

Grant Lesser Charge in Murder Case

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ACCUSED MURDERER ducks away from camera as he is being led into court in Farmington Township by a police officer for examination before Judge Walter on a charge of first degree murder.

DA Makes Surprise Request

John Lee Ott got a partial reprieve last Friday afternoon.

In a surprise move, John Bain, Oakland County Prosecuting Attorney, asked that the first degree murder charge on which Ott was being held for the alleged shooting and killing of his long time friend, Donald Garren, 23, of Whittington, last July be changed to a charge of murder in the second degree.

The request was made at the examination before Judge Walter in the Township Court Room and Russell Kent, the defense attorney, readily agreed. As a result the accused was held over for arraignment before Judge Clark Adams in Circuit Court on Oct. 3 at 9 o'clock in the morning.

Thirteen witnesses had been called for the examination last Friday and they were on hand when the surprise move was announced and they were told by Judge Walter that there was no need for taking testimony.

The defendant, a slender, dark-haired 22-year-old, sat silently in an outer room for more than an hour before he was taken to the court room to hear the decision.

While witnesses fidgeted about they were told that no action could be taken until a court stenographer arrived. "She is on her way," it was announced, "but we can't do anything until she arrives."

After her arrival there was another long delay while the attorneys huddled with the judge. It was during this huddle that the decision was made to ask for the change in the charge from first to second degree murder.

According to the charge the alleged shooting and murder was the result of an argument over a \$50 debt which Ott claimed Garren owed him for help on a house painting job.

Police said that the shooting took place about 1 a.m. when, according to reports, Ott appeared at Garren's home during a party attended by several members of the Drivers Motorcycle Club to which both belonged and demanded payment.

Garren allegedly fired one shot from a .22 caliber pistol, hitting no one and Ott left. He returned shortly thereafter with a rifle and traded several shots with Garren.

In this exchange Garren was shot in the chest and abdomen and died about an hour later in Botsford General Hospital.



JOAN SHEPHERD

attractions are free. All performances will take place on the Wonderland bandstand, located near Robinson Furniture, at the west end of the mall.

GOP Seeks Volunteers To Man Plymouth Office

The Plymouth Republican Party headquarters, on S. Main adjacent to the Plymouth Observer office, is open daily. Anyone wishing to volunteer for a few hours work is requested to call Shirley Harrison at 453-8358 or Betty Sincow at 453-7471. The headquarters number is 453-4242.

Madonna to Invest Frosh in New Caps

Madonna College in Livonia will invest its freshmen in cape and gowns Tuesday, Oct. 4.

Guest speaker for the evening ceremonies will be Mrs. Thomas Stalmack. A 1960 graduate, Mrs. Stalmack has recently been appointed to serve on the Board of Trustees at the College. Her topic will be the extension of womanhood into all phases of society.

For the past two years, Mrs. Stalmack has been president of the Detroit chapter of the Alumnae Association. Sister M. Danatha, CSSF, college president, and Sister M. Laurianna, CSSF, academic dean, will present the members of the 1970 graduating class.

Named Berry Sales Chief

Bruce Craig, new co-owner at Berry Pontiac in Plymouth, has announced the change of key personnel throughout the dealership. Both the sales and service departments are affected.

Craig has put Joe Wallace in the general manager's position, replacing Jim Edelbrock, who purchased a model in Flint.

Craig was fortunate to obtain Harry Roberts as service manager. Roberts has long service experience in the GM line.

College Revises Dropout Policy

A revision of admission policy to spell out how non-graduates can enter Schoolcraft College has been announced by college officials.

The new rules are aimed primarily at the high school dropout, but apply equally to the advanced student now attending high school. The rules were developed in a series of conferences between college authorities and administrators of high schools.



TWO OF FOUR MEN employed in the Plymouth area, and described by Chester P. Ogden, administrative vice-president of the Detroit Edison Company and president of Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan, as "cream of the crop" and "trail blazers" receive their Coordinating Adviser portfolios from Ogden (center). On the left is Mason McKeel of Western Electric and right is Frank Marshall of Burroughs Corp.

4 Area Business Leaders Will Advise JA Groups

Four area businessmen have been chosen by Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan, to implement JA's new coordinating adviser at the JA Plymouth business center which is in operation four night a week at 858 West Ann Arbor Trail.

The men who will each take over the coordinating advisorship one night a week for 30 weeks are: Frank Marshall of the Burroughs Corp., James Wilson of the Livonia Chevrolet Plant of General Motors Corp., Mason McKeel of Western Electric and Larry Furrow of Ford Motor Company's Transmission and Chassis Division in Livonia.

Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan operates the largest JA program in the United States, with some 8,000 junior and senior high school students organizing each fall into their own business companies.

One of the principal reasons for introducing a new adviser system, according to Chester P. Ogden, who is administrative vice-president of The Detroit Edison Company and president of Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan, is to achieve the most efficient use of adviser manpower.

When the Junior Achievement program gets underway Oct. 10 in the area, approximately 400 students from local high schools will form into 20 or more brand new JA companies. In the past each company has been sponsored by a local parent company which provided at least three advisers.

Thus under the old system at least 60 advisers would be needed this year. However, under the new system, with one coordinating adviser at the helm each night, a JA center can operate with a minimum of three advisers for all companies in operation at the center that night.

Because of the size of the Southeastern Michigan operation, the use of the new coordinating adviser system is being watched by JA operations all over the country.

Only 80 men were chosen as coordinating advisers, and at a recent meeting scheduled to acquaint them with procedures, Ogden told the men, "At the risk of using cliché, I can't think of any better way to describe you men than as the 'cream of the crop' and also 'trail blazers.'"

Hundreds of business people give a great deal of their time to the Junior Achievement program, but the success of everything that others

in the college district, and were approved by college board of trustees.

The rules apply only to residents of the college district and provide separately for non-graduates who are 20 or older, and those under 20.

In each instance, students may apply for courses in either academic work or vocational-technical areas.

Under the new policy, non-graduates who are 20 or older may apply for admission as special students and will be admitted to those courses in which their success seems probable as indicated by their high school record, college counseling tests and personal interviews.

These students will be reclassified as regular students when individual program deficiencies have been removed.

Non-graduates not yet 20 will be considered for admission as special students under four conditions according to the new policy:

They must have completed at least eight high school units from a high school recognized by the State Dept. of Education.

They will be eligible for consideration only after the lapse of one full school year or after earning one additional high school unit of credit after leaving high school.

They must present a written recommendation from their high school superintendent.

They will be admitted only to those courses in which their success seems probable as indicated by their high school record, college counseling tests and personal interviews. Regular status will

be granted to these students when program deficiencies are removed.

DRC Ok's Shopping Spree

For the third straight year officials of the Detroit Race Course have agreed to absorb the cost of a \$1,000 shopping spree to be awarded in conjunction with Wonderland Center's anniversary celebration, October 7-15.

The agreement was announced by Frank Liddy, DRC general manager, and Ernie Epps, Wonderland's advertising and promotion director.

In addition, the popular Livonia race course will honor 20,000 free-admission tickets to be distributed at Wonderland beginning Oct. 5. Each ticket will include a stub which must be deposited before Oct. 15 at the racing plant at Schoolcraft and Middlebelt.

A special DRC "prize booth" will be in operation from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the Wonderland mall beginning Oct. 5. The booth will be located near Lerner Shops.

Epps stressed that only one ticket will be given to a person and that no tickets will be distributed to those under 21 years of age.

In 1965 the \$1,000 "windfall" went to Steve Goleman, of Detroit. The 1964 winner was Mrs. Joanne Straus, of Plymouth.

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Teachers' Group Moves to Garden City

The Michigan Education Association's Region 2 office, which covers virtually all of Wayne County school districts outside of Detroit, is busy moving into its new offices in Garden City.

Richard Gray, field representative for the largest teachers' organization in the state, said that the M.E.A. should complete its moving operations by the end of this week.

The M.E.A. field office, formerly on the northwest side of Detroit, will be housed on the second floor of the Orin Mazzoni Jeweler's building, on the southeast corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt.

Purpose of the new location is to better serve the people in Region 2, to allow us more office space, and to afford better access to our membership, Gray said.

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