

Deaths

Ernest A. Gamache, Clarksburg native

Ernest Anastase Gamache, 70, of 88 West Shaft Rd., a native of Clarksburg and a lifelong resident of the area, died at 1:45 yesterday afternoon at the North Adams Hospital, where he had been admitted at 5 in the morning after suffering a heart attack at his home.

He was born Nov. 11, 1899, a son of the late Joseph and Mary Jane (Dupre) Gamache and attended Notre Dame School as a child. He was employed many years as a guard by the Sprague Electric Co., and following his retirement in 1965, was a crossing guard for children attending Haskins School on State Street.

An ardent fisherman, he was well known as commercial maker of hand-tied fishing flies. He was a member of St. Anthony's Church.

His wife, the former Mary Modena, died Jan. 17, 1948.

He leaves one daughter, Miss Mary

Anne Gamache, at home; a son, Ernest G. Gamache of this city; three grandchildren, Kevin, Thomas and Annette Gamache, also of North Adams; a sister, Mrs. Delia Lamoureux of El Encanto, Calif.; three brothers, George of Clarksburg, and Joseph and Alderic Gamache of this city; and several nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Funeral services will be at 9 Friday morning with a High Mass of Requiem in St. Anthony's Church. Burial will be in the family lot in Southview Cemetery.

Calling hours at the Flynn & Dagnoli-Montagna Home for Funerals will be from 7 to 9 tonight, and from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., Thursday.

The family has requested the omission of flowers and has suggested that donations in Mr. Gamache's name be made to the North Adams Heart Fund through the funeral home.

Mrs. Philip Sohl, born in Austria

Mrs. Anna (Bauholzer) Sohl, 77, of 124 Simonds Rd., Williamstown, died last night at the Adams Nursing Home there, where she had been a patient the past six years. She was the widow of Philip Sohl.

She was born in Austria, April 16, 1893, attended schools there, and came to this country as a young girl, living in New York State. From 1923 until 1943, she lived in White Creek, N.Y., and moved to Williamstown seven years ago. She was a member of St. Patrick's Church.

She leaves two daughters, Miss Catherine Sohl and Mrs. Helen DeRose,

both of Williamstown; a son, Joseph Sohl of Bennington, Vt.; and four grandchildren.

Calling hours at the John H. Quinn Funeral Home, Williamstown, will be from 7 to 9 tonight, and from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., Thursday.

Funeral services will be at 10 Friday morning with a High Mass of Requiem in St. Patrick's Church. Burial will be in the family lot in Eastlawn Cemetery, Williamstown.

Those who wish may make donations in her memory to the St. Patrick's Building Fund.

Victor M. Obenhaus, found dead at home

Victor M. Obenhaus, 64, was found dead this morning in his apartment at 65 Meadow St.

Alfred H. George of 662 Ashland St., owner of the property, discovered the body after he had been called by another tenant who said that Mr. Obenhaus had not been seen recently and was worried. Mr. George called police, who notified Dr.

James J. Macek of Adams, the associate Northern Berkshire medical examiner, who examined the body and ordered it removed to the Simmons Funeral Home.

A retired Sprague Electric Co. employee, Mr. Obenhaus leaves a sister, Mrs. Anita Collier of Alexandria, Va.

No other details were available at press time.

Mrs. A. W. Thorpe, sister in Clarksburg

Mrs. Mabel L. Thorpe, 79, of 6 Williams St., Pittsfield, who leaves a sister in this area, died this morning at the Valley View Nursing Home, Lenox. She was the widow of Albert W. Thorpe, who died in 1950.

Mrs. Thorpe, who was a sister of Mrs. Reginald H. White of the Driggsville section of Clarksburg, was born in Trowbridge, England, and came to the United States in 1910. She had lived in Pittsfield the past 42 years and had been employed formerly for 15 years by England Bros. in Pittsfield. She was a member of the Pittsfield First Baptist Church and the Margaret Allan Chapter of the church.

She leaves one daughter, Mrs. William H. Lombard, with whom she lived; a son, Alfred G. Thorpe of Ardsley, N.Y.; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. White, Mrs. Ernest Butcher and Mrs. Reginald Kent, both of Rockville, Conn., and Mrs. George Meyer of Hartford, Conn.; and a brother, Fred Morrell of Manchester, Conn.

Funeral services will be at the Wellington Funeral Home, Pittsfield, at 11 a.m., Friday. Burial will be in the Pittsfield Cemetery.

Calling hours at the funeral home will be from 7 to 9 tonight, and from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., Thursday.

Hyler Lippincott, formerly of Pownal

Hyler Lippincott, 73, formerly of Pownal, died Feb. 12 in Florida. It was learned today in Pownal. A native of Ocean Grove, N. J., he was a veteran of both World Wars I and World War II.

Funerals

Roland M. Leach

There has been a change in arrangements for funeral services for Roland Melville Leach, 65, of Pownal, Vt., and Zephyrhills, Fla., retired superintendent of the Northern Berkshire School Union, who died Monday afternoon in Zephyrhills.

The service, originally planned for tomorrow afternoon, will be at 2 p.m., Friday, at the First United Methodist Church here with the Rev. John A. Dusenberry, pastor, officiating.

Cremation will follow and burial will be in the family lot in the Castine, Maine, Cemetery.

Calling hours at the Simmons Funeral Home will be from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., Thursday. There will be no calling hours today as announced previously.

Mr. Leach, a native of Penobscot, Maine, came to this area in August, 1957, to assume his duties as superintendent of the Northern Berkshire School Union, which includes the towns of Monroe, Savoy, Florida, and Clarksburg. He retired in August, 1964. The family formerly lived at 128 West Main St.

Skating, skiing

Skiing at Windsor Lake and skating at all city rinks from 1 to 5 and 6 to 9 p.m. Snowmobiling at all city recreation areas.

Pietro Delmolino

Funeral services for Pietro Delmolino, 74, of 73 Melrose St., Adams, who died yesterday morning at Resthaven Nursing Home, Adams, will be tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock in St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Adams.

Burial will be in Bellevue Cemetery, Adams.

Calling hours at the McBride Funeral Home, Adams, are today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

District court

Wednesday
Judge Ernest H. Rosasco
Allan Carter, 55, of 136 North St., pleaded not guilty to charges of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Trial has been scheduled for tomorrow.

Area births

NORTH ADAMS HOSPITAL
A son, late Tuesday morning, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward LaBonte of 129 East Quincy St., North Adams.

A daughter, early Tuesday evening, to Mr. and Mrs. Terrence Kelly of 20 Notch Road, Adams.

Vandalism reported during game

Numerous incidents of vandalism were reported in the area of the State Armory last night after the basketball game between Drury and Taconic.

Michael Shakar of 354 Church St., reported the aerial was broken off his car while he was attending the game.

Barry Emery of Narragansett Ave., Pittsfield, told police he found his windshield smashed at 10:30 p.m. when he left the armory.

Charles Parise of 5 Grape St., Pittsfield, reported approximately \$30 damage was done to the rear fender of his auto by an unknown vehicle also while he was at the game.

Police are investigating a report from Peter L. Larkin of 62 Woodlawn Ave., that during the game someone removed his father's car from its parking place causing \$100 damage to the right side of the car. Witnesses told police the person who took the Larkin car appeared to be intoxicated but they could not identify him.

Dogs reported killing deer in Clarksburg

CLARKSBURG—Police Chief Philip Fosse reported today that dogs in the area still are killing deer. He said a dead deer was found yesterday on Middle Road, the third killed this year in Clarksburg.

Chief Fosse said the killers are ordinary household pets that have taken to running in packs, and he urged owners to keep their dogs leashed or locked up.

State law forbids allowing dogs to run loose until the snow has gone.

In the hospital

NORTH ADAMS HOSPITAL
Leon Knowlton of 30 Temple St., Adams, for surgery.

Susan Ostizio, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ostizio of 102 Francis St., for treatment.

Thomas Chandler, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Chandler of 34 Harrison Ave., for surgery.

Cathleen M. Jacques, 8, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Allen Jacques of 41 Johnson St., for surgery.

James Martel, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Martel of Richmond St., Cheshire, for surgery.

Douglas Cooper, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cooper of the Town of Florida, for surgery.

Mrs. Jeanette Baribeault of 139 Curran Highway, for surgery.

Edward Jandran of 28 Miner St., for observation.

Mrs. Patricia Blair of West Road, Clarksburg, for observation.

Mrs. Agnes Pellerin of 75 West Main St., for treatment.

Allan Field of 193 State St., for observation.

James Horrigan of 76 Rachaud Ave., Williamstown, for surgery.

Mrs. Beatrice Ames of 21 Columbia St., Adams, for treatment.

HILLCREST, PITTSFIELD
Mrs. Marion Moran of North Adams, for an operation.

Sprague-IUE talks hang up over agency

(See related story page 1)

Negotiations between Sprague Electric Co. and International Union of Electrical Workers (IUE) Local 200 are in a doubtful state because of a possible battle over representation rights.

A group claiming to be the Independent Condenser Workers Union No. 2 (ICW) is seeking a representation election among the production and maintenance unit now represented by IUE Local 200. The ICW filed a petition with the National Labor Relations Board Friday.

George H. Bateman Sprague Electric industrial relations manager here, in a management bulletin distributed this morning said the company has submitted a roster of employees in the unit to the NLRB. The NLRB asked for the roster so it can compare signatures on authorization cards with the names on the roster.

The ICW must have at least 30 per cent of the bargaining unit signed up before an election can take place. There are nearly 2,000 workers in the bargaining unit.

The ICW was defeated by the IUE in a representation election in January, 1967.

Until the NLRB makes some kind of determination contract talks between IUE Local 200 and company negotiators are expected to continue. The two sides are scheduled to meet Friday.

IUE Local 200 conducted a strike vote which carried 582-250 yesterday. The existing agreement expires March 1.

Police calls

Tuesday

8:30 p.m.: Police investigating an auto accident on Church St. found autos driven by Ernest G. Cote of 123 Front St., and Robert E. Blair had collided after skidding on an ice patch. Patrolman Robert Perry reported damage to both vehicles was slight.

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11:00 p.m.: David Flaherty of 364 East Main St., told police that he had parked his car in front of his home at 5 p.m. and that at 10:30 as he got ready to go to work he found his stereo tape player and a number of tapes missing.

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12:15 a.m.: Rosemarie Levins of 153 Cliff St., told police that she parked her car at the Mount Greylock Bowl at 9 p.m. and that at 12:15 she found a vent window had been broken and a stereo tape player valued at \$65 was missing.

City calendar

Tonight

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY — Regular meeting at 8 p.m., at the Dr. George L. Curran Post Home, 373 Union St. A social will follow.

Florida Cub Scouts plan annual dinner

FLORIDA — The annual Cub Scout Blue and Gold dinner will take place tomorrow night at 6:30 at Gabriel Abbott Memorial School.

All Cub Scouts in town have been invited to the dinner, which will mark the 60th anniversary of the Cub Scout organization. Several awards will be conferred and an entertainment will be presented.

Each den is decorating a centerpiece and napkins to be used at its table.

On record sales

Sprague reports 1969 earnings of \$1,460,272

Sprague Electric Co. earned \$1,460,272 or 43 cents per share in 1969 on record sales of \$147,056,412, the company reported today. In 1968, Sprague had a net loss of \$2,829,596, its first deficit since 1932, on sales of \$132,753,473.

According to Robert C. Sprague, chairman, and Bruce R. Carlson, president, the \$14 million or 11 per cent improvement in 1969 sales resulted from strong demand for components of all types during the first ten months of the year. Capacitor shipments, they said, were the best in several years, reflecting the return by customers to a more normal rate of component purchasing following two years of inventory reduction. However, shipments levelled off during the fourth quarter in line with a noticeable softening in market demand for both consumer and government electronics which served to offset further gains in shipments to the industrial market.

According to the two company executives, the improved earnings for the year resulted from a combination of higher sales volume and continued close attention to costs and expenses in all Company operations. The year's results, they added, were enhanced by good gains in both the sales and earnings of the company's international operations, where programs were begun during 1969 to establish new, low-cost manufacturing operations in the Mexican Free Zone and in Taiwan.

The company in 1970 continues to look for further growth in sales and improved earnings unless the general economic situation deteriorates more than most forecasters presently expect, they commented.

Sprague Electric is one of the nation's largest manufacturers of electronic components with 31 plants operating in 12 states, Puerto Rico, and eight foreign countries.

Adams may be selected for 1st day stamp issue

A first-day issue of a stamp commemorating the 50th anniversary of women's suffrage is likely to be in Adams next Aug. 26, U.S. Rep. Silvio O. Conte said today.

Adams would be picked because the town is the birthplace of Susan B. Anthony, one of America's earlier and more outspoken leaders in the fight for women's suffrage.

Mr. Conte said that he had asked the Post Office to have the first-day issue in Adams and that he had been promised the request would get serious consideration.

A first-day issue is considered a significant event by stamp-collectors. Mr. Conte predicted that if his request is granted stamp collectors from all over the world will come to Adams Aug. 26 to buy the stamp.

Miss Anthony was born in Adams Feb. 15, 1820, in a wood frame house on Bowens Corners. Both Mr. Conte and Sen. Edward M. Kennedy have attempted in the past,

but not successfully, to transform the house into a national historic shrine.

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