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Mrs. Letha J. Flory Victim of Suicide

Mrs. Letha J. Flory, 46, route 2, Woodland, took her own life early Thursday morning at her farm home. She had been despondent since the death of her husband Oscar two weeks ago.

Since the death of Mr. Flory a step granddaughter Jeanne, 16, had been staying with her and told officers she heard a shot and notified a neighbor Mrs. Grace Olmstead, who called the sheriff.

Investigating were Merl Campbell, Barry county sheriff and Dr Douglas Castleman, deputy medical examiner, of Hastings.

Mrs. Flory was born in Hastings and graduated from high school there in 1932. She married Mr. Flory in 1934.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Paul (Arloa) Trainor and Mrs. Gordon (Virginia) Utter both of Hastings; one step son, Gordon Flory of Mulliken, a step daughter Mrs. Gaylord (Bernita) Gardner of Vermontville and six step grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at the Pickens Funeral chapel, with burial in the Fuller cemetery, Barry county.

Eaton County Deaths

Mrs. Etta Rice

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 14, 1961, at the Mapes funeral home, Sunfield, for Mrs. Etta Rice, 88, of R. 1, Grand Ledge. She died Saturday at a Charlotte hospital. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Ray Fitch, Grand Ledge; a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Rice, Portland, and one grandchild. Burial in Meadowbrook cemetery, Mulliken.

Obituaries

During late December 1960 and January 1961, six Motor Wheel employees, two of them actively employed, died.

Edwin A. Bush, 87, died Jan. 11 at Lansing, Mich. He had retired in 1947 after 23 years service with the company.

Robert J. Droste, 66, died Jan. 12 at Lansing, Mich. He had retired in 1959 after 36 years of service as a carpenter with the company.

Conrad M. Schiable, 71, died Jan. 16 at Grand Ledge, Mich. He retired in 1955 after 21 years with the company.

Emil Lange, 69, died January 29 at his home in Lansing, Mich. He retired as an hourly-rated supervisor in 1956 after 38 years with the company.

Herbert L. Plowman, 69, who was to have retired on March 1 due to physical reasons, died at his home in St. Johns, Mich. on Jan. 26. He had completed 16 years of service with the company.

William H. Pierpoint, 45, actively employed (on lay-off since Aug. 13) in the electrical department, became the second victim of an auto crash that took the life of Motor Wheel employe Robert Tellschow. Mr. Pierpoint died Dec. 22.

Charlotte Area Merchant Dies

(Special to The State Journal)

CHARLOTTE, Feb. 24—George A. Wenzel, 57, of R. 6, Charlotte, died unexpectedly at local office Thursday afternoon of a heart attack.

He owned and operated the Needmore general store in Chester township and was an area resident 30 years.

Surviving are the widow, Marie; a son, Kenneth; a daughter, Mrs. Dale Sprague and a stepson, Richard Carrigan, all of Charlotte, and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p. m. at the Pray funeral home, Charlotte, and burial will be in South Eaton cemetery, near Charlotte.

Area Deaths

Benjamin Lake

CHARLOTTE, Feb. 4 — Benjamin G. Lake, 88, of 406 Hall st., died Saturday morning at the Hayes-Green-Beach hospital after six months' illness. A retired farmer, he had been a resident of Charlotte for 32 years. Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Monday at the Burkhead-Cheney funeral home. Burial will be in Lakeview cemetery, Nashville. Surviving are four sons, Howard of Lake Odessa, Walter, Winton and Gordon, all of Charlotte; a granddaughter, Mrs. Myron Randall, of Vermontville; six grandchildren, and one great granddaughter.

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