

German Instructor Self-Taught While in Service in Germany

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 St. Louis — (UPI) — Six-foot Drayton Granville Miller owes part of his educational feat to the military, but mostly to his pretty 24-year-old wife, the former Hannelore Hell of Germany.

The 28-year-old "D.G." (first two initials), as he is known, knew but three German words — "Gesundheit" and "auf Wiedersehen" — when he first set foot on German soil with the U.S. Army. That was before he met Hannelore.

Now, D.G. can out-talk his wife in German. And this fall he took his first instructor's job at the University of Illinois at Urbana. He's teaching first and second year German, courses he was able to skip because of his self-taught German while in the army.

Before D.G. enlisted for his military requirements, he had completed a bachelor of science degree in business administration. He had planned to pursue a business career.

Wants to Teach

"Now, all I want to do is teach German and settle down on a university campus," he said.

Even the couple's 19-months-old daughter, Paula, has a basic German vocabulary from listening to her American father and German mother speak at home.

The army moved D.G. to Germany in September, 1955. Within six months he was speaking the language without any schooling.

When he met Hannelore he spoke German so well that her mother didn't know if he was German or American. That was one year after his arrival in Germany.

The couple married in May, 1957, and it was Hannelore who suggested that her husband change his career from business to German instructor.

"Even my family knew he had a gift for the language," Mrs. Miller said.

Wife Helps

D.G. said he couldn't have earned his master's at Washington university in May without Hannelore's help. D.G. wrote his term papers in English and German, and Hannelore typed the papers, sometimes working until 4:30 in the morning.

"She was housewife, mother and homework helper," D.G. said. "I couldn't have made it without her."

Before they were married, D.G. flew home to Decatur, Ill., on a furlough to tell his parents he had decided on marrying a German girl and returning to school for a German language career.

The Millers returned to the states in January, 1958, for D.G.'s mustering out at Ft. Dix, N.J. D.G. worked on a construction job to save enough money and, with the help of a G.I. school check, went back to Eastern Illinois university where he had earned a business degree before military service.

Prof. Martin M. Miess at Eastern became D.G.'s benefactor. The alert professor recognized D.G.'s advanced knowledge of the language.

Miess found out that D.G. wanted a teaching career. He interviewed the student to see how much of the language he knew and then suggested a proficiency test from the school's language department.

Skips Grammar

In a subsequent three-hour test, D.G. advanced to the third year German, thus skipping German grammar. But that wasn't all, Miess said D.G. was qualified to take third and fourth year German at the same time.

D.G. has doubled up in school work ever since. At Washington university here

where he earned his master's in German he won the coveted Otto Heller fellowship, the first such award to a first year graduate student.

He took a full load of courses each semester and earned the degree in nine months, to the amazement of colleagues.

What started D.G. on his German language binge was the fact that he couldn't stand being on a foreign country and not knowing what people around him were saying.

He read signs and advertisements on streets and transit vehicles. His first introduction to reading German was in (Donald Duck and Mut and Jeff) comic books in German.

Next, he bought a textbook on German grammar and started memorizing words.

"I had the urge to learn

more and more German," he said. "In restaurants I would talk to waiters. I hired taxis just so that I could talk German with the drivers."

In six months, D.G. was speaking fairly fluently, "at least well enough," he said, that people didn't know that he was an American.

D.G. was hired for his first teaching job almost on the spot. He went to visit Prof. Frank G. Brant, head of the German department at Illinois.

"We started talking in English, of course," he said. "Suddenly, the professor started asking questions in German, and I answered his questions in German."

"I felt that's what the professor wanted to hear — German. We kept up a steady flow of questions and answers, and when it was all over, he told me then and there that I had the job."

Grenfell's Wife Sues for Divorce

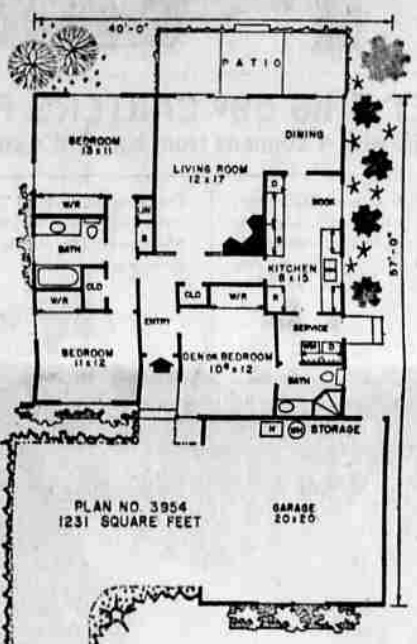
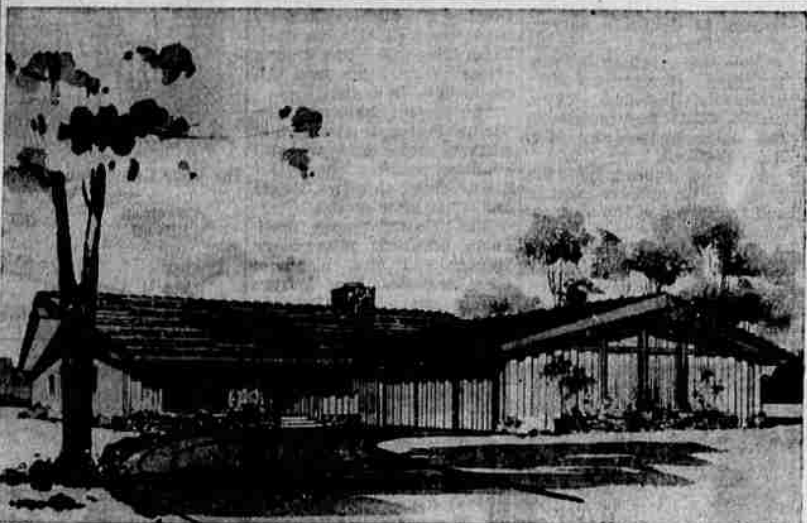
Portland — (UPI) — Mrs. Kay Grenfell Wednesday filed suit for divorce from William A. Grenfell Jr., former state senator, charging "cruel and inhuman" treatment.

The suit asked for custody and support of the couple's three children.

Grenfell, an unsuccessful candidate for Multnomah county commissioner last November, recently was acquitted of a charge of making a false police report in connection with a fatal traffic accident last October. He still faces a Circuit Court trial on a charge of failing to remain at the scene of an accident.

BOARDMAN DELAYED

Washington — (UPI) — The Oregon congressional delegation Wednesday postponed until next Monday a meeting to discuss the space age industrial park in the Boardman area of eastern Oregon.



This Week's Plan for Home Builders

By HIAWATHA ESTES

Elegance and a simple basic floor plan are successfully combined in this example of good economy and excellent planning.

Inside, the home is well laid out for family living. Most of today's small houses are lacking in adequate storage space. As attics and basements disappear, this shortage has become acute. All of the wardrobes in this design have a storage shelf above and drawers completely across the bottom of each wardrobe.

A guest closet is just off the entry while an exceptionally wide closet plus a broom and

linen closet open to the bedroom hall. The garage door has not been centered in the oversized garage — 21' x 21' outside dimensions — wall so as to provide space for the furnace, water heater and storage areas. There is also a high but wide storage shelf across the back of the garage.

Central-Hall Plan

Most homes with this small square footage cannot boast of a center-hall plan. As can be noted, the traffic flow in this plan is outstanding.

From the entry, there is direct access to the den or third bedroom. The three-quarter bath opens to this

room as well as the service so that one bath takes the place of two.

The family bath is sound-proof from most of the bedroom wing by being nearly completely surrounded by closets. Both baths feature pullman lavatories with an exceptional amount of storage space.

Separated By Halls

The living room is separated from the entry by half walls. The sliding glass doors opening to the rear patio offer much to families who believe that out-of-door living space is as important as indoor.

You will find kitchen chores much easier in this kitchen, thanks to a fine group of built-ins which include the range, oven, refrigerator and dishwasher. All of the plumbing in the kitchen-service-bath area has been confined to a limited area.

The clean lines of this contemporary exterior have been achieved through the use of wood shingles — which can be replaced with rock — metal windows, board-on-board siding and stonework. Although a relatively narrow home, it seems much wider due to the roof gable design.

Complete working drawings for this plan can be purchased at a cost of \$7.50 or the first set and \$2 for each additional set when ordered at the same time. This plan will be available at these prices until April 30. Please allow two or three weeks for delivery.

The following home plan books are also available: Hallmark Homes, \$1; Award Homes, \$1; Town & Country Homes, \$1; Homes for Living, \$1; Homes of 600 Homes, \$2; All books, a \$7.50 Distinction; \$1; Ranch and Modern, \$1.50. Send all orders for either plans or books to: Hiawatha Estes, post office box 404-L, Northridge, Calif.

Soy Sauce Pint

Soy sauce, rapidly joining catsup, mustard, and relishes as a favorite condiment, is now available in a pint-size bottle for the table. Soy sauce is being used more and more to enhance the flavor of steak, fish, chops, hamburgers, and soups, as well as with Chinese-American foods.

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when it was thrown on mud banks by a Baltic Sea storm and capsized. Staff was washed from the bridge by a wave and died in the icy water, but his crew was saved. His body was recovered by a helicopter.

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