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EDISON RESTS IN WORKROOM THAT HE LOVED

Private Services Will Be
Held for Inventor
Wednesday.

WORLD VOICES SORROW

Thousands to Pay Respects
at Bier: Hoover May
Attend Funeral.

(Edison's life in sketches and other
stories on Page 3.)

BY DELOS SMITH
United Press Staff Correspondent

WEST ORANGE, N. J., Oct. 19.—Men long in the service of Thomas A. Edison stood watch today in relays, at his bier, while other workers and the public filed past to do the great inventor homages.

The man whom death called Sunday lay in a simple bronze casket in the ivy-covered laboratory and library building where most of his great achievements were wrought.

At the corners of the dais, Edison men, middle aged, with solemn air and arms folded, were on guard. Each fifteen minutes the guard was changed.

Meantime, a flow of workers of the Edison concern and fellow citizens of the Oranges passed for a last view of the man whose life work was an everlasting monument of scientific success.

Funeral on Wednesday

Banked high around the casket were masses of flowers.

Those who came to pay a tribute of farewell were allowed to enter the structure through a roped aisle, from streets barred off within the region of the factory. Police were there in large numbers.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon from Glenmont, where early Sunday Edison succumbed to his long siege of uremia and complications. Details were kept secret.

The family wanted privacy today, after its harrowing hours of the last few weeks, and their spokesman steadfastly refused even to say where burial would be.

Milan, O., had been named by one close to the family as Edison's final resting place, but this was denied positively by a spokesman. The United Press learned that consideration was being given to a plan to bury Edison within Llewellyn Park, the secluded and beautiful section of West Orange, where Edison had his estate.

Services to Be Simple

Rosedale cemetery also was mentioned, but the superintendent said no arrangements had been made here, and he believed the interment would be out of town.

Funeral services will be simple and private. President Hoover may come, but that is not yet certain, for affairs of state may prevent him from paying his tribute of personal presence to the man he so admired. Harvey Firestone and Henry Ford, close friends of Edison, will be present.

Messages of grief have come by wireless, by cable, by telegraph wires—so many of them that telegraph companies were instructed last night to stop deliveries until this morning. Two secretaries had tried vainly to care for the messages transmitted since Edison died in his sleep at 3:24 Sunday morning.

Casket in Library

Today the casket was placed in the laboratory library, on a bier in the center of the great silent room. The room is in the three-story main building of the group that comprises the laboratory. It is high ceilinged, about 30x45 feet. There the 84-year-old inventor spent years of research, many of the world's most useful inventions.

Two tiers of gallery run around the walls, one above the other. These and the space beneath them are divided into alcoves filled with books which deal with thousands of scientific problems and technical subjects. Mineral and vegetable specimens also are stored there.

One above contains a cot where

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CITY HIGH IN BUILDING

Surpassed by Only Six in Nation
in September Permits.

Only six cities in the nation exceeded Indianapolis in the volume of building permits issued in September, according to figures announced today by S. W. Strauss & Company.

The report revealed the total value of building permits issued here in September, \$2,104,073, was nearly three times as great as for September, 1930, and nearly double that of August, 1931.

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were General Pershing, Marshall Petain of France and Governor John Garland Pollard of Virginia.

None Too High or Too Humble



Thomas A. Edison, whose scientific scholarships attracted world-wide attention, is shown upper left with Wilbur Huston, the winner in 1929. At right you see him with Crown Prince Gustavus Adolphus

of Sweden, and below is the antiquated flivver in which he took the prince riding. Bob Sherwood, old-time circus clown whom the inventor befriended, is pictured lower left.

—Surrender Field, YORKTOWN, Va., Oct. 19.—President Hoover urged the country today to take courage from the historic spirit of her ancestors and have faith in the future.

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From October, 1929, to May 6, 1930, the bills rendered for water on these small houses were \$123.35. The amount was practically all that was collected in rents, after payment of taxes.

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—Akron Banks Get Millions to Spur Business.

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—BARNUM CLOWN DEAD

AGED FORMER CIRCUS FUNSTER PASSES AT HOME; Grief Is Blamed.

BY UNITED PRESS

IONIA, Mich., Oct. 19.—George H. Snow, known twenty years ago as the clown "Humpty Dumpty," with the Barnum and Bailey circus, died at his home here Sunday, and was seen by the police.

Physicians attributed his death to grief over the death of his son Raymond. The aged former clown, who became owner of the Ionia hotel, will be buried in Ludlow, Vt., his birthplace.

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—PROGRAMS FOR EDISON

POWER and Light Clubs to Pay Tribute Wednesday.

MEMBERS of the Ipalco and Edison Clubs of the Indianapolis Power and Light Company will pay tribute to the late Thomas A. Edison Wednesday noon in a memorial meeting at the Morris street administration club.

Senator Arthur R. Robinson will speak. The Edison club of the power company is composed of employees who have been in the service twenty years or more.

—QUIZ BOY IN MURDER

CECIL SPURLOCK, 13, Only Witness in Feud Slaying.

BY UNITED PRESS

BROWNSTOWN, Ind., Oct. 19.—Cecil Spurlock, 13, son of John Spurlock, who, with his brother, Pleas, is on trial here charged with the feud murder of Patton Gibson, 69, was the only witness called at this morning's session.

Cecil was with his father when Gibson was slain, admittedly by one of the two men. He testified regarding the events leading up to the slaying, corroborating previous defense testimony that Gibson was shot after he drew a weapon and threatened the Spurlocks' lives.

Cecil said, however, that he did not see who fired the fatal shot.

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—CHILLY WEEK-END

DETROIT, Oct. 19.—Warren Simons, 17, is in Receiving hospital with a fractured arm today because of his chivalrous impulses. The youth saw a woman in distress Saturday night. He decided to crank her automobile.

Miss Louise Robinson, Dr. U. G. Lipes, Indianapolis physician; F. E.

HAVE COURAGE AND FAITH, IS HOOVER PLEA

President Cites History to
Hearten Country in
Hour of Depression.

SPEAKS AT YORKTOWN

Colorful Pageant Staged on
Site of Cornwallis'
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YORKTOWN Pageant Story and Pictures
on Page 2.

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