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LANDMARK. The house once owned by Peter Cooper, designer of the first U.S. steam locomotive, stands on corner of Clinton and Front Streets, Hempstead, awaiting removal to Nassau County's Old Bethpage Village Restoration. Built in the 17th or early 18th Century, the house will be restored to its 19th-Century appearance by the county.

Marine's Death in Vietnam Casts Pall Over Small Town

Shelter Island—The agony of the Vietnam war will touch almost everyone in this eastern Long Island town today, Veterans Day, when they bury Marine S/Sgt. James Wilson, who died of heat exhaustion while on patrol last month.

Wilson, 24, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson of State Road, was the first resident of Shelter Island (pop. 1,552) to die in Vietnam. "We are all going to his funeral," said Shelter Island Supervisor Evans K. Griffing last night. "It's almost as if each of us has lost a son. We're such a small town, it's as if we're the same family."

The services were to be held at 11 AM at Our Lady of Isles Church and Wilson, who died Oct. 30, will be buried afterward in the church cemetery. He is survived by his parents; his wife, Diana; a son, Michael, 2, and a sister, Mrs. Margaret Oliver of Shelter Island. Wilson and his family had been living in Jacksonville, N.C., which is near Camp Lejeune, but after his death, his wife and son traveled to Shelter Island to attend the funeral.

He had enlisted in the Marines five and a half years ago after graduating from Shelter Island High School, where he had won letters as a first basemen on the baseball team. After training at Parris Island and Camp Lejeune, he was sent to Vietnam 10 months ago. In September, he had been wounded in the back by shrapnel and was awarded a Purple Heart. Two days before he died, he was promoted to

staff sergeant in charge of a machine gun squad. In one of his last letters to his wife, Wilson had written: "When I die, don't let anybody knock this war, Diana. We're here for a purpose."

Charge Babylon Man In Westbury Holdup

Babylon—FBI agents arrested an unemployed house painter at his home here yesterday and charged him with participating in the armed robbery of a Westbury bank last month in which \$19,230 was taken.

The FBI identified the suspect as Edward T. Meisel, 27, who gave his address as 199 Montgomery St., here. Meisel is accused of taking part in the Oct. 5 robbery of the Valley National Bank at 1570 Old Country Rd., Westbury. A second man, Wallace F. Graham, 38, a Hicksville house painter, was seized last week by the FBI and also charged with taking part in the robbery.

A third participant in the holdup is still being sought. Authorities originally believed that \$29,000 had been stolen but an audit showed that only \$19,230 was taken. The money has not yet been recovered, the FBI said. Meisel, who was held for arraignment today in U.S. District Court in Brooklyn, could receive up to 20 years in jail if convicted.

3 Franzese Jurors Chosen

Kew Gardens—Three more jurors were chosen yesterday and one was dropped from the panel in the murder trial of John (Sonny) Franzese, leaving only one more juror and two alternates to be chosen.

One juror told State Supreme Court Justice Albert H. Bosch that a friend who was familiar with the case had called him and discussed it, so the juror was dismissed by Bosch. His place was taken by a retired pressman, and a draftsman and a City

Sanitation Department foreman were added to the jury.

Jury selection will resume Monday. Franzese, 48, of 47 Shrub Hollow Rd., Roslyn, a reputed Cosa Nostra boss, is being tried with three other defendants for first-degree murder in the killing of Ernest (Ernie the Hawk) Rupolo, an underworld figure who turned informer for the police. The other defendants are Thomas Mateo, 24; Joseph (Whitey) Florio, 40, and William (Red) Crabbe, 42.

LI Defense Plant Strike Goes On

Westbury—Pickets from the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (AFL-CIO) continued to pace in front of Reeves Instrument Division's plant at East Gate and Zeckendorf Boulevards, Roosevelt Field, yesterday in a week-long strike against the company.

Meetings between management and Locals 478 and 378 of the union before government negotiators were planned for next week. Because of the Veterans

Day holiday observed by government employees yesterday, no meetings were held. Production at the plant, which makes radar and electronic devices and does government contract work for the war in Vietnam, has been limited by the strike, which began when contracts expired Nov. 3. Management last met with Local 478 last Tuesday and with Local 378 Thursday, as mediators tried to reach a settlement.

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