

# Publisher Succumbs

## G. Ledge Newspaper Head Dies Saturday

GRAND LEDGE — Walter R. Cantine, 50, publisher of the Grand Ledge Independent, died unexpectedly Saturday morning in a Lansing hospital.

Mr. Cantine had been in and out of the hospital for several months, and death followed surgery for a heart ailment.

He had been in newspaper work most of his life, starting as a carrier in his native Battle Creek.

Mr. Cantine worked in the printing and circulation departments of the Battle Creek Enquirer-News for many years and was mailroom superintendent when he left to buy the Bellevue Gazette.

The Independent is one of four weekly newspapers honored Friday night by the Michigan Education Association. The School Bell Award was accepted by Cantine's Peter.

Ten years ago, he and Mrs. Cantine purchased the Independent, a weekly newspaper serving the Grand Ledge area.

Cantine was second vice president of the Grand Ledge Rotary Club, a charter member and former treasurer of the city's improvement association, a former area committeeman for the Boy Scouts, and a member of the Michigan Press Association.

Survivors include the widow, Georgene; a son, Peter; his mother, Mrs. Pearl Cantine, and a brother, Alvah Cantine, both of Battle Creek; and a sister, Mrs. Ruby Kosbar of Benton Harbor.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Holihan Funeral Home in Grand Ledge.



WALTER R. CANTINE

### Albert A. Gragg

SUNFIELD — Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. for Albert A. Gragg, 77, of rural Sunfield, who died Tuesday night at his home. A retired mason and farmer, Gragg lived alone. He was found dead Wednesday morning by a neighbor. Gragg is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Elsie Baisel, of Mulliken; Mrs. Mildred Pumfrey of Portland and Mrs. Susie Haddix of Sunfield. Services will be at the Mapes Funeral Home and burial will be in Sunfield Cemetery.

### Bertha E. Wood

CHARLOTTE—Bertha E. Wood, 88, of 703 E. Shaw St., died Tuesday at a local convalescent home where she had been a patient for three years. She was a resident of the Charlotte area 59 years. Mrs. Wood is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Flossie King of Vermontville and Mrs. Doris Ferris of Battle Creek; seven grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. The body will be at the Burkhead-Cheney Chapel until Saturday, when services will be held at 2 p.m. at the United Brethren Church. Burial will be in Lee Center Cemetery, Calhoun County.

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16,601+	2
9,206+	21
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\*Population figures by districts and precincts not available.  
†Figures come from canvasser's statement.

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