

Carnegie Hero Fund Commission Honors Couple for Attempted Rescue at Pelham, N. H., Last Winter—Trophy Awarded Posthumously in One Case.

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 30, (AP).—The Carnegie Hero Fund commission awarded medals today to a Boston biochemist who went to the aid of a boy attacked by a shark, and to two Lawrence, Mass., men who attempted to rescue two drowning men.

The commission awarded 33 medals in all for bravery.

Walter Norris Stiles, aged 52, of Boston, a biochemist, won his for his courage in attempting to save a youth attacked by a shark close in-shore in Buzzard's bay last summer.

Edward L. Ducharme, aged 21, of Lawrence, Mass., and Alexis Desjardin (alias Gardner), also of Lawrence, won theirs for a valiant but unsuccessful attempt to save two men from drowning at Pelham, N. H., last winter.

Rescuer Lost Life.

Desjardin lost his life in the attempt and his medal goes to his sister, Demerise Frechette of Lawrence.

Stiles, in winning his medal, saw Joseph C. Troy jr., aged 16, a high school student, carried under the water while both were swimming July 25. Calling, "Shark! Bring your boat!" to a man in a vessel moored near by, the Carnegie commission reports, Stiles saw Joseph rise, his

leg bitten from the hip to the knee.

Stiles locked his arm in Troy's and swam toward the approaching boat, which took them aboard. Troy died three hours later at a hospital.

When Benjamin Skusevich, aged 20, and John P. Amshy, aged 25, broke through thin ice on White's pond, Desjardin, heavily clothed, threw a line to Skusevich. As Desjardin began to pull him in the ice broke under him, too. The two men hung to the line but Amshy sank to his death.

Meanwhile Ducharme, the commission reported, pushed out a ladder to Desjardin. The latter gripped it while men ashore began to pull on a rope attached to it, but soon lost his hold.

Ducharme then ventured into the danger zone with the ladder and, though the ice broke beneath him he found an opening to Desjardin. Skusevich, however, sank.

Again the men on the bank hauled on the rope but an ice ledge held the ladder with the men back. Ducharme supported Desjardin for half an hour, the commission reported, before firemen arrived and rescued the pair. Desjardin did not survive the exposure and Ducharme, exhausted, was disabled for more than two weeks.