collins of Pittsburgh, Mrs. Charles W. Shafer, and Mrs. John Frisk, Meadville, and a son, John Kaul of Oregon.

### Alfred Johnson

Alfred Johnson, car repairer at the 51st Street Repair Track, Chicago, passed away at his home, 7834 So. Marshfield Ave., Chicago, on April 27th, after 4 months' illness. Mr. Johnson was born in Kalmar, Sweden, on September 1, 1867, and entered the service of the Erie at Chicago as a car repairer on March 21, 1916. He is survived by his widow, a daughter and three sons, one of whom is a missionary in China.

### O. L. Cline

O. L. Cline, 63, affectionately known as Olly among employees of the Erie with which he worked from 1886 to 1904 as operator and agent at Sharon, Youngstown and Mineral Ridge, died in the latter place last month after almost a year's illness. He is survived by three daughters.

### Clarence E. Ward

Clarence E. Ward, industrial commissioner for the Erie Railroad for the past three years, died May 19 at his home, 5 Bentley Avenue, Jersey City, after a month's illness from a complication of diseases. He was 43, a graduate of the Cleveland Engineering School, who served in the Navy during the war. He was a Mason. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Emily Ward, a son Charles, his mother, Mrs. Nettie J. Ward, and two brothers, Edwin J. and Norman L. Ward. The funeral was held at Phenicia, N. Y.

### Willis Faulkner

Willis Faulkner, 62, veteran Erie employee at Hornell, is dead.

## Galion 100 Years Old

The little city of Galion, an important point on the Erie in Crawford County, will celebrate its centennial early in the fall.

Early in June the high school graduating class of 100 will pre-



Thomas W. Lyden and his only child, (see obituary on page 29).

sent a pageant depicting early life in the town. Many of the students who will take part are direct descendants of the earliest settlers.

### Meadville Flies Safety Flag

*Meadville Shop has earned the right to fly the Safety Flag for 30 days because, in the month of April, 696 men who worked approximately 93,000 man-hours did not have a reportable accident. The Shop has not had a reportable accident since March 6. Shop Superintendent Gorman has bulletined the flag winning performance. In an address to the shop staff he attributed the result to the growing appreciation of the Staff to its paramount duty in accident prevention.*

A few weeks later all business will be suspended for the centennial picnic.

In connection with the big celebration in the fall three churches, all of them organized 100 years ago, will hold special services.

Few towns of less than 15,000 population would undertake what Galion has planned to hold its citizens' attention and interest during the coming months. The centennial movement has been a challenge to all to give their support and assure its success. They see in it an opportunity to herald the coming of a new era rich in community progress and growth.

### O. H. Simmons

O. H. Simmons, for 31 years an employe of the Erie and said to be the oldest Odd Fellow in

America, died recently at his home in Church Street, Susquehanna. He was 97 and had lived in Susquehanna 74 years. The Lanesboro shops, where he began with the Erie, were wood buildings, but in the middle 60's they were replaced by structures of stone, said to have cost nearly a million dollars. Mr. Simmons blew the baritone horn in the Erie shop band when it paraded through muddy Main Street in the Lincoln campaign of 1860. He was also active in organizing an Erie orchestra and a dramatic club which produced such well known old timers as "Ten Nights in a Bar Room," "Jack the Giant Killer" and "Uncle Tom's Cabin," entertainments given by the light of kerosene lamps in Pope's Hall and which attracted folk for miles around Susquehanna. Mr. Simmons was born in Eastbourne, England.

### John B. Navin

John B. Navin, 72, who retired from Erie service three years ago after serving 36 years, latterly as foreman of the shop track at Marion, died last month at his home, 390 West Columbia Street, Marion. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Nunin Navin, two children, Mrs. Donald Zinck of Dayton, John M. Navin of Columbus, a number of grandchildren and brothers and sisters.

### George T. Lauer

George T. Lauer, 72, retired Erie signalman, died last month at his home near Cardington, O., after a long illness. He was a member of the Prospect M. E. Church and local lodge of Masons. He is survived by his widow and a daughter, Mrs. Mae Wheeler, nine grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

### Section Foreman Retires

Edward J. Brown has been made foreman of section 8, Allegany division, to succeed Herbert E. Williams, retired.

### Susquehanna Coach Shops

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on the east end of the main shop, is fireproof. It is equipped with blowers, air ducts, a sprinkler system and a flushing system to overcome the fire hazards.

While the cars are in the paint shop they are trimmed, and are then taken on the transfer table and moved to the outgoing track for final inspection before going back into service.