

Father Kills Tots, Self; Wife At Loss To Explain

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Two children wrote notes to their mother.

Then Gerald Ray Glass kept a log of events of the few minutes preceding the time when he and his children lost consciousness and died of carbon monoxide fumes in the family car.

The notes penciled by Glass said:

"It is now five minutes to eight. The engine is idling and the motor has been on 10 minutes.

"I am beginning to get sleepy. My heart is speeding up and pumping fast.

"My eyes are droopy but otherwise normal.

"We're talking about God and heaven."

Sheriff's deputies did not reveal the contents of the children's notes but said the sense of each was that the children agreed with their father's plans for their deaths.

Dep. Coroner James O. Butler ruled that Glass killed his only children—10-year-old Jerry and 8-year-old Arlene—and took his own life Sunday night.

Butler said notes found in the car indicated the 34-year-old air-craft company electrician was depressed. He declined to elaborate.

Neither friends nor relatives gave a motive for the deaths.

Mrs. Glass said there had been no trouble between her and her husband. They had been married

12 years.

"I just can't believe it's my husband and children," she repeated over and over. "It must be a mistake."

The Glass family had only recently moved into a new medium-priced home and have not yet had a telephone installed.

Neighbors said Monday night that Mrs. Glass had been given sedation and put to bed.

When the bodies were found in a lonely spot near suburban Homewood Monday Glass still clutched the tape which Butler said he used to bind a garden hose to the car's exhaust and lead it into the car. The carbon monoxide fumes did the rest, Butler added.

Arlene was found on the front seat beside her father, her dolls on her lap and other toys beside her.

In the back seat lay Jerry's body, his school books at his side.

The car apparently was parked soon after Glass left home Sunday night reportedly to take the children skating.

Mrs. Glass spent a worried, sleepless night before reporting her family missing Monday morning.

Police Chief E. L. Scott of Homewood found the grim scene when he noticed the car parked in the lonely spot for several hours.

The ignition key was turned on, the gas tank empty.

Federal Education Aid Likely To Fall Short

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Unless Congress unexpectedly loosens its purse strings, the government's \$87-million-dollar program of federal aid to education is going to fall considerably short.

This is because there is something a difference between what Congress says it may do when it passes a bill and what it actually does when it appropriates the money.

For instance, the aid to education bill authorized expenditures of more than 183 million dollars during the 1959 fiscal year, which ends next June 30. However, Congress thus far has appropriated only 40 million dollars.

Even if Congress approves President Eisenhower's request for a supplemental appropriation of 75 million dollars, the total will still fall about 68 million dollars short.

The request for supplemental appropriations has been sent to a special House subcommittee. No action is expected until after the Easter recess. Even if the extra funds are voted, they probably will come too late in the school year to be of substantial help.

This is particularly true in the case of the student loan programs.

That isn't all. For fiscal 1960, the new education law calls for spending about 222½ million dollars of federal funds. However, in his 1960 budget message the President asked for only 130 million. Thus, over a two-year period the programs will be short about 140½

million dollars — or 35 per cent — of the amount spelled out in the law.

Consider the highly publicized student loan program. The aid to education bill authorized expenditures during the first year of 47½ million dollars. Before it adjourned last fall, Congress appropriated 6 million dollars to get this program rolling. There have been no further appropriations.

That six million dollars has already been parceled out to 1,227 colleges and universities in the 48 states, the District of Columbia, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. Each school got about 10 per cent of the amount it requested.

The U. S. Office of Education pointed out, when the allocations were made, that each institution is obligated to put in at least \$1 for each \$9 the government contributes.

Thus, it said, the total loan fund of \$8,667,000 "would provide 6,667 loans under the initial appropriation if every student received the maximum \$1,000 loan."

Unfortunately, it doesn't work out just that way.

Of the 1,227 participating schools, 264 got less than \$1,000; 110 got less than \$500 and 5 got less than \$100.

U. Of New Mexico Student Happy Over Hero's Medal

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. (AP) — An 18-year-old University of New Mexico freshman said he was real happy about being awarded the Young American Medal for Bravery.

But William Joseph Steury didn't know what else to say about it.

"I've never been a hero before," said Steury who was announced the winner of the honor Monday for saving the life of the

Rev. Wayne Perry, 64, when the minister fell through the ice of a lake near Bluffton, Ind. Feb. 21, 1957.

Steury, then 18, was a junior at Bluffton, Ind. High School at the time.

"I took my girl out to Kunkle Lake, near Bluffton and we started walking around," he said of the day the accident happened.

"While we were walking around the lake I saw this fisherman fall in the water. I got a rope and walked out on the lake to help him while my girl went back to the road to get help."

"I walked out there thinking I'd pull him out with the rope. But when I got there, the ice started cracking and I thought I'd go in. I tried to pull him out but the ice cracked and I couldn't get enough of a foothold to budge him."

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Irish Beauty Just Can't Wait

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — A red-haired Irish beauty named Cynthia Conroy couldn't wait until St. Patrick's Day to marry actor Henry Silva.

Dublin-born Miss Conroy and Silva, 32, had planned to wed on the feast day of Ireland's patron saint. But Monday Miss Conroy, who was "Miss Canada" in last year's Miss Universe contest, and Silva showed up in Superior Court and were married.

"We couldn't wait," said 21-year-old Cindy.

"I couldn't leave him either without breaking the ice, so I just held on until a state trooper came out and helped me. We both held on."

"I must have been out there about an hour and a half before a boat came out and picked all three of us up. It was getting dark and it sure seemed longer than that."

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Full Military Honors Set For Veteran Of Civil War

GATE CITY, Va. (AP) — The hill country neighbors who loved him and an army for which he never fought began paying final homage today to John Salling, the next-to-last of the boys in gray.

Salling, 112, died Monday in nearby Kingsport, Tenn., after a short illness. His passing left Williams, 116, of Houston, Tex., the only surviving Civil War veteran.

Salling never saw combat. He never rose above the rank of private in "General Lee's army," with which he proudly identified himself. But he will go to his grave in the full dress uniform of a Confederate general and with full military honors from the Army of the United States.

Today, Wednesday and most of Thursday morning, the body of the frail old rebel will lie in state in a shining copper casket in the National Guard Armory here, while a 2nd Army honor guard stands watch.

Thousands are expected to file by the casket, draped with a Confederate flag.

At 11:30 a.m. Thursday, an Army chaplain will conduct funeral rites at the 1,000-seat armory. Then, under military escort, the body will be taken to the Salling family cemetery in Slant, Va., 12 miles away, for burial.

The Army will provide a color guard; an eight-man firing squad for last salutes; six officers as honorary pallbearers; six enlisted men as body-bearers. An Army band will play.

Friends and relatives of Salling agreed it will be just the sort of exit scene the old man would have liked.

Among the flowers at the funeral will be some sent by Williams the only man left from the four million troops of blue and gray.

At word of Salling's death, Williams asked, "Am I the last one?"

State Object Still Mystery

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — What penalty the state will seek against Mrs. Connie Nicholas for the slaying of her married lover outside the apartment of his younger woman friend still was a mystery today.

The state challenged and removed three prospective jurors on the opening day of Mrs. Nicholas' first-degree murder trial Monday when they said they couldn't vote for the death penalty.

But Dep. Prosecutor Judson F. Haggerty told a newsmen the action didn't necessarily indicate the prosecution would press for the supreme penalty for the 42-year-old, twice-divorced secretary.

She is charged with the fatal shooting of Forrest Teel, 34, in his white Cadillac outside the apartment of Miss Laura Mowrer last July 31.

Eight jurors tentatively accepted by the state were in the box as the trial resumed today.

Mrs. Nicholas maintained an air of quiet composure through most of Monday's session. But she wept quietly the first time Haggerty used Teel's name in questioning jurors.

Beer Sales Zoom In Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Liquor tipplers in Oklahoma apparently are quenching their thirst with beer during the state's strict enforcement of whisky prohibition laws.

A report Monday from the State Tax Commission said beer sales zoomed 25 per cent last month over the same month a year ago.

Oklahoma votes to continue or repeal prohibition laws April 7.

For the past two months whiskey laws have been enforced with bootleg liquor sales sinking proportionately.

The general's uniform in which Salling will be buried was presented to him last year by the Women's Army Corps of Ft. Myer, Va. He had planned to wear it on his 118th birthday, May 15.

"The passing of Gen. Salling in a sense marks the end of an era that symbolizes the greatness and the fortitude of the people of Virginia and the Southland," said Virginia Gov. J. Lindsay Almond Jr.

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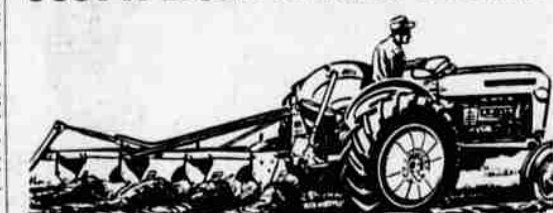
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