



## Find Pair Dead In Pickup Truck

A pair of Florida bound Clarksville area residents were found dead in a pickup truck near Elkhart, Indiana Saturday.

The driver of the truck was Franklin Purchase, 44, of Mick Road, and his passenger was Glen D. Moore, 29, also of Mick Road.

The truck had been parked in a supermarket lot. Cause of death is believed to have been accidental poisoning from carbon monoxide.

Glenn D. Moore was born June 27, 1942, in Ionia, the son of Mrs. and Mr. Glenn C. Moore. He was married February 27, 1961, in Ionia to Bonny Green and lived most of his life in the Saranac and Ionia areas. He was employed by an industrial maintenance construction company of Lansing.

Surviving besides his wife, are three daughters, Sherri Lynn, Carol Lou and Nancy Leah, all at home; mother, Mrs. Eva Moore of Hastings; four brothers, Richard E. of Ionia, Emil of Washington state, Charles of Vietnam and John of Hastings; five sisters, Mrs. Gleneth Brack of Cadillac, Mrs. Frances Thomas of Lowell, Mrs. Sheri Bullock of Hastings, Shirley Moore of Colorado and Eva Lou Moore of Hastings.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Morris-Roetman Funeral Home in Saranac with interment at Saranac Cemetery.

Mr. Purchase was born November 10, 1927, in Grand Rapids. He was a veteran of the Korean War and a construction carpenter working out of Grand Rapids.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Jack Martin of South Haven and Angela Joy Purchase of Grand Junction; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Purchase of Kissimmee, Florida; three sisters, Margaret Purchase of Beirut, Lebanon, Mrs. William VanderZee of Wyoming and Mrs. James Berry of Constock Park; two brothers, Robert of Clinton, Massachusetts, and Richard of Grand Haven.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Reyers North Valley Funeral Home at 2815 Fuller, N.E., Grand Rapids. Rev. Robert Lignell of Faith Lutheran Church of Grand Rapids officiated. Interment at Plainfield Township Cemetery.

## High School Bomb Threat

Students at the Lowell Senior High School were evacuated from the building at 8:20 a.m. Monday morning—not for a fire drill, but another bomb threat.

For two and one half hours the huge facility was searched by the high school faculty and the Lowell Police Department—they could turn up nothing, so school was called back to order.

Lowell Police will continue their investigation using several possible leads. This common occurrence at the high school has seen the students forced to stand out in the cold while the premises are searched.

A vandalism complaint was also investigated at the school parking lot Monday. A car, in the lot, was damaged—a headlight was broken and two outside mirrors were ripped off. This complaint also remains under investigation.

## Masons To Hear Ionia's John First

John First of Ionia will be the guest speaker at the dinner meeting of the Lowell Masonic Lodge March 11, following a potluck dinner at 7 p.m. His portion of the program will commence at eight o'clock.

Mr. First will depict an aspect of U. S. Foreign Aid to under developed countries. As a graduate of Michigan State University, his studies provided him with the necessary qualifications to meet a need in Kabul, Afghanistan.

The University of Wyoming was to supply a soil specialist in their contract to this country sometimes referred to as the "Switzerland of Asia." As this vacancy was not filled, they were allowed to enlist another qualified person. First and his family filled the position from June of 1966 until December of 1968.

His specific duties were to assist in the establishment of a University Farm as a place for Agricultural training, research and demonstrations.

In 1954, between his junior and senior year at MSU, First participated in the International Foreign Youth Exchange program in Israel.

During his Afghanistan assignment, he spent a three week R and R vacation with the families he lived with in Israel. First's program will feature slides of both Afghanistan and Israel.

This interesting program is open to all area Masons, their families and friends. Attendees are asked to bring their own table service and a dish to pass.

## Can You Help Us, Help Others?

Services rendered at the Lowell Area Community Center on Grand River Drive continue to expand, as do the donations that are being made to assist the center in adequately helping families in need.

"Can you help us, help others," is the slogan being used as the Center's workers canvass the area to seek new or used items needed as cases arise. Currently, they are in need of mattresses and bedding for a family that is now sleeping on the floor.

Such items as clothing, used furniture, food, canned goods, paper products, hand soap, toys, or whatever, are among the distributed goods provided at the center. If you would like to donate any of these items, arrangements can be made to pick up by calling 897-9159 any Tuesday morning between the hours of 9 and 12 noon.

Since their last public accounting, the Center has received valuable donations from the following—a doctor's examination table from Dr. Orval McKay and Dr. Donald Gerard; a complete drain system from Clark Plumbing and Heating; Christmas gifts for small children from the Grattan Ladies Eastern Star and the Alto Churches; a deluxe mop, Shirley Payne; electric polisher, Bissell Carpet Company of Grand Rapids.

Hahn's Hardware, paint to complete inside of the building; Mrs. Nickelson of Jenison, Second Mild House of Cascade, Lloyd and June Stevens, Sharon Miles, Janet Brailey, M. Holzer and Mrs. Rensland, furniture, clothing and miscellaneous.

The rooms have been partitioned off in the Center, located in the former West Lowell United Brethren Church, and the next project to be completed is the drain system. Volunteer help from the Ada Congregator's Youth group, under the guidance of John Adrians, Boyd Morrow and Earl Gee, are working week ends to complete the project.

Special thanks from the center goes to the Ada area churches for their volunteer work in cleaning and renovating the Gaylene Tunison home at 8150-28th Street, which burned recently, leaving the family homeless.

The ladies and youth groups of these churches have been cleaning, scrubbing, and fixing so the family can return to live in the house. The youth group have been working under the direction of Dave Anible and Jo VanderPoe.

Wesleyan Church Missionary Ladies Group are making gowns and layettes for the clinic which will be open one-half day a week when renovation is completed. Janet Brailey is having a clothing room for those in need. Clothing may be dropped off at her home, 424 Hudson Street on Fridays at 1 p.m. where they will be sorted and repaired.

Bill Ward has kept the Center's parking lot free of snow this winter and John Adrians, an Ada Plumber, has donated valuable services to the Center. Two other workers, Mr. and Mrs. Martin come from the Alto area.

With the resignation of Father Thelen from St. Mary's Catholic Church, The Rev. Jack Richards of the Ada Congregational Church was elected to the post of treasurer to complete the Center's Board of Directors.

If you have any questions regarding the operation of the Center, its objectives, or would like to make a donation, there is a staff of Center workers there every Tuesday morning to assist you. Give them a call.

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## Millage Renewal Election Monday

Voters residing in the Lowell Area School District are being asked to renew the present operating millage on Monday, March 6. The twelve and one-half operational millage voted two years ago has expired, and a vote is required to renew it. With the twelve and one-half mills expiring, the District is left without any voted millage for the operation of schools.

A renewal of the twelve and one-half mills will enable the district to plan on a continuation of present programs. It will also qualify the district for State Aid.

This past year, the district levied 12.4 of the 12.5 mills voted. The 12.4, coupled with the 10.1 allocated by the county, gave the district a total of 22.5 mills for operation, one of the lowest levies in our area.

How does this millage affect our total financing picture? Under our present state aid formula, the state legislature has set a given amount for each district based on enrollment and state equalized valuation. After establishing this amount, it has inserted a deduction of 20 mills. Therefore, a district such as Lowell would have to levy a minimum of 20 mills to provide its share or to break even.

Putting this another way, any increase in valuation in the district does not give the school added monies, except on that millage levied over 20 mills. This is part of the state legislature's plan to equalize educational opportunities. The legislature tries to do this by giving poor districts a greater amount and high valuation districts a lesser amount, provided they levy at least 20 mills. This is one reason why it is very essential that the present millage be renewed.

Polls will be open at the City Hall in Lowell and at the Bowne Township Hall in Alto from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, March 6, 1972.

Any person having questions on the election, whether it concerns absentee ballots, eligibility to vote, where to vote, or the proposal, is asked to call 897-8415.

### IN OTHER DISTRICTS

Voters of Greenville School turned out last Monday in a special election and approved continuation of additional millage by nearly three to one. The school district sought to continue for two years extra taxes amounting to 15.8 mills. There were 1,169 yes votes and 430 no.

The same amount was approved for the 1971-72 school year, but for only one-year.

Last Tuesday, more than 2,000 voters turned out in Belding and defeated a \$5 million school bond issue by the

narrow margin of 42 votes. The vote was 1,073 for the program, and 1,115 against. A similar bond issue, but for a lesser amount was defeated last June by 175 votes.

If approved, the \$5 million dollar bond issue would have been used to construct, furnish and equip both a new senior high school and an elementary school. It also would have constructed additions at three elementary schools, Orleans, Grattan and Ellis, plus remodel the present high school for use by seventh and eighth grades.

## Outstanding Dairy Couple



DIANNE AND JERROLD RICHMOND

Twelve young dairy couples from throughout the state of Michigan gathered for a two-day visit last week at the Detroit headquarters of Michigan Milk Producers Association. The two-day visit February 21-22 was part of M.M.P.A.'s annual Outstanding Young Dairy Couple competition.

The 12 couples were winners of Young Dairy Couple competition in M.M.P.A.'s 12 geographic districts which cover the state. Among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Jerrold Richmond of Lowell.

M.M.P.A. sponsors the Outstanding Young Dairy Couple competition yearly as a means of developing future leadership in the association. The visit to the Detroit office gives the young couples an opportunity to learn more about milk marketing and enables a panel of judges to meet all the participants personally.

The judges will review applications of the district winners and visit the farms of those selected as finalists before making their decision on this year's Outstanding Young Dairy Couple. The winning couple will represent the state and association during the coming year.

Special guests at the two-day session in Detroit included Elwood and Guydeanne Kirkpatrick of Kinde, the 1971 Outstanding Young Dairy Couple. M.M.P.A. is a milk marketing cooperative composed of more than 6,100 dairy farmers throughout the state.

## Cars Collide

Lowell Police were called to the intersection of Fremont Street and North Washington Street February 26 to investigate a minor personal injury accident.

A car driven by Michael Alan Oberlin collided with a car driven by Ardis Ann Barber. Oberlin was issued a citation for "failure to yield the right-of-way." Mrs. Barber complained of pain.

## Annual Village Election

Saranac voters will go to the polls Monday, March 13, to elect Village officials for two-year terms.

The registered voters will cast their ballots in the Saranac Community building during the voting hours of 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. On the ballot will be a village president, clerk, treasurer and three trustees.

### SHOWBOAT LISTED ON TRAVEL EVENTS CALENDAR

The Michigan Calendar of Travel Events, compiled by the Michigan Tourist Council, lists the Lowell Showboat as one of the main attractions during the month of July.

According to the pamphlet, the 1972 show will be presented July 20-22 and July 27 through 29. Also listed is the Showboat Trailer Rally, July 28-30.

**DELICIOUS CHICKEN & SHRIMP** - Liquor by the Glass. Riverview Inn, just outside East City Limits, Lowell. c40-tf

**DID YOU KNOW** - Walter's Lumber Mart, 925 W. Main, Lowell, has dog food at \$2.15 and pet bedding at \$1.65. c46-47

**ROSIE DRIVE INN** - This Week's Special: Hamburgers, 29¢. Family Nite - Tuesday Nite, 4-8 p.m. c47

**ORDER TICKETS NOW** - For the Lowell Rotary Club's Double-Feature Travelog Thursday, March 23, at 8 p.m., Lowell High School. c47-49

## Beware The Ides Of March

### THE IDES

The stormy March has come at last,  
With wind, and cloud, and changing skies;  
I hear the rushing of the blast  
That through the snowy valley flies.

William Cullen Bryant

March, whose name honors Mars, the Roman god of war, ushers in the beginning of spring and gives a lift to the heart weary from the long winter days. Many animals and plants begin to awaken, green buds begin to swell, and we can start looking for the first robin as a sign that spring is here at last.

There are many superstitions about March. "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb." Also, the first three days of March are said to be "blind days" because they are "unlucky." If rain falls on these days, farmers supposedly will have poor harvests. It is said that some farmers are so superstitious about these three unlucky days that they will not plant seeds until March 4th.

"Beware the Ides of March," the soothsayer warned Julius Caesar. The ides were the middle days of the month according to the Roman calendar system, so the Soothsayer was telling him a definite day. Caesar was assassinated on March 15 in 44 B.C.

And then there's my personal superstition that I'd like to pass on to all those harried housewives who feel home-sweet-home has suddenly developed a bad case of the blahs. "Never chase dust webs in March - they will only be back again in April!" - I like that!



Home Nursing Classes

The Kent County Chapter, American Red Cross will offer two Home Nursing classes...

Are You Getting Married? Engaged?

Are you planning a wedding or getting engaged? The Ledger-Suburban Life will be happy to print your wedding and engagement announcements...

OPEN LETTER from

DAVID GERST

Dear friends, When is a funeral well conducted? We would say that when those in attendance are not conscious that it is being conducted at all...

Respectfully, David Gerst

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Musical Ambassadors



The Symphonettes, musical ambassadors from the Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music, will appear in concert at the First Baptist Church of Lowell on Sunday, March 5, at 7 p.m.

Sixteen On Dean's List

Sixteen Forest Hills graduates made the fall semester Dean's List at Grand Rapids Junior College...

HERE COMES THE BRIDE

Male chauvinists just aren't what they used to be. Back in the days before women thought about the vote, much less equal pay, costs for ladies were treated with reverence...

Cascade Church Tops \$75,000 Building Goal

Mrs. Ralph Schurtz, campaign secretary and Jack R. Jonkhoff, campaign chairman were all "smiles" at Cascade Christian Church Sunday, February 27...



The successful drive will make it possible for the church to proceed with new Christian educational facilities, offices, a new kitchen and dining hall, additional black top parking areas, etc.

Sacred Concert

The Sherwood Singers of Wyoming are returning for another concert at the Church of the Nazarene, at 211 North Washington St., Lowell, this Wednesday evening at 7:30.

SHERWOOD SINGERS

Off To Seminar

Leaving Friday, March 3 for an International Affairs Seminar in New York City and Washington, D. C. are the following youth and advisors from Cascade Christian Church...

The young people will spend the major amount of their time in New York City at the United Nations, with several sightseeing trips arranged as well.

MAP Head To Speak

William Murray, Executive Director of Mission To Area People (M.A.P.) in Muskegon Heights will be the featured speaker of the "Adventures In Missions" series...



WILLIAM MURRAY

World Day Of Prayer

For many years, the Church Women United have sponsored the "World Day of Prayer" during the Lenten Season...

This year, Friday, March 3, the annual World Day Prayer observance "All Joy Be Yours" will be conducted in the Ledger-Suburban Life area at the Cascade Christian Church...

Scouting Spectacular

The Grand Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America has announced a new, much larger Scouting Spectacular for 1972. Encompassing seven counties and 20,000 Scouts...

NEW STORE HOURS STARTING MARCH 1st WEEK DAYS-9 A.M. to 8 P.M. CLOSED ALL DAY SUNDAY Cascade Pharmacy PHONE 949-0890

Social Awareness

On the Wednesday evenings of the Lenten Season, adult instruction classes will be conducted by St. Mary's Catholic Church in their school at 222 Amity Street.

Lutheran Hour

Evangelism is the theme of the Lutheran Hour Rally to be held in Grand Rapids on Sunday, May 7, at the Calvin College Fieldhouse, Knottcrest Campus.

Come to Church

Table listing church services for various denominations: Assemblies, Christian, Episcopal, Nazarene, Baptist, Christian Reformed, Lutheran, Reformed, Congregational, Methodist, Wesleyan, Bible.

Home And Garden Show

The Greater Michigan Home and Garden Show, which opens in Grand Rapids Civic Auditorium on March 13th and continues through the 18th, will be featuring the "Living Gardens" aimed at "Your Environment, Color It Green."

Church Of The Week



Vergennes United Methodist Church



Nazarene Pastor's Annual Meeting

Nazarene church pastors and their wives from this community and area will take part in the annual preachers' conference of the Michigan district to be held at the Holiday Inn, E. Pickard Road, Mt. Pleasant, Monday through Wednesday, March 13-15.

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Obituaries

ABILGALE PETERSON Mrs. Abigail Peterson, 70, of Saranac, died February 24 at the Belding Christian Nursing Home. Born July 15, 1901; near Maple Rapids, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Phillips, she had resided in the Saranac area for the past 30 years.

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### Case Against Tavern Owners Is Dismissed

"No cause for action" was the verdict returned Saturday morning by a six member Ionia County Circuit Court jury panel hearing a suit seeking judgement of \$200,000 in a traffic accident.

Alice Courter of Saranac, instituted the suit following the death of her husband, Richard, on Christmas Eve in 1968. Courter was a passenger in a jeep which crashed into a tree on White's Bridge Road. With Courter at the time was Cecil Egner, of Saranac.

The suit alleged tavern owners in both Ionia and Smyrna were liable for events leading to the driver of the jeep losing control on snow covered roads at the time.

The case got underway Thursday morning before Judge Leo Bebeau and continued until late Friday afternoon. Judge Bebeau reconvened the case in the courthouse Saturday, where he outlined instructions to the jury. The jury returned its no cause for action verdict about 10:30 a.m. resulting in the court ordering the case against the tavern owners be dismissed.

#### TO PLAY AT FESTIVAL

Approximately 155 students in the Forest Hills Junior High Band will compete March 4 at a band festival in Grand Rapids.

Seventy-five students will play in the Class C seventh grade band and 80 bandmen will compete in the eighth grade Class B group. Each band will perform three numbers.

The Forest Hills Junior High Band is under the direction of Richard Streng.



Mrs. Bernard Mohr and son, Gary, look at some of the books already collected for the Whatsoever Circle of Blodgett Hospital's tenth annual used book sale March 21 through March 25 at Eastbrook Mall.

Proceeds from the sale will benefit the x-ray department of Blodgett Hospital. Books are still being collected. Donations can be made by calling Mrs. Jon Forstund, 676-9423, or Mrs. Donald Seekell, 676-5961.



### It's A 92 Billion Dollar Industry

Three Lowell Area School board members, Dr. Siegle, Harold Metternick and Dave Miller, and Superintendent Leonard Sinke came back from Atlantic City with comprehensive and enthusiastic reports of the recent convention they attended there.

"I never knew there were so many companies involved in school business," Dr. Siegle said, "We were told by the convention chairman that it's a 92 billion dollar industry."

In addition to 20,000 exhibits covering an area of three city blocks, the four men attended a variety of meetings including those on negotiations, special ed, hidden costs in schools, school financing, open space schools and team teaching.

Vice-President Spiro Agnew spoke before the convention and all four men returned to Lowell apparently well satisfied with the time spent and, as Metternick put it, "a much wider view of the total school picture."

#### Policy Committee

A brief policy committee report was given on the proposed school board by-laws.

It is felt by the committee that items to be discussed at each meeting should be placed on an agenda and that the agenda should be published in the local newspaper before the meeting.

Individuals wishing to speak at any given meeting should call the superintendent's office so time can be allotted to them. They will be given up to one-half hour to speak at the meeting. Individuals not on the agenda will be limited to five minutes.

#### Summer Band Program

The board voted to operate a summer band program this year in both junior and senior high schools. The program will run for five weeks (probably at the beginning of the summer) and the charge for each student will be ten dollars.

#### Principal's Contracts

It was decided unanimously to offer contracts to the present school principals for the coming 1972-73 school year. Asked to return will be Dennis McMahon, senior high; John Gabrion, junior high; Dirk Venema, Runciman and Intermediate, and Roger Buck, Bushnell and Alto.

The board also voted to appoint Gordon Gould director of guidance at the senior high school.

#### Interest Charged

The City of Lowell informed board members interest will have to be paid on the special assessment for sanitary and storm sewers if the school does not pay it in a lump sum. The board had previously requested a legal opinion on this since they are not legally obligated to pay the assessment in the first place.

The board voted to pay the expenses of Lowell special ed students who will attend the annual week-long summer camp at Delton at the end of this school year.

#### Millage Election

Several of the board members questioned Superintendent Sinke as to what methods were being used to publicize the coming March 6 operating millage election.

They stressed the importance of the public being made aware that this is definitely not a millage increase, that it is merely a continuation of the same rate that has been in effect for the past two years but that has now expired.

Members also felt it important to stress that even though the request is for a continuation of the 12.5 mills, that does not necessarily mean that that much will actually be levied.

Two years ago only 9.9 mills of the 12.5 were levied and last year only 12.4. The increase between the two years was accounted for, in part, by the sudden change in providing free books and supplies to students as opposed to charging book fees. The

increase took care of paying two years of this new expense.

#### One-Day Trip

High School Principal Dennis McMahon spoke to the board on behalf of the senior class requesting a change in the customary senior trip to Lake Michigan. McMahon suggested either a one-day trip to Cedar Point, a Disneyland type of operation in Sandusky, Ohio or a two-day trip to a nearby Dude Ranch.

The board appeared to frown upon the two day request but did give permission for Cedar Point.

#### Rooms Full

An interesting observation following the board meeting: Counting the high school-YMCA night school classes, a basketball game, play practice, annual staff meeting, board meeting and a few other individual school group meetings, every room in the entire building was in use at some time during the evening except two.

However, John Troy didn't show up at any of them.

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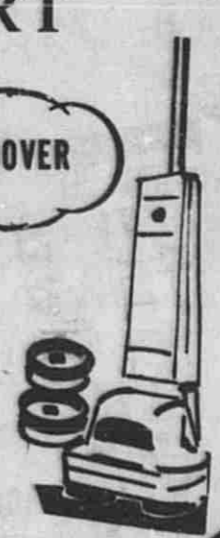
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