

Personal

Classmates To Bear Langbecker To Grave

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Mrs. Ralph Lepley and Mrs. Leon Green entertained Mrs. Frank K. Brinker, Mrs. Ray Cummings and four children and Mrs. Lapham and three children. Mrs. Howard Irish and daughter Patsy and Mrs. William Major, Mrs. Perry Prindle all of Detroit, also Mrs. David Prindle, Miss Minnie Toomey of Farmington to a pot luck dinner at Mrs. Green's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Green attended the Webber reunion at Mace Day Lake Sunday, August 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Boice of Pontiac, Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Pike returned Sunday from a four-day trip to Niagara Falls and Jack Miner's bird ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Adams spent the week end in Detroit with their daughter, Mr. R. E. Noble and family.

Miss Eleanor Barclay of Windsor is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. T. H. McGee.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. McGee called on Mrs. A. McGee in Pontiac Wednesday.

Beatrice Aiken is visiting her cousin Elizabeth Young of Pontiac for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lapham entertained Sunday for Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cudney of Detroit, Laura Lapham of Buffalo, Madeline Waller and friend, Helen Lauder of Toronto. Miss Waller and Miss Lauder remained guests at the Lapham home for several days.

Virle Jean McCafferty spent the week at Lake Chemung.

Mrs. O. T. Wiels and son Donald of Chicago are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bulis.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holmes and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Holmes' sister, Mrs. Joe Fales and family of Battle Creek. Captain Theodore H. Andrews of Mankota, Minn., is visiting his brother, C. N. Andrews.

The Progressive Class of the Methodist Church held a special meeting at Cass-Benton Park on Monday. All present reported a very enjoyable afternoon.

Miss Carrie Schultz and Miss Marion Pangborn returned last week from a trip through Iowa and Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Manzel will motor to Port Huron where they expect to spend a few days.

P. Owen Pauline and friend, James Gibbs of Ann Arbor, left Thursday evening on a motor tour which will take them thru New York State and Canada.

Mrs. T. H. McGee and friend, Miss Barclay, spent Thursday in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Doyle and daughter Jean returned Saturday from a trip of nine days, which included touring in Indiana and the upper part of Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lee and son Don returned Wednesday from a trip to Sault Ste. Marie and the Upper Peninsula. They left Saturday.

span swung nearly 90 feet up above the water.

Fred Schaffner, 22, 138 Geneva avenue, Highland Park, is recuperating from the effects of having swallowed some of the impure water of the canal, when he plunged in twice in vain efforts to save Langbecker. He was advised to remain at home Wednesday.

Killom told Wednesday how Clayton's younger brother, Kenneth, 18 years old, attempted to jump down 75 feet from the rising bridge-span to save his brother, being stopped only when a foreman caught hold of him and held him back. The water into which the younger brother might have leaped is covered with a thick scum probably two inches thick, residue from Ford chemical and manufacturing plants.

"Warning Was Short"

A strange combination of circumstances worked together to cause Langbecker's death as related by Killom. Short notice from the boat for which the bridge was raised, resulting absence from the bridge-base of other workmen who usually get off the span, slipping of the hook by which the scaffold was secured to a girder—all contributed to the tragedy.

According to Killom, he and Langbecker were on a scaffold made of a ladder covered with lath. This was suspended by ropes from a girder overhead, the fastening being by means of steel hooks. The hooks were ordinarily placed in such a way as to cause each end of the scaffold to

draw against the other and thus prevent either hook from slipping. The boys sit on the scaffold and paint in that position. When the bridge is raised, the scaffold swings in toward the girders and when the bridge is fully opened, according to Killom, the workers are quite safe because they are able to stand on the upturned girders.

All Stayed On

Most of those painting stay on the spans when they go up, but a few almost always get off and stand near the base of the bridge and along the bank of the canal until the span is lowered again.

When the tug J. C. Moree whistled for the draw, about 11:30 a. m. Tuesday, the warning was unusually brief, Killom said. He and Langbecker stayed on the scaffold. One end of it slipped, and it dangled perpendicularly above the water. Killom, however, got a good hold by putting his right arm over a girder in such a way that "another iron pressed against the under side of his arm, above the elbow. Langbecker apparently was able to hang on temporarily, the span having been almost at the top when he fell.

"I don't believe that Clayton had a hold like I did," said Killom. "If he did and his feet slipped, I'm sure his arm would have been broken."

Fell Head First

Killom is unable to tell all that happened, due to excitement. He knows that Langbecker fell head first, and that he came to the surface twice and shouted for help. The tug stopped and life-preservers were thrown. The bridge-tender, Killom said, is deaf and

could not be made to understand immediately what had happened.

A friend of Langbecker, Fred Schaffner, 22 years old, of 138 Geneva avenue, Highland Park, who had also gone up on the bridge, was able to get down by dropping from one girder to the next below, and on arriving at the water's edge, dove into the canal. He was unable to locate his friend, however, although he plunged in twice. The bridge was held upright for half an hour, Killom said, while the tug stood by and efforts were made to find Langbecker.

A Detroit fire company with dragging equipment and a pulmotor was on the scene within 15 minutes, but did not have the good fortune to locate the youth's body at once. It was two hours later, about 1 o'clock, when the hooks finally caught the body and brought it to the surface. The water is 30 feet deep.

"Was Timid About Work"

Killom says he believes that Langbecker, who was not exceptionally strong, was a bit timid about the work he was doing, particularly about going up when the bridge was raised. There was scarcely time for them to have left the span and reached land before the fatal rise on Tuesday, Killom said. Langbecker's desire to work where Killom and Schaffner were apparently kept him at the job, according to the former. The boys had been at work since July 1, and the painting is only about one-third done. The Wayne County Road Commission employs the crew.

F. H. S. Graduate Of 1928
Langbecker was graduated from Farmington High School in the class of 1928, and had attended

the Cleary Business College at Ypsilanti last year. He was working to continue his studies, as are Schaffner and Killom, who have been students at Ohio State University and Detroit City College.

Langbecker, Killom and the latter's father, Frank Killom, had discussed the work on the bridge and the possible hazard of it Monday evening, less than 24 hours before the tragedy.

Girls Challenge Popularity Leader

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nesday evening. The other contestants are still below 9,000 ballots.

Most interesting was the battle of the three girls whose popularity seriously challenges that of Miss Johnson in the contest. Lucille Jacobs made a surprising gain of 460 votes during the past seven days, and jumped into second place, dropping Alice Westfall to third. And close behind Miss Jacobs in advancement was Mary Ellen Fink, who gained 330 votes, leaving her only 90 votes behind Miss Westfall.

Inasmuch as no other newspaper coupons are to be issued and all the votes coming in are on the Legionnaires' coupons, those in charge of the contest believe that the results of the past two weeks indicate the closest kind of race to the very night of the presentation. Any one of four girls appears now to have an excellent chance for the title of most popular girl in this community.

Meanwhile, preparations for other features of the eighth an-

nual Gala Day celebration are being completed by Groves-Walker Post. Three vaudeville teams have been engaged, and will perform during the day and evening. Baseball teams have been selected for the morning and afternoon games. In the morning game, Northwestern Athletic Club will play Walled Lake, and in the afternoon West Point Park will meet Plymouth.

Other sports are on the calendar, with an unusual line-up of races for boys and girls, men and women. Automobile show, grand midway, and war trophy exhibit are other features being prepared, with the giving away of a Pontiac Big Six Sedan as the climax late in the evening.

Standings of the popularity contest entrants Wednesday evening were as follows:

June Johnson	10,110
Lucille Jacobs	8,770
Alice Westfall	8,560
Mary Ellen Fink	8,470
Katherine Hayne	4,200
Virginia Otis	4,100
Dolores Revette	4,100
Dwayne Murphy	200

EXCHANGE CLUB TAKES CHILDREN TO THE FAIR

Over one hundred boys and girls, the largest number ever to go from Farmington, went on the Exchange Club's annual "Sunshine Special" to the Oakland County Fair at Milford. For the first time in years, no prize was offered for attendance, but it is believed that Farmington would have won had a prize been presented.

Exchange members and the school bus took the children to the Fair and brought them back. All reported "a fine time."



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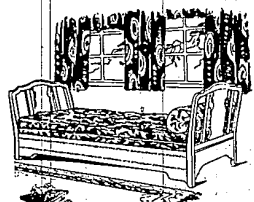
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STATE OF MICHIGAN,
Circuit Court for the County of Oakland in Chancery.
Frank D. Hayes,
Plaintiff.

Geneva Hayes, Defendant.
No. D1649

At a session of said Court held in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on this 12th day of July, A. D. 1929. Present: Honorable Frank L. Doty, Circuit Judge.

It appearing to this Court by Plaintiff's affidavit that defendant Geneva Hayes is not a resident of the State of Michigan, but resides in the City of Bloomington, State of Indiana.

On motion of E. L. Phillips, attorney for plaintiff, it is ordered that this said defendant, Geneva Hayes, cause her appearance to be entered in this cause within three (3) months from the date of this Order, and in case of her appearance cause her answer to plaintiff's bill of complaint to be filed, and a copy thereof served upon plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after service upon her of a copy of said bill of complaint and notice of this Order, and that in default thereof said bill be taken as confessed by defendant.

It is further ordered that within forty (40) days from this date plaintiff cause a notice of this Order to be published in the Farmington Enterprise, a newspaper printed, published and circulated in Oakland County, and that such publication be continued once each week for six (6) weeks in succession, or that a copy of this Order be served upon said defendant at least twenty (20) days before the time prescribed for her appearance herein, personally or by registered mail and official return receipt hereof received, and due proof of personal service or service by registered mail of this Order upon said defendant to be filed in the above cause.

FRANK L. DOTY, Circuit Judge.
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