

Commits Suicide When Spouse Attends Former Sweetheart's Funeral

"Maybe you'll buy flowers for me now—"

These words were the last line of a pitiful letter which Mrs. Grace Magden, 18-year-old girl wife, wrote to her husband a few minutes before she turned on the gas jets and

died in the kitchen of their little bungalow in Waukegan, last week. That letter, hastily scrawled and almost illegible, was read by Coroner John L. Taylor to the jury during the inquest at Holland's funeral home. The jury ruled that the girl had killed herself while in a jealous rage.

Sobbing, Mrs. Magden's husband, Charles, told the jury members that he and his wife had quarreled be-

cause he had purchased a wreath to be placed on the grave of his former sweetheart, Miss Margaret Sorensen, whose funeral he was attending while his wife, unconscious from the gas fumes, lay dying in the kitchen of their home. Grace had objected to his attending the funeral, he said, but he had promised relatives of the dead girl to drive an automobile in the funeral cortege.

Swamp Land Case Is Up Again; Hearing on Exceptions Is Held

Exceptions to the report of the master-in-chancery who found that 600 acres of swamp lands in the Grass Lake area were the property of Frank Hatch last week were heard by Circuit Judge Ralph J. Dady.

Attorney Harvey C. Coulson, special master who heard the case, reported to Judge Dady that Hatch had held possession through a presidential land grant and taxes had been paid since 1860 and was entitled to an unclouded title.

The state and county claimed the land as well.

The decision of Coulson was returned two days after Hatch had died. Hatch had gone through six years of litigation.

Originally he filed suit against the county to clear the title on the grounds of adverse possession and tax deeds.

The state in turn sued Hatch on the presumption that Grass Lake was navigable making the land government property. Hatch filed a cross bill to the state. The county claimed the property under the Swamp Lands act.

Attorneys Albert Hall, of Hall & Hulse, and Nathan Blumberg, of Fox, Brown and Blumberg, represented Hatch, while S. S. Duhamel appeared for the attorney general. Assistant States Attorney George S. McGaughey appeared for the county. During the proceedings 11 lawyers were retained at one time or another.

More State Highway Contracts Awarded; One Is to H. P. Firm

The firm of E. H. Merrick of McHenry, Ill., tendered the lowest bid on the paving of the stretch of paving under the newly completed viaduct over the Soo Line railroad on Route 21 between Lake Villa and Antioch it was disclosed when the bids were opened at the office of the state highway department last week.

The bid tendered by Merrick for the project totaled \$12,886.50. The project covers 65 hundredths of a mile of paving.

Lowest bid on the paving of a gap of 15 hundredths of a mile on Route 59 north of Yolo was tendered by the E. A. Meyer Construction company of Highland Park. The bid totalled \$12,005.20.

Paving of the gap under the viaduct near Lake Villa will not be carried out until next spring. The completion of this project will be welcomed by residents of that section of the county and all who are forced to travel over the detours on Route 21, which are in bad condition.

The Lake Villa crossing has been the scene of many serious auto and train collisions and has long been regarded as one of the most dangerous in that part of the county.



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