

Community Shocked By Garland Gebert Death

A truck accident five miles west of Helena, O., took the life of a lifetime resident of Pierceton on Friday morning, July 9. Garland Homer Gebert, 54, was killed when the tractor-trailer he was driving collided with an empty cattle truck at 7:20 a.m.

The Gebert truck hit the side of the other vehicle, driven by Clarence Otis McNicol, 57, of Adrian, Mich., causing the cab to disintegrate and the cattle truck and trailer to turn on its side. Gebert was thrown clear of the wreckage but alighted inside a ring of fire causing some burns to his back and head. He died of a crushed chest, skull fracture and internal injuries. William Shepherd of Clyde, O., pulled him from the burning wreckage and used a blanket from his auto to snuff out the flames. He was dead on arrival at the Fremont Memorial hospital, and was dismissed to the Keller funeral home in that city. Later he was returned to Pierceton by the Spangle ambulance. McNicol was treated for minor injuries and released from the hospital.

Mr. Gebert had worked most of his life as a truck driver. From 1942 to 1955 he drove a truck and trailer for Motor Cargo. Since that time he has been employed by the Fruehoff Corp., delivering empty trailers to various places all over the states. He was associated with the Triple Service Station at one time and also worked as a mechanic for Munson's Motor Sales in Warsaw. He and his wife have driven a school bus for the Pierceton school since 1959.

His wife, the former Ruth Koontz, and Mrs. Harry Harris, both of Pierceton, were on a motor trip to Sebring, Fla., when the accident occurred. They returned to Pierceton on Saturday by air, accompanied by Mrs. Gebert's sister, Mrs. Norris Miller, who they had planned to visit in Sebring. They arrived home at midnight Saturday.

Other survivors include a son, Donald, and his wife Betty and grandsons, David and Brian.

Obituary

Garland Homer Gebert, 54, of Pierceton, was born on March 14, 1911, to John and Clara (Devaux) Gebert in Whitley county. He was a lifetime resident of the Pierceton area with the exceptions of short residencies in Gary and Texas. He married Ruth Koontz on March 21, 1931, at Huntington.



GARLAND GEBERT

Mr. Gebert was affiliated with the Pierceton Lodge No. 377 F. & A.M., Fort Wayne Valley of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Mizpah Temple Shrine of Fort Wayne, Kosciusko County Shrine Club, a lifetime member of Moose Lodge 1423 of Warsaw and the Washington Township Farm Bureau.

Survivors include his wife Ruth; one son, Donald; two grandsons; his father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Gebert, all of Pierceton; four brothers, Orville and Bertis of Pierceton, Virgil and Robert of Fort Wayne; and one sister, Mrs. Mort (Myrtle) Speerer of White Pigeon, Mich.; several nieces and nephews. His mother preceded him in death in 1959.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church on Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 with the Rev. J. E. Lawshe, of North Webster, and the Rev. Howard Warner of Monroe township officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest cemetery.

The Masons' Lodge conducted graveside services.

The Spangle funeral home was in charge of the service.

READ KITTY AND THE CLASSIFIEDS EVERY WEEK

Syracuse Locals

Eddie Robison of r 3 Syracuse, spent Monday, July 12, visiting relatives near Chicago.

Patricia and Christine LeCount of Warsaw, Mrs. Lucile Kunef and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kunef and family of Mishawaka spent last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Emory Guy, Syracuse.

Mrs. Tillman Coy, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Insley and Mrs. Estella Swartz, all of Syracuse, spent Wednesday (today) in Niles, Mich., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Bushong.

Mrs. Orville Knisley, and children Becky and James, Miss Catherine Connell and Mrs. Elva Connell spent the July 4th holiday weekend in Winamac. Mrs. Knisley and children visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Prange and family. They visited at the home of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Hubert Bolhauer and Mr. Bolhauer.

Mrs. Emory Guy, Syracuse, spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Lucile Kunef of Mishawaka and other relatives.

Mrs. Catherine Babcock and Goldie Newcomer of Syracuse spent Sunday, July 11, with Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Kehr and son Ray of Goshen, in honor of little Ray's birthday.

Miss Norma Richcreek, Syracuse, has returned to her duties at the Murphy Medical Center following a two-week vacation. During her vacation, Miss Richcreek visited in Cleveland, O.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zeltinger of Chicago spent the holiday week end with his mother, Mrs. Ada Zeltinger, r 4 Syracuse.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Adkins and children of Anderson spent the weekend in Goshen with Mrs. Adkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smally. On Saturday, Mrs. Adkins attended a college sorority picnic at Lake Hillcrest cemetery.

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MRS. WILLIAM M. COYLE

Lynne Kay Beebe And William Coyle Wed Sunday, June 27

Miss Lynne Kay Beebe became the bride of William Michael Coyle in a lovely Sunday afternoon ceremony in the First Presbyterian church at Pierceton at 2:30 p.m., June 27. Rev. H. L. Henderson of the Wabash Lake Presbyterian church solemnized the double ring vows before an altar bedecked with candleabra, pink gladioli, and palms. Nuptial music was presented by Mrs. Elson Wilson, organist, soloist, who sang "Because" and "Wedding Prayer."

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beebe of Pierceton. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wolfe, also of Pierceton.

Mrs. James Craig of Claypool was the bridesmaid and was dressed identically as the matron of honor with the same headdress and single rose. Miss Susan Dye and Miss Nancy Dye of Leesburg honored the bride by performing as acolytes. They wore floor length pink gowns adorned with corsages of pink carnations.

Candy Ushafer of Columbia City was the flower girl. Ringbearer was master Edward Clayton of North Webster.

Serving Mr. Coyle as best man was Rex Reid, and Richard Wells as groomsman, both of Pierceton. Ushers were Jack Beebe of Indianapolis, brother of the bride, Garth Cone and Gale Danner, both of Pierceton.

The bride's mother chose a powder blue sheath of peau de soie with blue accessories.

The bridegroom's mother selected a sheath gown of beige linen with beige accessories. Corsets for both mothers were pink-throated while Cymbidium orchids.

Reception—Residence, Warsaw

A reception was held for the bridal couple in the church social room following the ceremony. Guests were served by Misses Sally Clayton and Betty Clayton, Penny Baxter, and Mrs. John Dye. The table was centered with a four tiered wedding cake catered by Mrs. Harold Swihart of Silver Lake. More than 175 guests were present to wish the couple continued happiness.

The bride and groom were assisted in unwrapping their gifts by Miss Teresa Gates, Mrs. James Kilgore, and Mrs. Ben Ushafer. Miss Jeanne Rhinehart held the guest book.

Mrs. Coyle is employed in the office of the Kosciusko County REMC and formerly attended the International Business College in Fort Wayne. She was graduated from the Pierceton high school. Mr. Coyle is a carpenter for the Simison-English Construction Co., and was also graduated from Pierceton high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Coyle are at home in the Terridan Mobile home Park on r 1 Warsaw following their wedding trip to southern Indiana.

Stidham-Kistler Wedding Announced

Mrs. Patricia A. Stidham became the bride of Nelson G. Kistler in a Saturday afternoon, July 3, ceremony at the Syracuse Methodist church.

Mrs. Stidham is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Leedy of Pierceton and Mr. Kistler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kistler of Syracuse.

Rev. August Lundquist read the double ring service in the presence of fifty guests.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by Miss Elaine Sager of Ligonier, maid of honor, and Miss Brenda Leedy of Pierceton, bridesmaid.

Attending Mr. Kistler were Joe Morganthaler as best man, and Claude Kistler, groomsman, both of Syracuse. The ushers were Owen Cobbum of Syracuse and Roger Leedy of Pierceton.

Mrs. Clem Lisor, organist, accompanied Mrs. Claude Kistler, as she sang vocal selections. The church was decorated with baskets of white gladioli and pink carnations.

The bride's gown was white lace over pale pink silk, floor length with a long train. Her headpiece was a short pink veil and she carried an arrangement of pink carnations and red rose buds.

The attendants gowns were also pink and they carried flowers like those of the bride.

Also in the wedding party were Timothy Stidham, ring bearer and Larry and Christopher Stidham, altar boys.

A reception for the couple was held with Mrs. Joe Morganthaler and Miss Claudia Kistler, both of Syracuse, and Mrs. John Hose of Elkhart, serving.

After a wedding trip to Michigan the couple will reside in Syracuse. Mrs. Kistler is a graduate of Pierceton high school and her husband graduated from Syracuse high school after spending four years in the Navy. He is employed at Concord Mobile Homes, Inc., Elkhart.

UMW RATIFIES NEW CONTRACT WITH NIPSCO

Membership of local 12775, District 50, United Mine Workers of America ratified a new three year contract with the Northern Indiana Public Service Company Monday.

The new pact ends two and a half months of negotiations between the utility and the union which represents 2,400 NIPSCO production, maintenance, construction and operating employees.

Dean H. Mitchell, NIPSCO chairman and president, said, "The new agreement assures our employees of excellent wages, benefits, and working conditions. In the negotiating sessions more than 40 points of issue were settled and incorporated into the new contract."

The union membership had rejected an earlier agreement June 21. The pact ratified today was reached in a marathon bargaining session Wednesday June 30.

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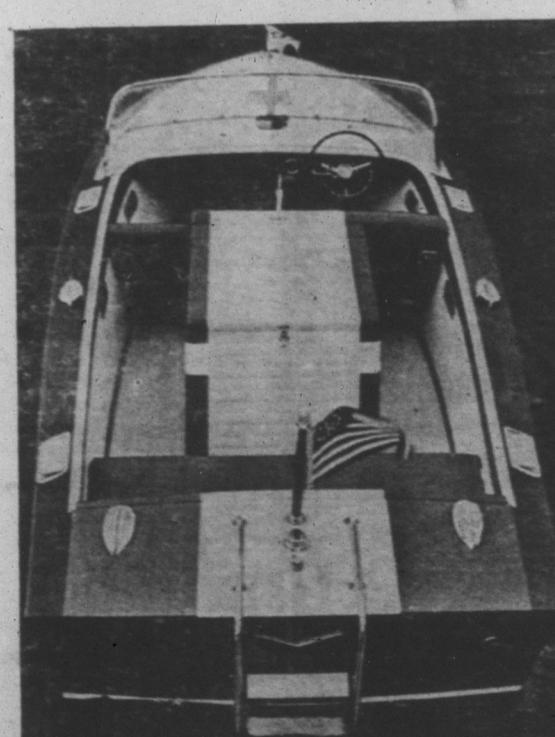


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