

Deaths

R. E. Garner, 49, former athlete

Robert Edward Garner, 49, of 140 Versailles Ave., a native of this city and a former professional football player, died Saturday evening at his home. Death was due to a self-inflicted gunshot wound, police said.

He was born here Aug. 16, 1923, a son of Mrs. Marie Louise (Lesage) Garner, now of Williamstown, and the late Thomas Garner. He attended Notre Dame elementary school and was graduated from Drury High School where he was a star athlete. He was a member of the football and baseball teams. He attended the University of Notre Dame, where he was a member of the football team. He played semi-pro football in this area and later played professionally with the New York Giants.

Robert E. Gamache, from gunshot wound

Robert E. Gamache, 22, of River Road, Savoy, died at his residence Friday night from a gunshot wound in the head. State police listed the death as a suicide.

Born in Adams, a son of Edward R. Gamache Jr. and Doris (Letourneau) Gamache, he attended public schools, graduating from Adams Memorial High School in 1968. He was employed at the Bear Swamp project by J. A. Jones Construction Co. He was a member of Adams Post, American Legion, Burnette-Bednatz Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and attended Notre Dame Church in Adams.

He served two years in the U.S. Marine Corps and was discharged in 1970 following service in Indo-China. Besides his parents, he leaves his

An Army veteran of World War II, he was employed as a foreman by Waverly Fabrics in Adams.

Besides his mother, he leaves his wife, the former Roberta (Mezzanotte) Quirk; one daughter, Mrs. Madeleine Victor of Pittsfield; two sons, Robert and Firefighter John Garner of this city; a step-daughter, Patricia Quirk of this city; one grandson; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be at 9 tomorrow morning at the Flynn & Dagnoli-Montagna Home for Funerals with the Rev. John P. Richard, pastor of Notre Dame Church, officiating. Burial will be in the family lot in Southview Cemetery.

Calling hours at the Flynn & Dagnoli-Montagna Home for Funerals are from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., today.

wife, the former Ellen L. Morino, and a stepson, Joseph Guereau.

Mr. Gamache was pronounced dead by Dr. James J. Macek, Northern Berkshire associate medical examiner, when he was called to the scene by state police.

Private funeral services were held this morning at 10:30 at Notre Dame Church, Adams. Burial was in Bellevue Cemetery, Adams.

Bearers were Bernard Kurely of Savoy, Richard Duprey of Hudson, N.H., and David Letourneau, William Bourdeau, Thomas Keller and Lawrence Choquette, all of Adams.

Albert Gulden and Oscar Choquette, representing the American Legion, folded the flag and presented it to Mrs. Gamache.

Mrs. Harold Sarmiento, 75, of W'mstown

Mrs. Gladys Evelyn (Munson) Sarmiento, 75, wife of Harold Sarmiento of Green River Road, Williamstown, died unexpectedly late Saturday afternoon at her home.

She was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., June 2, 1897, a daughter of the late Charles and Mae (Nicol) Munson. She attended schools in Brooklyn and was married there to Mr. Sarmiento Sept. 26, 1918. She had resided in Williamstown since 1951.

Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter, Mrs. Robert S. Wickman of Williamstown; a son, Raymon of

Valrico, Fla.; and three grandsons, Steven Wicksman of White Plains, N.Y., Roger Wicksman of Williamstown, and Scott Sarmiento of Valrico.

Memorial services were at 3 this afternoon at the First Congregational Church in Williamstown with the Rev. J. Thomas Leamon, pastor, officiating. Cremation will follow.

Friends who wish may make donations in her memory to the North Adams Regional Hospital Building Fund through the Flynn & Dagnoli-Montagna Home for Funerals, which was in charge of arrangements.

Jay Kletsy, 71, sister in city

Jay Kletsy, 71, of Montreal, Canada, a former Springfield businessman and a brother of Mrs. Isadore Wolkin of this city, died yesterday in Montreal.

Retired from the Jelfo Co. of Springfield, he entered college following retirement and received his degree from Miami University in Florida at the age of 63. He had been making his home with a daughter, Mrs. Abner Eisen of Montreal.

Besides his daughter and his sister in

this city, he leaves a son, Dr. Earl Kletsy, a professor at Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.; two other sisters, Mrs. Hyman Kaplan of Newton, a former North Adams resident, and Mrs. Philip Menchel of Manchester, Conn.; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were at 3 this afternoon at the Harold R. Ascher Memorial Chapel in Springfield. Burial was in Kodimoh Cemetery there.

George A. Godin, 65, city native

George A. Godin, 65, of 54 Plum Lane, Gratton, Conn., a North Adams native, died Saturday in Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

A longtime resident of Hadley, he was employed for more than 20 years as grounds superintendent at the Three County Fair Grounds in Northampton. He retired two years ago and moved to Connecticut. He was a member of the Northampton Lodge of Elks.

He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Patricia A. Constantino of Gratton and Mrs. Lorraine Swinney of Ravena, N.Y.; a brother, Norman, of Ludlow; and two sisters, Mrs. Roy Fay and Mrs. Frank Ernest, both of Amherst.

Funeral services took place this morning with a Liturgy of Christian Burial in St. James Church, Hadley, followed by burial in St. Brigid's Cemetery there.

Henry E. Bousquet, retired officer

Henry Edward Bousquet, 73, a retired officer with the Burlington (Vt.) Police Department, died Friday. He was a graduate of Drury High School in this city.

Mr. Bousquet worked for the Burlington Fire Department for two years before joining the police department in 1922. He was one of the first motorcycle policemen in that city and retired in 1949 as an identification officer after 27 years of service. He was an expert pistol marksman and was a

charter member of the New York State Division of the International Assn. for Identification.

He leaves his wife, the former Beatrice M. Healy; two sons, Henry E. Jr., of Garland, Texas, and Edward H. Bousquet of Burlington; a daughter, Mrs. Berkeley Richardson of Vergennes, Vt.; eight grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted this morning in Burlington with burial in Lakeview Cemetery.

Funerals

Miss Muldowney

Funeral services for Miss Kathleen Mary Muldowney, 28, of Cambridge, daughter of John Muldowney of 45 Woodlawn Ave., and the late Mrs. Muldowney, were at 9 this morning with a Liturgy of Christian Burial in Our Lady of the Incarnation Church.

Miss Muldowney, a native of the city, died Thursday morning in Cambridge Hospital of injuries received in a fall in the bathtub of her apartment Dec. 8.

The Rev. Thomas H. Gauvreau, pastor, was celebrant of the Mass and Miss Maria Weber was organist. The Rev. Douglas G. Burgoyne, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Williamstown, a friend of the family, was seated in the sanctuary and conducted the final prayers after the Mass.

Burial was in the family lot in Southview Cemetery with Father Gauvreau and Father Burgoyne conducting the committal service.

Bearers were J. Francis, Daniel, Christopher, Thomas and Michael Kirby, and Howard D'Amico, all of North Adams.

John A. Jackson

Memorial services for John A. Jackson of Orleans, a former Adams resident, were held Friday afternoon at 3 in the Church of the Holy Spirit, Orleans with the Rev. David White, rector, officiating. David DelTridici of Boston, a personal friend of Mr. Jackson, was organist.

Many state and federal officials from Boston and Washington attended the services, including Gov. Francis W. Sargent.

Mrs. Liebenow

Funeral services for Mrs. George Liebenow, 63, a former Williamstown resident who died Wednesday at the Hillcrest Hospital in Pittsfield, were held Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at the Sherman Burbank Memorial Chapel, Williamstown.

The Rev. Gale Locke of the First Baptist Church in Pittsfield officiated and Mrs. Ramsey Petrie was organist.

Bearers were Warren Lucier, Harvey Leach, Walter Lieberman, Beverly Lieberman and Hanley Palmer.

Burial followed in Eastlawn Cemetery, Williamstown.

Henry F. Morgan

Funeral services for Henry Frank Morgan, 63, of 272 Beaver St., were at 9 this morning with a Liturgy of Christian Burial in Notre Dame Church.

Mr. Morgan died unexpectedly at North Adams Regional Hospital about two hours after he had been admitted after being stricken at his home.

Funeral services were delayed until today to permit three of his sons, Robert, Richard and Ralph, who live in Oregon, to attend. Another son and three daughters live in this area.

The Rev. John P. Richard, pastor, was celebrant of the Mass. Hector J. Pelletier was organist.

Burial was in the family lot in Southview Cemetery with Father Richard officiating at the committal service.

Bearers were Gordon Aubin of Plattsburgh, N.Y., Edward Carpenter and Carl Hewitt of Clarksburg, Joseph Lora of Stamford, Vt., Edward LaForest and John Crockwell of this city.

Mrs. W. C. Coughlin

Funeral services for Mrs. Dorothy P. (Mahoney) Coughlin, 70, of Fairfield, Conn., formerly of North Adams, widow of William C. Coughlin, were at 9 Saturday morning with a Liturgy of Christian Burial in St. Francis Church.

Mrs. Coughlin died Tuesday morning in the Bridgeport (Conn.) Hospital following a long illness.

The Rev. Cyril J. Burns was celebrant of the Mass. Miss Maria Weber was organist.

Burial followed in the family lot in Southview Cemetery with the Rev. William H. Smith, pastor, officiating.

Bearers were David Coughlin of Proctor, Vt., Bernard Favreau of Fairfield, nephews, Edmund W. Dupuis, Richard Lavariere, Richard Hamelin, all of North Adams and Vincent P. Donovan of Pittsfield.

Thieves take three wreaths from building

Three of four large Christmas wreaths adorning the front of The Transcript building were stolen sometime during the weekend, police were told this morning.

The theft of the wreaths was first noticed last night by Transcript Photographer P. Randolph Trabold. An official report was made to police this morning.

Thomas English of English Country Gardens arranged this morning to replace the wreaths, which are finished on both sides and reversible, without cost. The wreaths are worth \$25 each.

City police have requested that anyone who might have seen suspicious actions near the building during the weekend, provide whatever information they can which might help solve the theft and possibly those of the Christmas tree lights from numerous local homes and from the Main Street decorations.

Area births

NORTH ADAMS REGIONAL HOSPITAL
Monday

A son, at 6:50 a.m., to Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Frost of Bowers Corners, Adams.

OTHER HOSPITALS
A daughter, at 9:59 p.m., Sunday, to Mr. and Mrs. John Hamilton of 60 Howland Ave., Adams, at the Berkshire Medical Center, Pittsfield.

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CHRISTOPHER CUTLER

CHRISTOPHER CONTRIBUTES—Before he entered the hospital for some minor surgery, Christopher Cutler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cutler of 495 Union St., wanted to donate to the Santa Fund. He put his \$2 into an envelope and addressed it as shown. Santa Claus plans to make sure the \$2 is well-used to make some other little boy happy this Christmas.

Ahead of last year

Santa Fund total now \$2,670

Well ahead of 1971 — by nearly \$1,400 in fact — the Santa Fund appears able this year to continue to spread cheer about the children and parents in the Northern Berkshire-Southern Vermont area who need a little assistance at Christmas to make the season merry.

Today's report from co-chairmen Arlene Jeffers and Joseph F. Ashley of the fund-raising committee, is \$2,670.49, or \$1,371.68 more than the donations a year ago today.

Stamford Community Church in Vermont, where a few families benefit from the Santa Fund as the need arises, has contributed \$50 to the effort.

Employe collections from numerous departments within Sprague Electric Co. after the last payday turned up in today's fund report totaling \$239.

Showing the esteem in which the late Henry S. Whitmore, a North Adams resident on the Mohawk Trail, was held by his associates, the Florida Lions Club donated \$10 in his memory.

Hunter Outdoor Products Co. employees turned up \$106 in contributions in a plantwide collection after payday last week, while anonymous contributions were led off today by one \$50 contribution.

An Adams automobile accident victim is memorialized by one contribution, one of several given in memory of deceased persons.

Eldridge Hall staff members at North Adams State College contributed \$25 to help less fortunate families.

Mrs. Rita Chenail, operations chairman, again appealed today for letters to the Santa Fund from those

families that would like to be included this year in the fund activities.

She explained that in past years, the Santa Fund officials had access to the rolls of the city and town welfare departments to seek out those persons deserving of Christmas assistance but that under state control, such records are no longer available to the fund and thus the names and addresses of those to be helped must come, in many or most cases from families directly. Such names can be sent in confidence to the Santa Fund Post Office at Sprague Electric Co., or at The Transcript.

Today's complete fund report is as follows:

BALANCE DEC. 8	\$1955.88
Control Lab. Marshall St.	15.00
Stamford Community Church	50.00
Richard and Helen Peterson	5.00
Michael, Julie and	
Becky Couture	5.00
Roy and Marian Caron	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. John A. Cummings	10.00
In Memory of Dorothy Chalfoux	
McHatten	5.00
Anonymous	1.00
In Memory of Pauline Pappas	25.00
Geraldine and Ernest Pappas	5.00
In Loving Memory of	
My Dear Wife	3.00
In Memory of Henry S. Whitmore	
Florida Lions Club	10.00
North Adams	
"City Hall Fund"	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Less	
Celebrating Chanukah by	
Sharing	10.00

Mrs. Joseph Feder	5.00
Boutin, Ricky and Gary	5.00
Kathryn L. Gallup	10.00
Betty Eagar	5.00
William and Margaret Pierson	10.00
Charles and Gladys Strana	10.00
The Donati Family	10.00
Melissa Kleiner	3.00
In Memory of	
Raymond Wellpeak Jr.	5.00
Debbie and Nancy Reopell	2.00
Cascade School Supplies	3.00
U.F.P.C. Local No. 4631	10.00
Ann, Peter, Christopher	
Hawley	5.00
Anonymous	5.00
In Memory of James M. Gorman	5.00
Employees - Hunter	
Outdoor Products	100.00
Anonymous	50.00
Marlene and Dick Bush	
(In lieu of Christmas Cards)	10.00
Suzette	10.00
Sprague Products Office	45.00
Bldg. 7 - 3rd Floor	28.00
Tantalum Assembly 2464	25.30
Mr. and Mrs. Roger E. Bell	10.00
Tantalum Finishing No. 2481	23.00
Northern Berkshire Mfg. Co.	7.00
Peter and Paul Esposito	10.00
Catholic Daughters of America	10.00
Tim, Mike and Brian	5.00
The Staff of Eldridge Hall	
North Adams State College	25.00
St. John's Discretionary Fund	25.00
Corporate Cost Sids. No. 1236	7.00
Sprague Products No. 2059	40.20
Advertising, Wofac	
Sprague Intr'l. Patent	19.00
Archie and Hazel LoPresto	5.00
NEW TOTAL	\$2670.49

Drug store manager shot

Police on alert for Vt. robbers

Area police have been alerted to watch for two men who shot the manager and robbed the Adams Drug Store in Bennington, Vt., of an undisclosed amount of cash at gunpoint early last night.

Although the exact amount of money stolen was not immediately made known at the request of drug store officials, its amount and the fact that store manager Ray W. Forrest of North Bennington was wounded in the robbery, prompted police to issue a wide alert for the men.

Late this morning the Associated Press reported that about \$2,000 was involved in the robbery.

Composite drawings of the two robbers have been made by an artist for the Bennington police and will be published to alert area persons who may have seen the men in the Monument Plaza shopping center last night or in the North Adams area.

Investigator David J. Brown told The Transcript this morning that it is believed the robbers may be out of state professionals who may remain in the general area.

Both were described as armed and dangerous. They confronted the store manager, two female employees and a female customer about 8:10 last night and demanded cash. One employee gave up the money from her cash register at the front of the drug store and then the manager and the other robber went to the rear of the store to the safe while the first covered the three women with a .38 caliber snub nose pistol as they lay on

the floor.

In the rear of the store as Forrest began to open the safe, the robber's gun discharged, accidentally Forrest believes, wounding him in the thigh.

Although Brown said there was no description of a get-away car, Williamstown police later received an alert from Vermont involving a white Mustang along with the robbers' descriptions. The message was relayed to city and Adams police and

'Plow-snatcher' strikes again

Police early this afternoon were confronted with the second weekend "plow-snatching" case as Robert Maroni, assistant superintendent of schools, reported that the snowplow, hoist and pump assembly was stolen from a school department plow.

Early this morning, a cemetery department snowplow was found missing from the track to which it had been attached. The same type of dis-assembly was accomplished in taking of the school plow, police said.

Police chief announces plans for realignment

Police Chief Kenneth P. Gamache said he plans to shift the two sergeants on the police force — there is still one vacant sergeancy — to "field" work before the week is out.

Under the chief plan for realignment in the force, he said he will have both existing sergeants, Thomas B. Moore, who is assigned to "A" shift, midnight to 8 a.m., and Neil F. Gillooly, "B" shift, daytime, riding in cruiser cars and walking on the beats for a part of their shifts from now on.

The shifts will be the first of Gamache's actions as new chief. Second of the actions he listed in a feature interview in The Transcript on Saturday will be improving of communications within the department and almost immediately institution of training courses.

The chief is now meeting with policemen on an individual basis and will shortly call shift conferences and institute some type of a daily conference to pass along information of value to all police at the same time, somewhat on the "roll call" basis of meeting.

The post of juvenile affairs officer which Chief Gamache plans to install, will not be instituted until just after the first of 1973, he said. He has talked with the officer he anticipates appointing and will talk with him at least once or twice more about the projected job, before making an appointment.

Massachusetts state police.

At 1 a.m. today, State Police at Pittsfield reported that a 1965 white Mustang had been reported stolen sometime during Sunday evening from the General Electric Company parking lot. It bears Massachusetts registration 38273-Y.

Bennington police this morning issued a request to The Transcript to ask its readers who might have been at the Monument Plaza shopping center last night to telephone Investigator Brown of anything suspicious they might have noticed in the area between 8 to 8:30 p.m.

One of the robbers is six feet, one inch tall and weighs about 155 or 160 pounds. He had a full beard and appeared to have it powdered to look grey. It is believed he wore face makeup. He has small piercing eyes, believed blue. He was wearing a medium length brown overcoat with a lambskin-lined collar. His hair was medium length and he wore a charcoal grey hat.

The second man, described as weighing about 145 or 150 pounds, is five feet, six inches tall, has a light complexion, light brown curly hair, and had a Bandaid over his left eyebrow and a possibly bruised left eye. Both men are said to be about 30 years old.

Because there are vacancies at captain, to replace him, and as sergeant, to replace the recently appointed Capt. Richard R. Bush, the force does not have a full complement of men and any large transfers of personnel are not being considered right away, the chief said.

The chief is mulling the possible appointments of an acting captain and two acting sergeants (one of them as a temporary replacement for a sergeant who would move to the acting captain post) until permanent top officers are appointed.

In the administrative field, the police chief plans to revamp complaint forms used by the officers in reporting on their investigative procedures, and forms for use in prosecuting cases in District Court. This, he said, he is beginning to do now.

Already instituted, he said, are instructions for more detailed reporting of the use of the time of every man, detailed inspection and maintenance of cruiser cars by their drivers, and for more careful taking of complaints from the public.

The chief also is planning a meeting in the near future, he said today, with the newspaper and radio stations with which the department deals, to pave the way for better communications and assistance both ways between the media and the police department.

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