

## Hold Youth In Slaying Of Mother

PAW PAW — State Police Detective Sgt. Carl Lutz, in charge of giving a lie detector test to William Warner, 18, Saugatuck, said the youth today admitted before the test even started that he was lying when he said he shot his mother after she came at him with a knife.

"I might as well tell you the truth. She didn't come at me with the knife. I thought if I made up that story they wouldn't send me to jail," Lutz quoted Warner as saying before the polygraph (lie detector) test began.

Warner was brought here for the test in connection with the shooting of his mother, Mrs. Marie E. Warner, which took place April 26.

The test was administered at the Michigan State Police Fifth District Headquarters in Paw Paw this morning.

Warner's attorney, Gordon Cunningham of Holland, said earlier that he was confident the tests would substantiate the youth's story that he had shot his mother with a .22 caliber rifle during an argument in which she had threatened him with a knife.

Warner was scheduled to appear before Municipal Judge Dwight Cheever May 18 for preliminary examination.

SAUGATUCK—A steamer trunk containing the body of a 46-year-old rural Saugatuck woman allegedly shot to death a week ago by her teenaged son was recovered from the Kalamazoo River near Saugatuck Friday.

State police skindivers, Richard Brantner of the Jackson post and Darrel Pope of the Grand Haven post, found the trunk in four feet, eight inches of water at 8:02 a.m. after searching with six other state police skindivers for only six minutes.

The body of Mrs. Marie E. Warner, of 3515 66th St., was crammed inside the trunk which measured 34 inches long, 20 inches wide and 24 inches high.

Brantner and Pope found the trunk 47 feet off the end of a small dock and 82 feet from the river bank. Pine Trail Camp, the place where the trunk was found, is approximately one-quarter of a



William Warner

mile from Mrs. Warner's home.

Her son, William, 18, a junior at Saugatuck High School, told authorities Thursday night he had shot his mother during an argument April 26, put the body in a trunk and dumped the trunk in the river.

William demanded examination, set for May 18, when arraigned on a charge of murder before Municipal Judge Dwight Cheever Monday.

The woman's body was taken to the Chappell Funeral Home in Fennville for examination by Dr. Kenneth Miller of Saugatuck, deputy medical examiner.

Saugatuck Police Chief Gerald Kok said the Warner youth told him he drove to the river after the shooting and carried his mother's body nearly 300 feet down a wooded bank to the dock.

The boy said he then went back to the car, got the trunk and placed his mother's body in it.

Warner said he pushed the trunk into the river and it floated for a few minutes. Kok said the boy had used a pole to push the trunk out farther into the water before it sank.

Mrs. Warner had been reported missing by her neighbors on April 27. Kok said Warner had a typewritten letter, to which he had apparently signed his mother's name, which stated that his mother was leaving him to marry a wealthy man whose job required a transfer to South America.

The letter said she couldn't take her son with her because the man did not wish to raise someone else's son, but that she was leaving her son two cars and money in three different banks.

Kok went to the Warner home. He said he found that Mrs. Warner's clothing and driver's license had not been taken.

The youth was questioned at length Tuesday. Kok called in state police who filed a missing persons

report. Apparent discrepancies in the youth's story resulted in further questioning Wednesday and Thursday.

After questioning late Thursday, officials said the youth asked to see an attorney and revealed the story of the killing.

Warner told authorities that he had argued with his mother on the night of April 26 over his working on restoring an old car. The argument had started about 10 p.m., he said, and concluded with his shooting his mother with a .22 caliber rifle.

He said he took his mother's body to the river on the night of the shooting, placed her in the steamer trunk and pushed the trunk into the river. Officials said he told them he had shot his mother twice.

The shooting occurred in the attractive five-room house shared by Mrs. Warner and her son. Mrs. Warner was a widow. She had been working as a business secretary in Grand Rapids.

Warner had asked to talk to Holland attorney Gordon Cunningham Thursday night.

Mrs. Warner and her son had moved to the Saugatuck area from Chicago slightly more than one year ago. Warner enrolled at Saugatuck High School in March, 1961.

High school principal Jack Baker said Warner had been a "very poor student" a year ago, but that his grades this year had picked up to average.

Baker said Warner had apparently found an area of interest and friends he liked. The six-foot junior had played football for Saugatuck High School last fall.

Warner had not been a disciplinary problem. Baker said the youth had skipped school a few times to work on homemade rockets and had forged notes explaining his absences.

Warner recently won a Navy Cruiser Award for a rocket entry in the Saugatuck regional science fair late in March, 1962. He also took a second award in the physics division of the science fair and won an Aerospace Power award from the Air Force.

## Meinert Mast, 75, Dies in Hospital

ZEELAND — Meinert Mast, 75, of Jenison, died Wednesday morning in the Zeeland Community Hospital following a three-week illness.

Surviving are a son, Case Mast of Jenison; two daughters, Mrs. Nine Bosch of Allendale and Mrs. Gezina Klinger of Zeeland; seven grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Trena De Boer of The Netherlands.

## Auto Crash Proves Fatal To Three

ZEELAND—Three persons were killed and one other critically injured in a two-car crash at the intersection of Maple St. and M-21 on the southeastern edge of Zeeland at 5:45 p.m. Friday.

Mrs. Frank Essenburg, 78, of 480 Central Ave., Holland, a passenger in a car driven by her 79-year-old husband, was killed instantly in the crash. Her husband died of injuries Tuesday.

Driver of the second auto involved in the collision, Rev. Aris Haalboom, 55, of route 1, Jarvis, Ont., died at the Zeeland hospital two hours after the accident. He had suffered a crushed chest and internal injuries.

Haalboom's wife, Jacoba, 54, was reported in critical condition at the hospital, suffering from blood loss caused by severe facial lacerations, fractured ribs, fractured right leg and fractured left foot.

Medical examiner was Dr. D. C. Bloemendaal of Zeeland. Zeeland Police Chief Lawrence Veldheer said the collision occurred on the right side of the westbound lane of the divided highway.

Essenburg, who had been driving east on M-21, made a left turn onto Maple St. and crossed the westbound lane of the highway into the path of the Haalboom auto.

Haalboom's car struck the Essenburg vehicle in the center of the right side.

Police said three of the cars' occupants apparently were thrown out of the cars. Only Mrs. Haalboom remained in her car when police arrived at the accident scene, Veldheer said.

Haalboom's car skidded 55 feet before the impact, spun around and came to rest 11 feet beyond the point of collision. Police said the Essenburg auto was pushed more than 27 feet by the force of the crash.

Veldheer said the Haalbooms had been headed from their home in Holland and had lived in Holland all her life. The Essenburgs celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 1. She was a member of Trinity Reformed Church where she was active in the Ladies Adult Bible Class and women's organizations of the church.

Surviving besides her husband are one daughter, Mrs. Millard C. Westrate of Jackson; one son, Dr. Frank Essenburg Jr., of Park Ridge, Ill.; seven grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Rev. Haalboom was minister of the Christian Reformed Church in Jarvis, Ont. He was originally from the Netherlands and had been in Canada for two years.

Surviving besides his wife are two daughters, Mrs. Palla Pyl Hogeweg of the Hague, Netherlands, and Mrs. Roger Steenland of West Lafayette, Ind.; one son, Teunis, of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; a brother, Jan Derk Haalboom of Mt. Forest, Ont., and eight grandchildren.

Essenburg was born in Holland and had lived in this community all his life. In 1926 he founded the Essenburg Building and Lumber Co. which he actively operated until the summer of 1960, when he retired. He was a member of Trinity Reformed Church and the Men's Bible Class.

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RESCUER AND RESCUED — Tommy Richardson, 5, manages a faint smile minutes after he was found Tuesday afternoon in a swampy wooded area near 108th Ave. and Johnson St. in Robinson Township. The boy had been the object of a 400 to 500-man search party for 20 hours before he was found

by Henry Vander Wall, 38, of Ferrysburg, shown with the boy. Tommy was released from Grand Haven Municipal Hospital Wednesday after being held overnight for observation. Hospital officials said there was "not a thing" wrong with the boy.

(UPI telephoto)

## Began Hunt Late Monday Afternoon

Tommy Richardson, 5, Robinson Township, missing in a swampy, wooded area since late Monday afternoon was found alive at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

State police and Ottawa County Sheriff's officers said the boy appeared to be alright, but was suffering from exposure. They said he was being taken to Grand Haven Municipal Hospital for observation.

The boy was found by Henry Vander Wall, 38, of 312 Ferris St., Ferrysburg, state police said, climaxing a 20-hour search through rugged, soggy land in Robinson Township about six miles southeast of Grand Haven.

The search ended when the boy was located north of Johnson St., between 108th and 104th Aves. He had last been seen Monday afternoon just east of 112th Ave., north of Osborne St.

Some 400 to 500 searchers combed a swampy and heavily wooded area in Robinson Township for five-year-old Tommy Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Richardson of 112th Ave., Robinson Township, missing since late Monday afternoon.

Ottawa County Sheriff Department bloodhounds Tuesday returned to the drainage ditch where one of the boy's shoes was found at 8 p.m. Monday.

The area, near where the boy was last seen by a group of children he had been playing with Monday, lies to the east of 112th Ave. and just north of Osborne St.

The boy disappeared about 4:30 or 5 p.m. Monday after he and several other children, including his brother, Bill, 6, ran into the woods when they were approached by three mushroom hunters.

When the children came back out of the woods, Tommy was missing. Along with Tommy and his brother were the four children of Mr. and Mrs. Medley B. Huffman. The other children were Donna, 8, Cindy, 7, David, 6 and Dickie, 3.

Sheriff Bernard Grysen said only one of the three mushroom hunters could recall having seen the boy.

The area searched extended from 104th Ave., west to 120th Ave., and from Johnson St. south to Buchanan St. The entire area is heavily wooded, and much of it is swampy. The area lies about six miles southeast of Grand Haven.

The child's disappearance was reported to the Sheriff's Department at 5:46 p.m. after neighbors and relatives had sought the boy following his disappearance.

The search mushroomed as more volunteers joined the hunt. Civil defense personnel, National Guardsmen, and firemen from five departments, along with Red Cross personnel and Explorer Scout units from Grand Haven joined the search.

The hunt continued through a cold rain Monday night, and picked up strength again at 5 a.m. today. A state police airplane, later replaced by a Coast Guard helicopter from Traverse City, expanded the hunt.

Nine Holland reserve police, 75 state troopers, 20 Coast Guardsmen, and 15 deputies and reserves from the Kent County Sheriff's office joined Ottawa County deputies and reserves in the search.

## Local Police High in Shoot

Holland police distinguished themselves by grabbing team and individual honors at a Fraternal Order of Police pistol shoot Wednesday in Kalamazoo.

Six Holland policemen, making up three two-man teams, and two Ottawa County deputies represented the local FOP lodge. The six were patrolmen Clarence Van Langevelde and Gene Geib, first team; Sgt. Ike De Kraker and patrolman Burton Borr, second team; and patrolmen Jerrold Lubbers and Karl Stob, third team. The Sheriff Department's team included Sgt. Gerald Witteveen and deputy Lee Posma.

Holland's first team won the Class C first place trophy with a 552 score. Van Langevelde and Geib each posted a 276 for the meet. Van Langevelde also won the individual medal for high timed fire with a 189 score, while Geib won second place for timed fire with a 186.

The second team took fifth place in the meet with a 519 score. De Kraker posted a 268 and Borr a 251. De Kraker won first place in rapid fire with a 160 score. Van Langevelde was second in rapid fire with 177.

The Sheriff Department team posted a 476 score for 12th place in the Class C shoot. Witteveen fired a 243 and Posma a 231. The Holland police third team was 14th with a 458 score. Stob fired 240 and Lubbers 218.

In addition Van Langevelde took second place in the meet for high aggregate score with a 348. The winner, an East Detroit policeman, fired a 347 aggregate.

## Tulip Time Directors Report Plans All Set

The Tulip Time program, as well as the tulips, is coming along in fine shape, the Tulip Time board of directors was informed Tuesday.

A total of 45 bands will march in Saturday's parade of bands and 15 will appear in the Saturday afternoon band review in River-view Park.

There will be 20 floats in Wednesday's parade, 21 floats in Thursday's children's parade, and an additional number in Saturday's big parade of bands. It is expected several Blossom Time floats from Benton Harbor will be available for the Saturday parade. C. M. Stewart is Saturday parade marshal this year.

The costume show Wednesday night in the fieldhouse of Holland High School is all set. Nancy Anne Fleming, Miss America of 1961 who will serve as narrator, is currently studying Dutch names under the tutelage of a Dutch professor at Michigan State University.

Dr. Morrette Rider said that arrangements have been completed for the two musicals, one by the Hope College Symphony Thursday night in Civic Center with William Warfield, noted baritone, as guest artist, and the other Sunday afternoon in Dimment Memorial Chapel given by the Hope College

Chapel Choir.

Announcement was made that Mrs. Howard Douwstra is planning a children's festival of songs and

## Romney, Swainson Will Attend Fete

George Romney, Republican candidate for governor of Michigan, today was scheduled to appear in Holland for the opening day of Tulip Time activities.

Romney, his wife, and 15-year-old son, Mitt, will don traditional Dutch costumes and take part in next Wednesday's street scrubbing parade down Eighth St.

The Romneys will head the parade of hundreds of street scrubbers for about four blocks to a reviewing stand where they will watch the rest of the opening day ceremonies.

Gov. John B. Swainson earlier said he was unable to attend the opening day activities but will be present on Saturday.

Games Friday morning in Civic Center. More than 1,000 children from grades three through six will participate.

Tulip Time Manager Chester

housing reservations have been made thus far for the 1962 festival. Lt. Ernest Bear of the Holland police department reported all tulip lane signs have been placed, and a program developed for traffic control.

Thirteen bands will participate in the opening folk parade which follows the street scrubbing ceremony.

It was announced that the Dutch Treat show this year will be staged in Park Theatre.

Some 800 twirlers will march in Saturday's parade of bands. These youngsters engage in twirling competition earlier in the day in Civic Center.

Manager Walz said efforts were made to promote Tulip Time on radio and tv stations in Detroit in view of the newspaper slowdown there.

It was announced that Lincoln School will be open Thursday afternoon. Units for the children's parade line up in the general area. Local schools will close the three afternoons of Tulip Time.

Arrangements also have been made for some exhibition dancers at the square dance in the fieldhouse Friday night.

Mayor Nelson Bosman, president of Tulip Time Festival, Inc., presided at the meeting.



TULIP TIME BOARD — The 1962 Tulip Time Festival is in the hands of this committee which has been holding many meetings the last several months to arrange the gala event. Seated (left to

right) are Mrs. F. W. Stanton, Jacob De Graaf, William H. Vande Water, Mayor Nelson Bosman, who also is president of the board, George Lumsden, Donald Thomas, W. A. Butler. Standing are

Morrette Rider, Don Rohlich, Lew Hartzel, Ed Schierbeek, Mrs. Gertrude Douwstra, Harvey Buter, Mrs. Marian Kow, Mrs. Gertrude Frans, Lt. Ernest Bear and Chester S. Walz. (Sentinel photo)



DRIVER CRITICALLY HURT — Raymond Warren, 34, of 201 120th Ave., driver of this panel truck, was listed in critical condition Wednesday at Holland Hospital with injuries suffered when the vehicle slammed into the rear of a loaded school bus on US-31, near the south city limits, at 3:40 p.m. Tuesday. Only one boy on the bus suffered minor injuries. Holland police said the bus had stopped to discharge passengers and had its flashing lights working when the crash occurred. Police said the bus, driven by Ronald L. Sikkema, 23, of 166 West 15th St., was owned by Holland City Bus Lines. (Sentinel photo)