

SHOCKING AND MYSTERIOUS CRIME

Mrs. Fred Lehman of Fulton Township Mysteriously Murdered—Her Husband's Story Discredited

Fred Lehman Under Arrest Charged With The Atrocious Crime

It has been many years since Fulton County has been so shocked by wanton crime as it has been this week by the murder of Mrs. Fred Lehman of Fulton township at her own home on the night of Sunday, September 16th.

Hubbard's Story Discredited Following the funeral services of Mrs. Lehman which were held Wednesday, Lehman was brought to Wauseon by Sheriff Boone and his wounds examined by a number of physicians.

Various reports in regard to the details of the episode have been published in the daily press, the following outline was obtained from one of the officers who was present at the scene of the crime on Monday and who gave from memory the story as it came to him from various sources.

The examination of Lehman was made at the instance of Coroner Bishop and Sheriff Boone; the officers having found circumstantial evidence that discredited Lehman's story. Sheriff Boone having found a 22 calibre revolver under the milk house on the Lehman farm with 3 bullets gone from the chamber. An old knife was also found with blood on one blade.

LETTER FROM RAY EMERLING

The following letter will be of interest to the many friends of the writer in Wauseon and vicinity. Camp Mills, Hampstead, New York. Dear Friends at Home:—

I presume you will be surprised to hear from me so far away. We left Camp Perry for home on Friday, September 8th at eight o'clock for Camp Mills New York. It was raining pretty hard when we left Camp Perry but it quit by the time we reached Cleveland. We traveled on and then we sighted Buffalo about three miles away there we changed engines and then we moved on to Niagara Falls and then we moved on to Niagara on account of a little accident, one of the boxes got so hot we had to change cars then we went on to Buffalo where we changed engines again. Our next stop was Ithaca which is as large as Toledo.

How long he lay on the ground unconscious. Mr. Lehman could not remember crawling toward the road and calling until he aroused. Chester Mills who lives across the road from the Lehman home, called Mr. Mills answered the call found Lehman lying on the ground near the road. Mr. Mills called his wife and also called Dr. Congrove of Swanton who came very soon. Mr. Mills went into the house and found Mrs. Lehman in bed lying on her back with no evidence of struggle a bullet wound on her right hand and another at the edge of her head. The bullet which was taken from the opposite side of her head from that on which it had entered, was found to be a bullet from a revolver. Lehman was carried into the house where his wounds were attended to; a bullet hole through the muscle of the left arm and another bullet wound in the side of the left leg, some scratches on his body and an abrasion on the forehead constitute the sum of Mr. Lehman's injuries.

In the home bureau scattered papers were opened and contents of drawers were watched of both Mr. and Mrs. Lehman all of which were in one of the drawers was untouched. A pair of pliers belonging to Mr. Lehman which he said had been in the barn were found lying on the ground near the poultry house door where they had evidently been used to pull the staple referred to above. In the barn a rope which had been used to tie a calf was found with a noose in the end as if fixed for a trap. The alarm was given in Swanton and from there a call was sent by telephone to Wauseon for the sheriff. This call was received in Wauseon about the night operator in the dispatching office, a little before 4 o'clock Monday morning; Sheriff Boone and deputy McQuillin started within a very short time for the scene and they arrived at their destination that many had proceeded there and all tracks or marks that might have given indication of the direction taken by the criminal were being retraced the dead, were entirely obliterated before they arrived on the scene. Detectives from the Toledo police force came Monday to the county officers in the endeavor to unravel the mystery and find some trail of those who committed the crime.

The entire community were aroused by the tragedy and ready to deal summarily with the crime. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lehman are well known and well liked in the community. Mrs. Lehman was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Hall, about 22 years of age and of a kind and gentle disposition. Fred Lehman her husband is about 26 years of age, the son of Daniel Lehman and bears an excellent reputation among those who have known him all his life. The young couple lived on one of Daniel Lehman's farms about three miles North of Swanton and there has never been word in regard to their domestic relations other than that they lived together happily and peaceably.

FIFTY-SEVEN MORE

Second Detachment of Fulton County's Quota of Selected Men Leave for Chillicothe Wednesday Morning—Next Detachment to Go Oct. 3.

The fifty-seven men constituting the second detachment of the county's quota of selected men for the National Army left for Chillicothe on the 9:09 N. Y. C. train Wednesday morning and there are more vacant places in many homes all over the county; also there are many homes where the letters from the absent ones will be anxiously waited for and those same letters will be read with pride and treasured among the keepers of the family.

Harry G. Dolf of Wauseon was designated by the local Military Board to act as leader and assistant respectively for the trip to Chillicothe. In Delta the business places and schools did not open Wednesday morning but instead all who possibly could came to Wauseon to see the boys off.

Business places in Wauseon closed at 8:30 Wednesday morning and remained closed until after the train bearing the second detachment of the county's selected men was on its way to Toledo. Business men and citizens from Archbold, Swanton, Fayette and in fact about every corner of the county gathered in to say "good-bye" and help give the parting cheer.

At about 8:30 the boys formed in line at the court house and marched to the N. Y. C. station escorted by business men and citizens. At the station a large crowd variously estimated at from 1300 to 1500 of fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, wives and friends gathered to say their farewells; the crowd was increased by the pupils and teachers of High School and grades. The schools came with flags and gathered round the boys to sing patriotic songs and in the cheers that were given to the men called into training for service under the National colors. One car was attached to the 9:09 train for the use of the Fulton county boys, so there was plenty of room as far as the boys were concerned. The boys from Williams county were routed south from Bryan over the Cincinnati Northern Rv. The next detachment of men for the National Army will leave Wauseon Wednesday October 3rd and will consist of about 57 more of the county's best young men.

STONEROCK — AMES

At six o'clock Saturday evening September 8th, at the home of the brides parents Mr. and Mrs. Perry Stonerock of Greenview, Ohio, Mr. E. R. Ames of Columbus, Ohio, and Miss Mary M. Stonerock of Columbus, Ohio, were quietly married by Rev. Willard Guy Pastor of the Indiana church of Christ at Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Ames was a member of the graduating class of the Wauseon High School in 1916 receiving a scholarship for the Ohio State University which he attended last year. Mrs. Ames was a member of the graduating class of Greenview, High School in 1914, and graduated from Miss Business College of Columbus, Ohio, the following year. After the ceremony dinner was served to the brides parents and sisters and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Ames of Columbus, Ohio, Rev. Guy Mr. and Mrs. Ames left Sunday for Columbus where they will make their home at 789 Summit street, and have the best wishes of friends for future happiness.

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Fulton's Men of The National Army



at Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio

First Detachment September 6th, 1917

- Otto E. Funkhouser, John Ondajke, Albert L. Frey, Carl F. Schroder, Fern D. Harrison, Frank H. Miller, Paul H. Hemstoh, Robert J. Bissonette

Second Detachment, September 19th, 1917

- Daniel Kaiser, John Ondajke, Rossell G. Hartman, Chauncey Greisinger, Clarence T. Miller, James Gallbraith, Carl E. Fox, Carroll O. Rochte, Charles S. Carpenter, Joseph Eaton, Ernest F. Mann, Henry O. Toms, Clifford C. Gibbs, Glen E. Olney, Herman F. Arps, Hal Garsney, Chauncey H. VanWagner, Jesse J. Clark, Ralph Wiley, Bert Roddy, Albert Weckesser, Walter B. Myers, Paul J. Hayes, Howard H. Dickason, Charles H. Kinsman, Frank W. Hines, William N. Alpaugh, William Greiser, Howard S. Dolf

OCTOBER TERM

Fulton County Common Pleas Court Begins October Term on First Day of that Month—Lists of Jurymen Drawn.

The October term of the court of Common Pleas for Fulton county will open with the meeting of the grand jury, one week from next Monday, October first. Present indications are that the juries, both grand and petit will have considerable business to attend to and the Bar Docket for the term, shows five cases on the criminal docket and forty-two cases on the civil docket.

- W. Frants Issued: Mrs. Julia A. Donnelly, M. P. \$8. Mrs. Meda E. Buck, M. P. \$12.50. Mrs. Miriam Hayward, M. P. \$6. Mrs. Mary Malone, M. P. \$4. E. F. Chase, salary dist. sup. \$91. South Side Meat Market, meats for infirmary, \$23.87. J. E. Coon, estimate No. 8, road No. 14, \$900. Jocelyn Upp, inspector road No. 14 \$7.00. Mrs. Elvora Robinson, M. P. \$9. Clair P. Griffin chairman on ditch, \$3. W. L. Imies, fertilizer, Inf., \$51.70. Mrs. Jennie Mack, M. P. \$10. Mrs. Lowell W. Keith, M. P. \$20. W. L. Osell, refund on cigarette license, \$10.50. F. C. Smallman, groceries etc. Infirmary \$101.59. A. S. VanNortwick, S. R. \$2. C. F. Bratton, part Sec. 4 Pike ditch No. 1173, \$70. D. B. Cook, Sec. 5, \$122. M. E. Ellsworth, Sec. 3, Gorham ditch No. 1149, \$167. Mrs. Emily Geer, M. P. \$10.

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COUNCIL MEETING

Width of New Beech Street Pavement in Question—Signal Light Posts at Street Intersections on Fulton—Sewers and Sidewalks.

On Monday evening all councilmen were on duty and discussion and disposition of town affairs moved along in normal order.

A petition from property owners on Beech street that asked that the new pavement be kept to 20 feet revealed the fact that while the legislation on this improvement called for the 20 foot street on the Beech street improvement, the engineer had made blue prints and specifications for a 24 foot pavement and had instructed the contractor to order material for the last named dimensions. The legislation having been passed for a 20 foot pavement the council decided that was not in their power to change the dimensions at this time and that no action on the petition was necessary.

The clerk read a proposal from the Toledo & Indiana Railway Company to furnish and place signal light posts at the street intersections on Fulton street from the Cherry street intersection on the South to the Oak street intersection on the North, and to furnish electric current for lighting same. The council voted to accept the proposal and to instruct the city solicitor to draw up a contract between the village and the T. & I. Railway company embodying the terms of said proposal. These posts will be for the guidance of traffic and will bear red signal lights at night. The parking of autos, hitching rails and other items relating to the proper care of vehicles and people who visit the town on market nights and other special occasions were discussed and plans concerning them made.

Sidewalk and grades for side-walks on Vine, Cherry and Jefferson streets were considered and instructions issued. A petition from property owners for sanitary and storm water sewers on Sycamore, Potter and other streets in the Northwestern section of the town was presented to the council. After reviewing the sewage situation in that section of the town and the conditions that prevail, the council seemed to be of the opinion that the sewer petitioned for should be constructed and while not taking any definite action expressed itself as in favor of going forward in this matter. Action will probably be taken at the next meeting of the council.

A matter of temporary improvement of the West end of East Chestnut street was referred to the street committee; claim ordinance was passed and council adjourned, to meet again October first.

MARINES IN TRAINING

Intensive training, under tutelage of a high ranking officer of the United States Marine Corps who has been abroad two years learning the methods, is now being given all recruits, at the Paris Island, S. C. training camp for the "Soldiers of the Navy". Bomb throwing, trench construction, etc., serve to relieve the monotony of "squads drill" and the recruits are quickly informed that their training is not for superior on the parade ground, but on the contrary, is for the highest efficiency in actual warfare. The recruit sea soldiers are also being indoctrinated with the idea that U. S. Marines must never fall in a pinch—for that is the history of their Corps and that they must never yield to any foe, under any circumstances.

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RED CROSS FACTS

Objects of American Red Cross—Work Abroad and at Home—Fulton County Chapter—Proportion of War Fund—Members in The County—Cash Receipts

Very shortly after the appointment of the War Council of the American Red Cross, it appealed to the people of the United States for a contribution of One Hundred Million Dollars, which is known as a relief fund.

- 1. To establish and maintain hospitals for soldiers in the American Army in France. 2. To establish and maintain canteens, rest houses, recreation huts and other means of supplying soldiers with such comforts and recreation as the Army authorities may approve. 3. To establish and maintain in France canteens rest houses, recreation huts and other means of supplying soldiers with such comforts and recreation as the Army authorities may approve. 4. To distribute hospital equipment and supplies of all kinds to military hospitals for soldiers of the American or allied armies. 5. To engage in civilian relief, including: a. The care and education of destitute children. b. Care of sick and disabled soldiers; c. Relief work in the devastated areas of France and Belgium, such as furnishing to the inhabitants of these districts agricultural implements, household goods, foods, clothing and such temporary relief as will enable them to return to their homes; e. To provide relief for and guard against the increase of tuberculosis. 6. To furnish relief for soldiers and civilians held as prisoners by the enemy, and to give assistance to such civilians as are returned to France from time to time from the parts of Belgium and of France held by the enemy.

The following has been received as special donations to the Chapter: Cash received from The National League for Women's Service. \$24.99 P. J. Lenhart. 4.00 M. H. Greenleaf. 25.00 Royal Neighbors. 5.00 D. Simpson. 2.00 Superior Iron Works. 25.00 Lyon & Greenleaf. 25.00 Treasurer National League for Women's Service. .50 Zion Church. 37.00 Ohio Gas Light & Coke Co. 1.00 Will Lyon. 5.00 Mizpah S. S. class M. E. church at Orlake. 5.00 The following has been received as special donations to the Chapter: Cash received from The National League for Women's Service. \$24.99 P. J. Lenhart. 4.00 M. H. Greenleaf. 25.00 Royal Neighbors. 5.00 D. Simpson. 2.00 Superior Iron Works. 25.00 Lyon & Greenleaf. 25.00 Treasurer National League for Women's Service. .50 Zion Church. 37.00 Ohio Gas Light & Coke Co. 1.00 Will Lyon. 5.00 Mizpah S. S. class M. E. church at Orlake. 5.00 The following has been received as special donations to the Chapter: Cash received from The National League for Women's Service. \$24.99 P. J. Lenhart. 4.00 M. H. Greenleaf. 25.00 Royal Neighbors. 5.00 D. Simpson. 2.00 Superior Iron Works. 25.00 Lyon & Greenleaf. 25.00 Treasurer National League for Women's Service. .50 Zion Church. 37.00 Ohio Gas Light & Coke Co. 1.00 Will Lyon. 5.00 Mizpah S. S. class M. E. church at Orlake. 5.00

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Render such assistance as may be possible and necessary to the dependents of men who are in the army. And note the following: from Mr. Davidson, Chairman of the Council: The American Red Cross is distinctly a non-combatant, civilian organization. Its character as such will be jealously guarded and none of its great assets, and it is the policy of the Red Cross to discourage assumption of its representatives of any relationship or activity which does not harmonize absolutely with its distinctive civilian character.

Thousands of dollars of this money are being expended by the women of this country in the purchasing of supplies which are manufactured for the comfort of our soldiers, sick and wounded. Of this fund Fulton county has been asked to raise the small sum of five thousand dollars; at a Red Cross meeting held at Wauseon on Friday the 14th, this five thousand dollars was apportioned among the various Branches of the County, based upon the tax duplicate of the several Jurisdictions, and the apportionment is as follows: Wauseon \$1250.00 Delta 850.00 Archbold 720.00 Fayette 650.00 Swanton 400.00 Metamora 350.00 Winnesboro 320.00 Oak Shade 235.00

There are about twenty-five hundred Red Cross members in the county and one hundred in the various Branches are all doing most excellent work and turning out many manufactured articles for the comfort of our soldiers. The above are but a few of the hundreds of Red Cross activities engaged in, and it is impossible to enumerate them all. Many stories, such as the sale of manufactured articles by the Red Cross authorities, and that workers are being paid for their work, and stories of similar character are being circulated for the purpose of injuring this great work; none of these stories are true and none can be traced to a responsible source.

The following persons have each paid \$10.00 for a banner: Fred H. Wolf, Henry Williams, J. F. Hatt, Ed. Scott, C. Cole, L. W. DeMat, A. F. Shaffer, M. E. Road, G. D. Green, Anna Greenleaf, Frank R. Guilford, Lyon & Dudley, C. F. Stokker, H. S. Lyon, F. J. Spencer, Frank S. Ham, F. E. Harper, Chas. T. Stahl, Homer Leist, W. T. Campbell, W. H. Eager, O. C. Standish, Edgar & VanKensinger, Roy Pike, C. D. D. A report recently issued by the Council to the American people of the general objects sought by the work abroad are briefly outlined as follows: 1. To establish and maintain hospitals for soldiers in the American Army in France. 2. To establish and maintain canteens, rest houses, recreation huts and other means of supplying soldiers with such comforts and recreation as the Army authorities may approve. 3. To establish and maintain in France canteens rest houses, recreation huts and other means of supplying soldiers with such comforts and recreation as the Army authorities may approve. 4. To distribute hospital equipment and supplies of all kinds to military hospitals for soldiers of the American or allied armies. 5. To engage in civilian relief, including: a. The care and education of destitute children. b. Care of sick and disabled soldiers; c. Relief work in the devastated areas of France and Belgium, such as furnishing to the inhabitants of these districts agricultural implements, household goods, foods, clothing and such temporary relief as will enable them to return to their homes; e. To provide relief for and guard against the increase of tuberculosis. 6. To furnish relief for soldiers and civilians held as prisoners by the enemy, and to give assistance to such civilians as are returned to France from time to time from the parts of Belgium and of France held by the enemy.

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