

Injured By Fall



MISS MARIE McDONOUGH

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INJURED TRYING TO SAVE FRIEND, WITNESSE SAY

Miss Marie McDonough, 18, and Companion Plunge Four Stories in Elevator Shaft At New Rochelle

Miss Marie McDonough, 18, of Worcester, was probably fatally injured, and her girl companion, Miss Frances Covey, 18, of Messina N. Y., was instantly killed when they plunged four stories down an elevator shaft at a dormitory in the College of New Rochelle at New Rochelle, N. Y., yesterday. Miss McDonough is a member of the freshman class, as was Miss Covey.

Miss McDonough, who is the daughter of Patrick T. McDonough, 1 View street, is in a critical condition at the New Rochelle hospital. She has a fracture of the skull and internal injuries. Hospital authorities held little hope for her recovery at an early hour this morning.

Mr. McDonough, with Jack Barry, Holy Cross baseball coach, who is an uncle of the girl, left late yesterday for New York after word of the accident had been received here. The first information was that Miss McDonough had been killed, but later messages said she was still alive.

Playing in Corridor

The two girls were playing hide and seek in Maura hall, one of the college dormitories, and in some manner not yet determined by the authorities fell down the shaft. It is believed that Miss McDonough tried to save her classmate from falling and was pulled down with her.

Miss McDonough and Miss Covey occupied rooms on the fourth floor of the dormitory, and shortly after dinner yesterday they started a game of hide and seek. Their laughter rang through the hallways as they raced up and down seeking one another, and the other girls in the dormitory paid little attention to their sport.

Suddenly there was a scream that brought the other girls rushing into the corridor. They were just in time to see one of the girls leaning over the elevator shaft apparently trying to save the other girl from falling. Before they could reach the two girls both of them fell.

One Instantly Killed

Sisters in charge of the school were notified and they hurried to the bottom of the elevator shaft. The two unfortunate young women were lifted from the shaft and medical aid was summoned. Miss Covey was pronounced dead. Miss McDonough was unconscious and after emergency treatment was hurried to the hospital, where physicians began a battle to save her life. The seriousness of her injuries, however, gave little encouragement to their efforts.

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Detective John J. McGowan and Medical Examiner Amos O. Squires began an investigation, but were unable to determine in their preliminary inquiry whether the door of the elevator shaft had been left open or one of the girls had opened it in an attempt to find a hiding place.

Miss McDonough was born in Worcester, but since she was nine years old has been away from the city much of the time pursuing her education. She is widely known here, however, having made many acquaintances during her visits in the summer vacations and at other times.

Recently in Worcester

The young woman spent her Christmas holidays in this city at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Mary L. McDonough, and returned to New Rochelle last Tuesday. During her visit here she attended several parties given by her acquaintances. She also went to Hartford where she has relatives and was presented to society at a dinner given at the Hartford club.

Miss McDonough is a graduate of St. Mary's seminary in East Providence, R. I., where she achieved high scholastic honors graduating as an honor pupil. She was editor of "Literary Society," the school paper. During her stay at the school she won many medals for proficiency in school work. She is an accomplished musician.

Last September she entered the College of New Rochelle and became one of the most popular girls in the freshman class.

Her father is treasurer of the L. W. Pond Machine & Foundry Co. She has one sister Evelyn, who is a pupil at the Ascension high school in Worcester. Until last September the two sisters had been inseparable, both attending the same schools.