

Professor Shann was the author of several works on economic subjects. His first publication was "Cattle Chosen," which appeared in 1926. In 1927 there appeared "The Boom of 1888-90," in which he was tracing the world depression of the next few years. Other publications were—"An Economic History of Australia," (1920), "Quotas or Stable Money?" (1933), "The Crisis in Australian Finance, 1929-31" (1931), "The Battle of the Plains" (1931), and "The Australian Price Structure" (1933). The last three mentioned were written in collaboration with Professor Lysons.

One of Professor Shann's foremost interests in private life was golf. He was many years a member of the Perth Golf Club and chairman of the greens committee of that club. On his arrival in Adelaide, he joined the Royal Adelaide Golf Club and was one of the most popular members at Seaton, his skill attested by an unusually short handicap.

Professor Shann married a daughter of Dr. Eddie, of Winesheia, Victoria. He leaves a widow and three daughters, one of whom is resident in Perth. The other daughters accompanied their parents to Adelaide, where the family has occupied, during the absence abroad of the owner, the house of Dr. E. Britten Jones, at Moleworth street, North Adelaide.

Tribute From Dr. Mauldon,

Melbourne University

MELBOURNE, May 23.—"Professor Shann was one of the most eminent Australians, and his contributions in the field of economic history will certainly give him a high place in the roll of academic scholarship in this country," the senior lecturer in economics at the University (Dr. Mauldon) said tonight.

Professor Shann brought his own peculiar gifts to the study of economic problems," he added. "He was constantly reminding us of the dangers of attempting to depart too far from the historic role which a country like Australia still has to play in the territorial division of labor throughout the world. He was an academic economist in the best sense, always a little uncomfortable in the hurly burly of controversy, but throwing himself into the controversy of the hour and certainly leaving his mark thereon."



THE WINDOW from which Prof. E. G. Shann fell is marked by a cross. The man in the picture is standing on the spot where Prof. Shann was found dying by a girl student.

HIGH TRIBUTE FROM W.A. VICE-CHANCELLOR

Speaks of Work in Perth

PERTH, May 24.—"The news about Professor Shann will be a sorrow to members of the University," said the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Western Australia (Professor H. G. Cook) last night, "and to a wide circle of friends scattered all over Australia, in addition to many more in Britain and other countries. A man of particularly keen and vigorous mind, and taking lively interest in his fellows, Professor Shann was an extraordinary number of people in a vivid and personal way. He was the senior professor of economics in Australia, and held the chair in Western Australia since 1913. He came to us with a wide experience of universities, considering his years, having taught in Melbourne, Adelaide, and Brisbane, and studied also at the London University's School of Economics."

"We, the older members of the University, can recall his enthusiasm," he added. "Both he and his wife were very little older than the students, and got to know them better than most of us. When the Great War broke out he was one of the first to offer his services, and paid part of their salaries to a relief fund. Afterwards he wished to enlist, but his wife would not let him go, and he went in other spheres. Perhaps his period of greatest service to the University and the State was in the difficult years of the depression, when he was for three years Vice-Chancellor, and brought the University out of the doldrums, with a particularly keen interest in agricultural development and agricultural education and research. To this period we owe the establishment of Scobie scholarships in agriculture."

"A few years before the financial crisis," went on the Vice-Chancellor, "Professor Shann published a monograph, 'The Boom of 1890 and After,' which warned Australia of the trouble which was likely to happen in the years 1929-31. His influence on the University and in the State had been great, and we wish to see him die as a constructive young man, he decided to accept the chair of economics in the Adelaide University, where he was working closer to the financial centres of Australia and colleagues in other universities. We are glad and thankful that he was here for the last time, and we sympathize deeply with his wife and daughters."

PROFESSOR MELVILLE'S TRIBUTE

"I Have Lost a Good Friend"

SYDNEY, May 23.—"My constant association with Professor Shann in recent years will always be one of my happiest memories," said Professor Melville, of the University of Sydney, in a letter to the Bank of Australia. "His was the quick eye to observe and the ready wit to explain. I shall always think of him as the greatest inspiration and the gayest companion. His joy in living lightened heavy tasks. He was a never-failing stimulant. He added to his gifts as an economist and historian a rare insight into the human mind and the relation of economic abstractions. In Professor Shann the Commonwealth has lost a great servant and a good friend."

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MYSTERY FEELINGS OF PROF. SHANN'S DEATH Letter Found Said to Be Business Note

DETECTIVES STILL INQUIRING

Detectives inquiring into the death of Prof. Shann, who was found dying 15 ft. from the wall below a window of a room in the main building of the University last night, were reticent about the line of inquiry they were pursuing today.

It was learned, however, that no importance was attached to the visit of a man, so far unknown, to the University shortly before Prof. Shann was found, or to a number of pennies found on the floor of the room from which he fell.

The registrar of the University (Mr. F. W. Eardley) said that a letter found in the room was purely a business letter, and added that it was an examination paper.

No decision has yet been made whether an inquest will be held.

Prof. Shann's funeral will leave the University for the Crematorium, West terrace, at 11 o'clock, and a Western Australian dress will not be worn. The University will be closed again tomorrow.

Stick-in-the-mud tributes were paid to Prof. Shann in London by the Prime Minister (Mr. Lyons), in Sydney by the Acting Prime Minister (Dr. Fahey), and in Adelaide by the Acting Premier (Mr. Ritchie). Mr. Lyons declared that Prof. Shann's death was a misfortune to Australia and a great personal loss to him.

University officers and students said today that the lecture which Prof. Shann completed about 20 minutes before his death was given in his usual rather humorous manner. After leaving the lecture papers to his room and methodically placed some of them on the table of Mr. LaNauze in the adjoining room. It was from this room that he fell. He left the remainder in a case in his own room. His hat and the roll cards of his class were so left neatly in his room. All apparently was in readiness there for him to leave.

Some pennies were found on the floor of the room from which he fell, nearer the professor's room than the window. The sill of the window which was found open is about 2 ft. 6 in. high, and the sill slopes sharply both inside and outside the window. The outside sill is about 4 in. wide and that inside even narrower.

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Jokes at Lecture

After the professor had completed his lecture, a man called at the lecture theatre and inquired for him. He was wearing a grey suit. Mr. O. Worrall, an assistant caretaker, who was cleaning the windows there, told the man that the professor had probably returned to his room. He does not know who the man was, nor whether he went to the professor's room.

Students who attended Prof. Shann's lecture said that there was nothing in his manner that would normally have attracted attention. Messrs. L. S. Crisp, G. Sunter, and M. Finnis, of St. Mark's College, agreed that the fact that Prof. Shann sat down at the lecture and did not give any sign that he was not in good health.

Mr. K. Richards, a commerce student, said that Prof. Shann usually lectured in a rather dry, semi-humorous style. His lecture yesterday was quite one or two jokes during the lecture which aroused laughter from the students.

On one occasion, about two months ago, however, Prof. Shann complained that he was not well, and closed a lecture five or 10 minutes early. "Another student said that he thought Prof. Shann had sat down so that the diagram on the blackboard would not be obscured."

Mr. J. A. LaNauze, lecturer in economics at the University, said that as far as he knew, Prof. Shann was in good health. He could not remember having heard Prof. Shann complain of having been ill. He had not spoken to Prof. Shann yesterday.

He did not notice whether the window from which Prof. Shann fell was open during the day.

"I knew Prof. Shann very well," Mr. LaNauze added. "I cannot tell you anything more that is not common knowledge."

LONDON, May 23.—Prof. Shann's death is not only a misfortune to Australia, but I regard it as a serious personal loss, said the Australian Prime Minister (Mr. Lyons) today.

Mr. Lyons recalled the harmony of his work with Prof. Shann in the preparation of the Premiers' plan. In this work Prof. Shann showed outstanding ability.

The Acting Premier (Mr. Ritchie) said that he was very grieved to learn of the death of Prof. Shann, and paid a tribute to the splendid service which he had rendered during the economic stress.

The Minister said that he had had an interview with him recently, in which the professor indicated a line of study which he had undertaken regarding the reduction of the national debt.

Mr. Ritchie said that he was much impressed by the zeal and insight which Prof. Shann had regarding the great national problems of economics. It was indeed a serious loss to the State and to Australia that a man of his gifts and personality should have passed away.

The Acting Premier said that he with many others in the State desired to express deepest sympathy to those who had been bereaved. "I desire to express the regret both of the Commonwealth Government and of myself at the death of Prof. Shann," said the Acting Prime Minister (Dr. Fahey). "He was one of the best informed thinkers, with one of the best informed minds in Australia, and his services were of incalculable value to the governments of Australia during the depression."

"His work was characterised by a long-range vision and a national outlook, and his death is a national loss."

TRIBUTES TO PROFESSOR SHANN

No Inquest to Be Held

FUNERAL TODAY

"Suffered From Overwork"

At the conclusion of police enquiries yesterday into the death of Professor E. O. G. Shann, Professor of Economics at the Adelaide University, who was fatally injured when he fell from a window at the University on Thursday evening, a report was handed by Plainclothes Constable E. J. Davis to the City Coroner (Mr. A. S. Blackburn), who decided that no inquest would be necessary.

Police officials said yesterday that, while they had been unable to trace the man who is alleged to have called at the University and asked to see Professor Shann shortly before the tragedy occurred, they were satisfied that there had been no foul play.

The funeral will leave the University for the crematorium, West terrace, at 11 a.m. today. The University will be closed all day. Yesterday further tributes to Professor Shann's work were paid by University political leaders throughout Australia. A cable message from London states that the Prime Minister (Mr. Lyons) said that Professor Shann's death was not only a misfortune for Australia, but a serious personal loss. He recalled the harmonious work with Professor Shann in the preparation of the Premiers' Plan, in which Professor Shann showed outstanding ability.