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MRS. YOUNG IS CALLED BY DEATH

Mrs. W. Bo Young, of 219 Maple Avenue, passed away at 1:30 o'clock this morning in the Maple "Avenue Hospital following an operation for mastoids which she underwent at 12:30 o'clock yesterday (Tuesday, January 08th). Mrs. Young was admitted to the hospital on Monday following a sudden attack, and although everything available was done to save her life she passed away at the hour stated.

Mrs. Young was born on January 09, 1874, and was 55 years old to the very day when she died. She was born at Beaverton, Pennsylvania, but had lived in this city for a great many years. She was a woman generally liked and in her death a fine Christian character will be removed from the community.

Mrs. Young is survived by her husband and the following children: Pearl; Joseph W.; Delilah and Ferman, all at home. Two brothers, William Martin, of Patton, and Thomas Martin, of Parsons, West Virginia; and a sister, Miss Lydia Martin, of Patton, also survive.

The funeral will be private as the Young home is quarantined for scarlet fever, but friends wishing to view the body may do so through the porch windows from 10 until 12 Thursday morning, and from 2 until 4 in the afternoon. No services will be held here, but the body will be taken to Brisbin, Pennsylvania, where Reverend H. J. Whitte, pastor of the Full Gospel Church, will conduct the services. Burial will be made at Brisbin.

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By 1925 Tipperary Hill had become such a bustling hub of activity city officials decided to install a traffic light at the corner of Tompkins and Milton.

Little did they know the Irish had their own design in mind for the light.

As soon as the light was up, John Ryan, alderman of the tenth ward asked city officials to place the green over red in honor of the neighborhood's Irish heritage.

The city acquiesced and the Irish were happy.

Shortly afterwards, city officials complied with state laws and put the red on top and the green on the bottom. That didn't set well with the Tipperary Hill Irish, especially the youngsters. Instead of getting mad, the youths got even by knocking out the red light with stones. As fast as the city could replace the lights red lens, the kids were back with more stones. No one ever knew the names of the stone throwers, because there weren't any witnesses. And some West Enders still claim the deed was the work of leprechauns.

Finally, members of the "Tipperary Hill Protective Association", including 'Dinty' Gilmartin the grocer, Jim Kernan, who ran the neighborhood movie house, Isadore Wichman, a tailor who owned a shop on Tipperary Hill, and John O'Reilly talked city fathers into overlooking the state regulations.

Green was soon back on top, and green its been ever since on the Tipperary Hill traffic light - believed to be the only one of its kind in the world.

Today this traffic signal is a landmark to the West End Irish. Tipperary Hill will never lose its Irish heritage. On Sunday afternoon, October 30, 1994 Monsignor Frank L. Sammons, (pastor of Saint Patrick's Church on Hamilton Street) blessed and dedicated TIPPERARY HILL MEMORIAL PARK - a small park with benches and three flags flying in the wind, the American, the tri-color flag of the Irish Republic, and the county flag of County Tipperary, Ireland.