

Whitman P. Conn

(- 3 Jan 1937)

Conn, Whitman P. On Sunday, January 3, 1937, at Garfield Hospital, Whitman P. Conn, beloved husband of Catherine Brown Conn, devoted father of Marjorie Ada May and son of Mrs. May P. Rosendall and the late George Conn. Services at the S.H. Hines Co. funeral home, 2901 14th st. n.w. on Tuesday, January 5 at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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Inquiry Launched In Death Of Conn

Physician Refuses to Issue Certificate -- Brain Injury Disclosed

Coroner A. Magruder MacDonald and the police homicide squad today were investigating the death in Garfield Hospital yesterday of Whitman P. Conn, 36-year old contractors' trade journal editor, after his private physician refused to issue a death certificate.

Conn was stricken in his Munsey Building office, December 18, where, several weeks before, he had struck his head on an open filing cabinet, according to his mother, Mrs. May P. Rosendall. Later that day, Conn went to his mother's home for her birthday celebration and was stricken a second time.

An autopsy shortly after his death showed a brain injury, Coroner MacDonald said, which will necessitate several days' microscopic study to determine its exact nature.

Detective Clyde Strange was investigating a report the ailment was brought about when Conn was struck on the head while boxing with a friend.

Conn's mother said she knew nothing of this, but that her son had complained to her and his wife for several weeks

after telling them he had struck his head on an office cabinet. He refused to call a physician until stricken at his

office, according to Mrs. Rosendall.

After swearing in a coroner's jury yesterday in case an inquest is decided necessary, Conn's body was released to the

Hines Undertaking Parlors, where funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. tomorrow. Burial will be in Congressional

Cemetery.

Conn, a native of Washington and graduate of Central High School, was editor of "The Constructor."

He had been engaged in newspaper work for more than 10 years, beginning under the late John Boyle of the Wall Street

Journal. Later he was connected with the Washington bureau of the New York Journal of Commerce and the Washington

Post.

Seven years ago he became a public relations officer for the Associate General Contractors of America, which had

headquarters here. Two years ago he was made editor of the association's monthly journal..

Besides his mother, he is survived by his widow, Mrs. Catherine Brown Conn; a daughter, Marjorie Ada May Conn, and a

brother, John P. Rosendall, all of Washington, and a sister, Mrs. Ada May Albrecht of Cleveland.