



ARRIVES FOR FUNERAL—Gordon F. Haas, 29, of Ipswich, handcuffed to police officers, arrives here for funeral of wife, Shirley Haas, 33, and two children, Gordon, 4, and Melissa, 2. Haas faces murder charges in connection with their deaths. They were found June 26 in their home.

Funeral rites conducted for Mrs. Haas, children

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon at St. John's Episcopal Church for Mrs. Shirley Haas and her two children, Gordon, 4, and Melissa, 2, who were found slain in their Ipswich home June 26.

Attending the services were more than 100 persons, as well as Gordon F. Haas, 29, of Ipswich who has been accused of the suffocation deaths of his wife and children.

Mrs. Haas, the former Shirley Grant of North Adams, and the Haas' two children were found dead in their Ipswich home June 26. Ipswich police charged Haas, a 1965 graduate of Williams College, with the slaying the same day.

Haas arrived at the church under guard by deputy sheriffs from Essex County, and police stood guard outside the church, with one officer from the North Adams Police Department standing in the rear of the church, during the services.

The Rev. Lafayette H. Sprague Jr. of St. John's Episcopal Church, officiated at the brief service, assisted by the Rev. William French of Ascension Memorial Church in Ipswich. Ralph U. Domin was organist.

Burial services were read at the

church before the three caskets were taken to Eastlawn Cemetery in Williamstown for burial.

Haas was wearing handcuffs as he entered the church. After accompanying the funeral cortege to the cemetery, Haas was driven back to Ipswich where he is awaiting a probable cause hearing Friday in the 3rd District Court of Essex County.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Haas leaves her mother, Mrs. William H. Grant of North Adams; three sisters, Mrs. Russell Amos of North Adams, Mrs. William Hart of Williamstown, and Mrs. Arthur Foote of Windsor, Conn.; and a brother, William H. Grant Jr. of Hartford, Conn.

Friends and relatives who acted as bearers are Anthony Tassone, Alfred Dougherty, Bruce Cheesbro, Alfred Gallese Jr., Norman Truehart, Joseph Wolfe, George LaCross, John Brooks, and William Parsons, a cousin, all of North Adams; Vernon Swan and George Swan, both of Hartford, Conn.; also cousins: Horace Williams of Los Angeles, Calif.; David Gilmore of Nashua, N.H.; and John Amos Jr. of Pittsfield.

Harold R. Amato, Edward W. Lowe, and Frank M. Sanders ushered.

Deaths

Rudolph Lewis, born in Hancock

Memorial services were held at noon today in the First Congregational Church in Pittsfield for Rudolph A. Lewis, 59, of 338 Appleton Ave., who died Saturday in the Berkshire Medical Center.

Mr. Lewis retired in 1965 from law practice with the firm of Cain, Hibbard, and Myers, because of ill health. He had practiced in Pittsfield for 35 years.

He was born in Hancock, but moved to the state of Florida at an early age, where he remained until his graduation from the University of Florida in 1935. He graduated from Harvard Law School

in 1938 and then began his local practice. Very active in civic affairs, he held posts in numerous Pittsfield charitable and fraternal organizations.

He leaves his wife the former Margaret Davidge, a Pittsfield architect; a daughter, Mrs. Carolyn L. Jennings of Bristol, Conn.; a son, William D. of Somerville; a brother, Gardner L. of Chevy Chase, Md.; and a sister, Mrs. Kathleen L. McAlpine of New York.

The Wellington Funeral Home in Pittsfield is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Zesta Vose, once of Readsboro

Word has been received in Readsboro, Vt., of the death of Mrs. Zesta Vose, a former Readsboro resident and mother of the late Annie Graiff. Mrs. Vose, who resided in Ganservort, N.Y., died Thursday night in a hospital in Ballston Spa, N.Y.

Kevin Greene, 6, drowning victim

Kevin W. Greene, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gale Greene of 48 Mountain Ave. Winsted, Conn., died at Bennington, Vt., Saturday as a result of drowning following a fall into the flood swollen waters of the Roaring Branch Brook near Park Street Extension.

Born in Bennington, Sept. 16, 1966, he was the son of Gale Greene and the former Susan Eddy both of Bennington, who survive. He was a student at the Greenwoods Grammar School in Winsted, Conn.

Besides his parents he is survived by two sisters, Pamela Gale Greene, and Anne Louise Greene of Winsted, Conn., his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis W. Eddy of Bennington; his maternal great grandmother, Mrs. Louise Eddy of Bennington; his paternal grandfather, Arlie Greene of Shaftsbury, Vt.; two half brothers, Michael and Thomas Greene of Bennington, and

Officers elected at Rotary luncheon

Officers of the North Adams Rotary Club who were inducted yesterday at a luncheon meeting at the Midway Restaurant in Adams include Philip Taylor, president, Maurice Haight, vice president, Richard O'Brien, treasurer, and Donald Graves, secretary.

The induction ceremony was conducted by Harold P. Brennan Jr.

North Adams closings set for holiday

All municipal, state, and federal offices in North Adams will be closed tomorrow for the Fourth of July holiday.

The North Adams Post Office will be operating under regular holiday hours according to Postmaster Raymond L. Merrigan. The lobby will be open between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m., but windows will be closed all day. One city-wide collection will take place between 11.30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

There will be no carrier delivery tomorrow, although special delivery mail will be delivered.

Mr. Merrigan said the hours would be "basically the same for the other area post offices."

Banks, most stores, and supermarkets, and some gasoline stations will also be closed tomorrow.

City liquor stores are permitted to conduct business from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. tomorrow.

The Transcript will not be published tomorrow.

Funerals

Milford F. Jennings

Funeral services for Milford F. Jennings, 60, of 1530 Massachusetts Ave., who was better known as "Bill," will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial in Our Lady of the Incarnation Church. Burial will be in the family lot in Eastlawn Cemetery, Williamstown.

Mr. Jennings was born in Adams, a son of the late Harry and Anna Mae (Bushey) Jennings. He moved to North Adams as a child and attended local schools. Well known as a ball player, he played first base with the old Incarnation team and with the Williamstown Independents.

He was a veteran of World War II, and served with the infantry in France and Central Europe. He was the recipient of three Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts. He was a member of Incarnation Church.

Mr. Jennings, who had been employed by Williams College for the past 18 years, was foreman of a crew painting Mears House at the college when he fell from the roof of a porch yesterday morning. He was pronounced dead on arrival at the North Adams Regional Hospital.

Prior to going to work for the college, he had operated his own painting business.

Besides his wife, the former Claire McMahon, and a daughter, Mrs. Gerald A. Dragon of Runnemede, N.J., he leaves four sisters, Mrs. Edith Odom and Mrs. Marion Henderson, both of Williamstown, Mrs. Grace McGowan of this city, and Mrs. Evelyn Leonard of Hancock; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours at the Pringle Funeral Home are from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., tomorrow.

Mrs. Biondello

Funeral services for Mrs. Amelia T. (Corsi) Biondello, 58, of 1053 Massachusetts Ave., widow of Frank Biondello, were at 9 this morning with a Liturgy of Christian Burial in St. Anthony's Church.

Mrs. Biondello was fatally stricken Saturday evening in the yard at her home and was pronounced dead on arrival at North Adams Regional Hospital.

The Rev. Eugene J. Plasse was celebrant of the Mass. Hector J. Pelletier was organist and at the offertory sang "Precious Lord, Take My Hand." The offertory gifts were presented by Miss Lucy Rinaldi and Lawrence Dupuis Jr., cousins.

Burial was in the family lot in Southview Cemetery with Fr. Plasse conducting the service at the grave.

Bearers were Peter Mancuso, a brother-in-law, Richard and Thomas Hafner, Anthony Corsi, nephews, James Doran, and Fred Luscina of Endwell, N.Y., cousins.

John J. Greim

Funeral services for John Jacob Greim, 96, of 4 Turners Ave., Adams, who is believed to be the town's oldest male resident, were at 2 p.m. today in the A. C. Simmons Funeral Home, Adams.

The Rev. Robert H. Cummings, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Adams, officiated. Burial was in the family lot in Bellevue Cemetery, Adams.

Mr. Greim, a retired weaver and loomfixer, died suddenly Sunday night at his home.

Contributions in his memory may be made to St. Mark's Church Organ Fund, it was announced.

'Detox' program funding sought

An announcement regarding financial assistance for a proposed detoxification program to be run by the Berkshire Alcoholism Abuse Coalition (BAAC) is expected Thursday night when BAAC officials will meet with Berkshire

Greylock Glen water project bids opened

A group of four contractors submitted bids opened in the Adams Town Hall last night for the water extension project up Gould Road to the Greylock Glen resort.

Everett H. Lord-Wood of Lord-Wood, Larsen Associates in Windsor, Conn., declined to disclose the firms and prices, believing all four bidders should be notified first of the outcome.

The Transcript learned, however, that the lowest bid was about \$52,000 for the pumping station at West and Gould Roads and approximately one-third mile of pipeline west to the edge of the 560-acre tract where ski trails, golf course and convention center are envisioned by Elco Resort Developers, Inc., of Springfield.

Mr. Lord-Wood said if work can start within two weeks, it should be finished by early September.

"It's essentially a two-month job," he commented.

The extension is the first phase of public water service from the Adams Fire District, while the second phase comprises a storage reservoir of some 600,000 gallons on the resort tract.

Meanwhile, it has been learned, Jeffrey Cornish of Amherst, a nationally-known golf course designer, has succeeded Robert Trent Jones of New Jersey, who began preliminary planning for the championship 18-hole golf course. Also, James Branch, president of Sno-Engineering of Franconia, N.H., was in Adams yesterday to continue specific design work on ski facilities.

Elco has also taken out a \$230,000 mortgage loan from the Community Savings Bank of Holyoke.

Stray shot just misses woman

CHESHIRE — A weekend report from Chief of Police Paul V. Berti noted that the town remained accident free, though a woman living opposite the railroad tracks reported that a bullet from a .22 caliber rifle narrowly missed her Friday as she walked past her garage.

The bullet embedded itself in the garage wall and was removed and identified by Chief Berti. Youths were discovered shooting similar weapons along the railroad tracks in an illegal manner. Their parents were notified and the weapons confiscated by the chief.

The discharge of weapons is regulated by laws which include the provision that youths must be accompanied by a licensed adult over 21. A permit for the weapon must be in order, Chief Berti noted.

Death

Joseph N. Gamache, 78, cabinet maker

Joseph Nelson Gamache, 78, of 16 Laurel Ave., Springfield, a native and longtime resident of North Adams, died late Sunday afternoon at the North Adams Regional Hospital following a short illness. He formerly lived at 475 West Main St.

He was born July 8, 1893, a son of the late Joseph and Mary Jane (Dupre) Gamache, attended local schools, and lived here until he moved to Springfield a few months ago. He was a cabinet maker by occupation and was self-employed until his retirement. He attended Notre Dame Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Lulu Curtis; two children by a previous marriage, Joseph N. Gamache Jr., of South Windsor, Conn., and a daughter, Mrs. Claire Ziarno of Springfield; four stepsons, Kenneth Lyons of Revere, Joseph Lyons of this city, Edward Lyons of Cheshire and Theodore McAllister of this city; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Mary Ann Brown of Cheshire, and Mrs. Margaret Nadeau and Mrs. Elizabeth Duxbury of this city; one brother, Alderic Gamache; 20 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Calling hours at the San Soucie Funeral Home are from 7 to 9 p.m., today only.

A funeral service will be held tonight during calling hours with the Rev. Mr. Timothy J. Murphy, deacon at Notre Dame, officiating. Cremation will follow.

Medical Center (BMC) administrators at the St. Luke's Unit in Pittsfield.

BAAC has requested funds which are part of a \$2.25 million bequest to the hospital by Paul C. and Roberta Zuhke of Lee, former officials of the Hurlbut Paper Co. in Lee.

A provision in the bequest is that income from the principal be used for "delivery of health care to the needy."

Robert Melle, chairman of the BAAC Planning Committee, said yesterday the income from the principal could amount to as much as \$135,000 per year.

A hospital spokesman said Monday that the entire amount of the gift has not yet been received by the BMC because of the legalities involved in probating the will, but that a large portion of the bequest has already been turned over to banks for investment purposes.

The administrator said he does not know what other assistance to the needy has been contemplated.

Mr. Melle said the establishment of a rent-free detoxification center would help supplement what he termed "minimal funds" expected from the state.

The Alcoholism Division of the State Department of Health has budgeted \$4 million for detoxification programs throughout the commonwealth, a drop of \$1 million from the \$5 million the department had anticipated.

In addition to possible state funding for the center BAAC is sending letters to public officials throughout the county as well as charitable organizations requesting funding.

The major problem in the establishment of the detoxification program stems from the fact that public intoxication is no longer considered a criminal offense, and temporary housing must be found for those who overindulge to the extent that police action is required.

Aiken reassures Vermont federal aid forthcoming

PUTNEY, Vt. (AP) — Sen. George Aiken reassured the people of Vermont today that federal disaster aid would be forthcoming for the flood-stricken state.

"Don't worry, don't worry," Aiken said.

"We've been in contact with the White House and I'm pretty sure the federal government will be cooperative. I can almost guarantee it," said the Republican Dean of the Senate.

Monday Gov. Thomas Salmon said he was asking Aiken to help push the state's request to be declared a federal disaster area past the usual red tape.

"I expect the President will act promptly," said the senator. He explained that the telegram requesting the declaration had gone directly to the White House without waiting for the full statistics on damages.

Aiken said it would take a long time to determine the full extent of losses statewide, particularly in agriculture.

"The strawberry crop is half ruined, I expect," he said. "The hay crop is down and the dairymen have been having trout" for a long time.

Aiken, at his home in Putney during a break from the Senate, said telephone service had been restored only this morning. He said he had some trouble making contact with Salmon because of the damage to telephone lines.

"If we had left Washington when we wanted to Saturday we couldn't have gotten home," he said. The Aikens arrived late in the evening and one road into the Putney area had just been opened.

"This is not as bad as the flood in 1927 when we had 80 people drowned," the 80-

year-old senator said. "It took us all apart then."

Aiken said the present flood was very bad but "we're on our way back."

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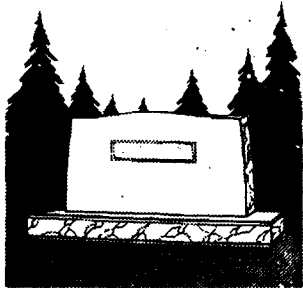
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