

# Husband provides identification of body

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apparently taken from her car, carried down to the creek on the north side of the bridge and dumped into the water. There appeared to be a wound at the back of her head.

Quick said the water had been deeper for the last couple of days and he surmised the current carried the body to a point a yard south of the bridge where it caught on the post of a fence which cuts across the creek. In addition to the body, officers found Mrs. Lange's coat floating in the water beside her.

The body was kept in the water for about three hours after it was discovered while officers took photos of the scene, made measurements and searched the area for any other clues.

It was removed from the water by sheriff's reservists shortly after 1 p.m. and taken to Prugh's Chapel where an autopsy was performed.

**Autopsy inconclusive**  
The autopsy was completed about 8:30 p.m. Saturday. Quick said results were so inconclusive, however, that neither the type of weapon used nor exact cause of death could be determined.

"It wasn't even necessarily the blow to the head," Quick said. "They've got to run some further tests. . . It's not over yet."

Dr. G. R. Zimmerman performed the pathological exam at the request of County Medical Examiner Dr. Orville

**Check Activities**

Quick, who is conducting the investigation with the cooperation of the Burlington police department and the state Bureau of Criminal Investigation, said Saturday officers are attempting to retrace the activities of Mrs. Lange on Wednesday evening. A clerk in Burlington's municipal court for the past two years, she was last seen at 8:45 Wednesday evening when she left a Christmas party for municipal employees at Memorial auditorium.

The car was found by Burlington police at 12:37 a.m. Friday. It had been parked on Smith St. just off Plane in west central Burlington about 20 blocks west of the auditorium.

The spot where the car was found is about one-third of the way from the auditorium to the Lange home, which is on Washington Rd., just east of the county home west of West Burlington.

**Analyze Stains**

The car had a number of what police believe to be blood stains on it. The stains were found on the back of the front seat, the left rear fender, rear bumper and in the trunk. In addition, a white shag rug found in the back seat appeared to be blood-soaked. Samples of the stains and other evidence found in the car are being sent to the FBI laboratory in Washington, D.C. for analysis. Officers believe the stains are blood but cannot be definite until results of the tests are received.

In addition several sets of fingerprints were lifted from the car and are being processed.

Quick said it appears Mrs. Lange was struck on the back of the head with a blunt instrument, then her body was put in the trunk of her car, taken to the bridge and dumped into the water. He said the killer then apparently drove the car into Burlington and left it at the Smith St. location.

He said there were at least two blows to the head and it was thought the instrument used may have been a tire iron, but until tests were complete he could not be sure.

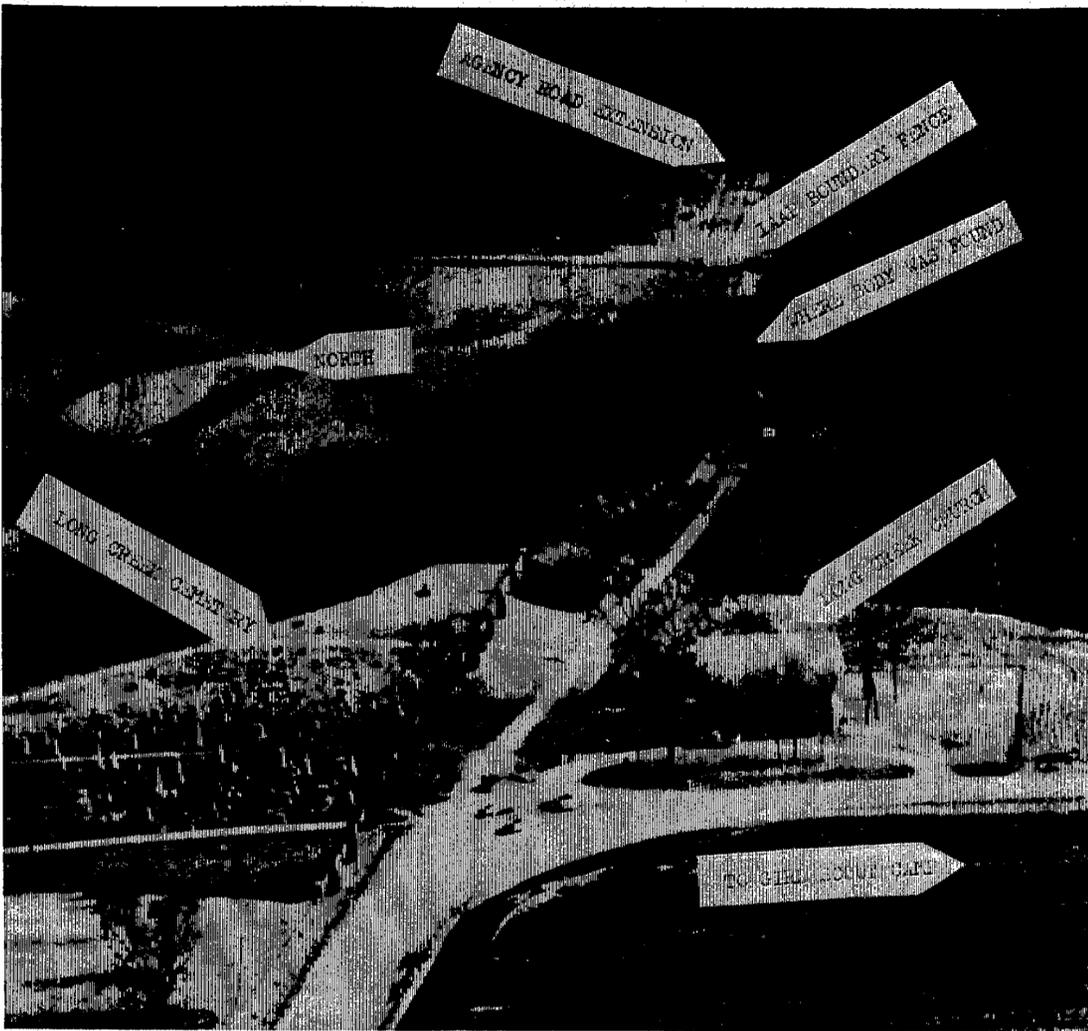
Quick said the body was in reasonably good condition, probably because it had been immersed in the cold water.

He said there was no reason to believe she was sexually molested or robbed and he added it did not appear she had put up a struggle. "Yes" when asked if there were any suspects in the case but would not be more specific.

"I think we're pretty close (to making an arrest) but knowing it and proving it is something else," Quick said.

He said he and deputy Mel Berges were going to talk to more people Saturday night and Inspector James Ewing of the Burlington police force said he was also planning on talking to more people Saturday night. Berges said at least six people had been questioned but no one had been interrogated.

**Identified By Husband**  
The body was identified by Mrs. Lange's husband shortly after 4 p.m. Saturday after it



Different aerial view of site where the body of Mrs. Mary Lange was found.



Mrs. Mary Lange

had been taken to the mortuary. Many of the officers investigating the case knew Mrs. Lange because she worked at the courthouse. However, because the body was covered with mud from the creek and her face was swollen, they were reluctant to make a positive identification until Lange had viewed the body.

The body was fully clothed and the clothes matched the description of the one she was wearing when she left the party. A brown or black purse carried by Mrs. Lange and her left shoe have not been found. A more extensive search of the area near the bridge was planned for Sunday.

The road was muddy Wednesday night following a snowstorm during the day. Officers found a number of footprints and tire tracks in the frozen mud Saturday but they could not say definitely Saturday if Mrs. Lange's car had been at the scene.

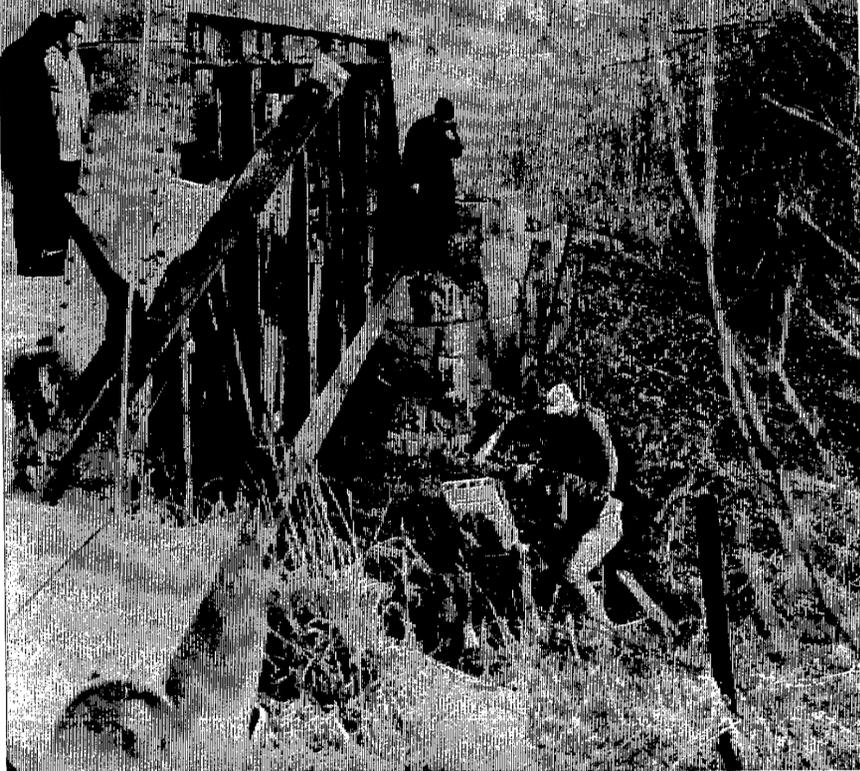
In addition to Lange's viewing the body, dental records were checked to confirm the identification.

Lange had filed for a divorce from his wife on June 17. T. K. Ford is his attorney. However, the couple and their three children were still living together. Officers report the children, Connie, 18, Danny, 14 and Diane, 11, are staying with relatives.

Officers said Lange told them she last saw his wife at 7 p.m. Wednesday when she left their home for the party.

**Find knife victims**

NEW YORK (UPI)—The bodies of two elderly cousins were found stabbed to death in their beds in a quiet residential section of Brooklyn Friday. Police identified the two as James Nechland, 82, a widower, and Gorge Petropoulos, 75, a waiter and a bachelor. The bodies, bound and gagged, were found by Nechland's daughter, Carolyn Nechland, of Brooklyn, who visited the apartment when the telephone went unanswered.



MEMBERS OF THE SHERIFF'S RESERVE remove the body of Mrs. Mary Lange after it was discovered in Long Creek 14 miles west of Burlington Saturday morning. At extreme left of photo are Dan Cahill and Steven Hoth, assistant county attorneys who were called to the scene to advise in the investigation.

**Rule against filing fee**

DALLAS (UPI)—A three-judge federal panel has ruled political party filing fees in primary elections was unconstitutional in Texas in a decision that could have nationwide effect.

"A filing fee violates the First Amendment and the due process and equal protection clauses of the 14th Amendment when it is used as a revenue-collecting device," the opinion said.

Thirty-three states charge fees to candidates filing in primary elections.

The ruling came out of lawsuits filed in Tarrant and El Paso Counties by two men who wanted to run for public office in the May Democratic primary but could not afford the filing fee.

U.S. District Judge William M. Taylor Jr. of Dallas wrote the court's unanimous opinion. The defendants in the suit were the Democratic party, which charges the filing fees, and various officials, including the governor, for permitting the assessments.



A COAT NEAR THE EDGE OF THE BRIDGE was what led to the discovery of the body of Mrs. Mary Lange. William Moore, at left, said he first noticed the coat in Long Creek and stopped to investigate. Moore, who lives about one-half mile from the creek then notified sheriff's officers. Others in picture are members of the Sheriff's Reserves.

## Death notices

**Carl A. Grukke**

Carl A. Grukke, 408 Beech St., Berea, Ohio, a former resident of Burlington, died Tuesday, Dec. 15, according to word received by local relatives.

He was the son of the late Alfred Grukke and Ruth A. Moore, and was born Oct. 29, 1912. He graduated from high school and junior college in Burlington and earned a degree in chemical engineering at Iowa State university, Ames.

Upon graduation, Mr. Grukke went to work for Union Carbide Co. in Cleveland, and was still working for it at the time of his death.

Surviving: The wife, Betty Grukke; five sons and a daughter: David, Eric, Bruce, and Nancy Grukke, all at home; and sister Mrs. Ruth Addington of Rapid City, S. D.

A memorial service for Mr. Grukke will be held at 8 p.m. Dec. 22 at West Shore Unitarian church, Cleveland. Memorial funds have been established in his memory.

**Hawk-Eye happenings**

The YMCA family Sunday program will not be held during the holiday season, but will resume after Jan. 3, according to Jim Hansen, program director.

Correction: All union Barber Shops will be closed Sat., Dec. 26 & Sat. Jan. 2. — Adv.

**HELP INC. YOUTH LINE**  
Narcotics, Drugs or Any Problems  
CALL 2-1218  
Between 4 & 12 a.m. Daily

Open Sunday 1 to 5 for your shopping convenience, Fox Appliance & Kitchen Center, downtown Burl. — Adv.

Federal food stamps may be purchased Monday in the basement of the Des Moines county courthouse from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m..

The B&A Coin Center, 212 N. Main, will be open from 9-9 for the next two weeks. Just arrived, a new shipment of ceramics. — Adv.

The Shining Trail Council of Girl Scouts office is closed for Christmas vacation until 9 a.m. Dec. 28.

Donna Fitzpatrick is now taking appointments. Dorothy Ann's Salon of Beauty, 1401 Smith, 753-1603. — Adv.

A female quintette will sing at the 8:30 and 10:45 services at First United Methodist church this morning. Members are: Karen Sinit, Myrna Vaughan, Mrs. Margaret Tilner, Mrs. Richard Swinney, and Mrs. Lyle Smith. Mrs. Tilner will also play the violin in an instrumental ensemble, other members of which will be James Priebe, recorder, and Kay Caston, clarinet.

Finest and most complete stock of artificial Christmas Trees & Lights, 8 to 5 daily, till noon Sat. B. L. Robinson & Co. — Adv.

Deno's Pizza open 11-1 daily — Adv.

The cantata, Night of Miracles, will be sung this evening at 7 o'clock by the Chancel choir of First Baptist church. Also slated for seven are the Christmas eve and New Year's eve services at the church.

**CRIME ALERT**  
Call 754-4636  
Or 911

New city Maps available at The Burlington Hawk - Eye, 50c. — Adv.

Christmas holiday activities at the YMCA will include tournaments for boys in football, bumper pool, and ping-pong, for which boys may sign up at the front office. Competition in football and bumper pool will start at 10 a.m. Dec. 28 and 30.

Luggage: Samsonite, Ventura, Grasshopper & American Tourister; McConnells, 3rd & Elm. — Adv.

Tonight at seven, at Messiah Lutheran church, Messiah Chorale will present its annual Carol Candelight Concert.

Grave Mounds at Schier's. — Adv.

ST! puzzled over what to give? Das Blumenhaus will be happy to assist you — 528 Summer, ph. 3-2155 — open today 1 to 4. — Adv.

**Mrs. Maude Fortner**

Mrs. Maude Fortner, 73, who died here Thursday, Dec. 17, will be buried in Elmwood cemetery at Morning Sun following 1:30 p.m. services today at Elliott-Lunning chapel in Burlington. She lived at 425 West Burlington Ave., West Burlington.

Born in Abingdon, Ill., Nov. 14, 1897, Mrs. Fortner married Geoffrey Umphrey in 1916. After his death five years later, she married Roy Fortner in 1922. Mrs. Fortner had worked 13 years for the General Motors Corp.

Surviving: Two sons and one daughter, Paul and Thomas Umphrey, both of Pontiac, Mich., and Mrs. Thelma Allen of Madison Heights, Mich.; four brothers and two sisters, Clifford Walker, Colorado Springs, Colo., Samuel Walker, Cedar Rapids, William Walker, Marion, George Walker, New London, Elsie Walker, Grinnell, and Mrs. Myrtle Dotson, West Burlington; a half-brother, Robert Walker, Dallas, Tex.; two half-sisters, Mrs. Viola Van Houten, Corpus Christi, Tex., and Mrs. Marjorie Kimble, Morning Sun; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**Mrs. Norman Moehe**

MT. PLEASANT — Mrs. Norman Moehe, 51, of rural Lockridge, died at Henry County Memorial hospital at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 18.

Gladys Jane Moehe was born Sept. 12, 1919, in Philadelphia, Pa., the daughter of Joseph and Jane MacDonald McGuckin. She was married June 1, 1946 to Norman Moehe and had lived in Henry county since that time. She was a member of Rebecca Lodge and was chairman of the Christmas Seal drive in Henry county.

Surviving: The husband and her parents.  
Funeral: 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Crane, Ewart and Young funeral home in Mt. Pleasant, Rev. Q. Gerald Roseberry and Rev. Ardith Anderson; Forest Home cemetery.

**Dr. William Rankin**

KEOKUK — Dr. William R. Rankin, Keokuk's 93-year-old "Dr. Will," died Friday at his home at 206 1/2 N. Seventh St.

Dr. Rankin was the last known graduate of the old Keokuk Medical college; he graduated in 1903.

"Dr. Will" was awarded the Croix de Guerre by Marshal Henri Philippe Petain for service to France in World War I, in which he served with the 26th Iowa Infantry.

The body is at the DeJong funeral home.

**J. J. Thornton**

FT. MADISON — Jesse James Thornton, 76, 1903 Ave. G, died at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at his home. He had been in failing health the past five years.

Mr. Thornton was born Oct. 4, 1894, son of William and Rose Reid Thornton. He was a life resident of this area and a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Thornton married Mary Ross, March 14, 1919.

He operated a restaurant in Hillsboro for many years and worked at the Iowa Ordnance Plant in Burlington for 12 years, retiring 12 years ago.

Surviving: The wife; three sons, Roger and Ross, both in California, and William, Ft. Madison; a daughter, Eleanor Casady, Keokuk; three brothers, Fremont and R. T., both in California, and Harry, Middletown; five sisters, Mrs. Mabel Penzler, Mrs. Mildred Doren, Mrs. Opal Lendrin, and Mrs. Lucille Newbold, all in California, and Mrs. Dorothy Gabeline, Burlington; 14 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral: Monday, 1:30 p.m., Barr Memorial chapel, Ft. Madison; Rev. Paul Williamson; Hillsboro cemetery.

**Deny Papal illness**

VATICAN CITY (UPI)—The Vatican denied today rumors Pope Paul VI is seriously ill. According to the rumors, published both in Italy and abroad, the Pope was so ill that he could not even receive his closest collaborators. "This is not true," said Luciano Casimiri, vice-director of the Vatican Press Room. "The Pope is well. He has been receiving his direct collaborators, but other audiences remain suspended, partly because of the Pope's busy schedule next week."

**Bert O. Roe**

Bert O. Roe, 78, 808 White-wood, died at 8:02 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, in Mercy unit of Memorial hospital here after an extended illness.

Mr. Roe was born in Kasson, Minn., Feb. 15, 1892, to Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Roe. He married Mary Ansell Dec. 31, 1942, in Kahoka, Mo., after the death of his first wife, Almay Anderson, in Minnesota.

A World War I Army veteran, Mr. Roe belonged to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and was affiliated with the Lutheran church.

Surviving: His wife; two children, Mrs. Eulalia Criswell, St. Paul, Minn., Derrell Roe, Portland, Ore.; five stepchildren, Joe Oge, 925 Hayes; Mrs. Margaret Unglesbee, Lincoln, Neb.; Wendell Oge, Peoria, Ill.; Dale Oge, Albuquerque, N.M.; Jim Oge, Simi, Calif.; three sisters, Mrs. Emma Peterson and Mrs. Sally Anderson, both of Minneapolis, Minn., and Minnie, Florida; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral: Tuesday, 2 p.m. Giles chapel, Rev. Walter E. Lack; cryptment in Memorial Park.

**Catherine Huffaker**

FT. MADISON — Funeral for Mrs. Catherine B. Huffaker, 61, of 2637 Avenue I, who died at Casa Grande, Ariz., will be Monday at 9 a.m. at Sacred Heart church, Fr. Joseph P. Hines officiating. Burial will be in Oakland cemetery. Rosary: Nieters' Chapel this evening at 7:30.

**Mrs. Frances Tarry**

NAUVOO, Ill. — Mrs. Frances L. Tarry, 87, Niota rural, died Friday, Dec. 18, in Sacred Heart hospital, Ft. Madison.

A life resident of the Nauvoo area, she was born in Sonora township on March 5, 1883, the daughter of Gottlieb and Christine Lohr Bollin.

She was a member of Saints Peter-Paul church and of its Rosary society, and of the RNA. She was married to Frank A. Tarry in Sonora township on Feb. 6, 1910.

Surviving: The husband; son and two daughters: Neil Tarry of Nauvoo; Mrs. Virginia Scheetz of Burnside rural, and Mrs. Leola McEntee of Temple City, Calif.; brother and sister Frank Bollin of Hamilton and Mrs. George Hickler of Monticello, Minn.; 19 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Funeral: Monday at 10 a.m. at Saints Peter-Paul church, Fr. John Wissing, Saints Peter-Paul cemetery. Rosary: Tonight at eight at Fiedler funeral home.

**Fortner Service**

Services for Mrs. Maude Fortner, 425 West Burlington Ave. who departed Dec. 17 will be held in the Elliott-Lunning Chapel Sunday 1:30 P.M. with Rev. Paul Pennington officiating. Interment will be in the Elmwood Cemetery, Morning Sun, Iowa. The family will receive friends in the Chapel Sat. from 7:30 until 8:30 P.M. Elliott-Lunning Chapel

**Roe Service**

Services for Mr. Bert O. Roe, 808 Whitewood who departed December 19 will be held in Giles Chapel Tuesday 2 P.M. with Rev. Walter E. Lack officiating. Interment will be in the Memorial Park Mausoleum. The family will receive friends in the chapel from 7:30 until 9 P.M. Giles Funeral Home

**Sheagren Funeral Home**

MR. LLOYD SHUTT  
Funeral services for Mr. Lloyd Shutt of 907 N. 8th Street who passed away December 18, 1970 will be held from the Sheagren Funeral Home Monday at 2 P.M. with Rev. Henry T. Hackman officiating. Interment will be in Kossuth Cemetery at Mediapolis, Iowa. The family will receive friends at Sheagren this evening from 7:30 'till 8:30 o'clock. A memorial has been established at the Grace United Methodist Church.