

Pearl Milne, 18, Died Sunday, Inquest and Funeral Held

Pearl Milne, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Athol J. Milne, died Sunday morning at approximately 6 a.m. at the local hospital. Death came as the result of her taking strychnine.

According to Sheriff John H. Cottam, who investigated the case, Miss Milne, with a group of others had been out to Little Arizona. They returned to St. George at about 4:30 at which time she went to Dr. D. A. McGregor's home, where she has been employed for the past two years and took the poison. She then came out to the car, driven by Heber Hunt, and they started for Washington.

As the car entered the tunnel she told Mr. Hunt what she had done, but he stated in his testimony to the coroner's jury that he thought that she was only fooling. However, Mr. Hunt declared that as they came out of the tunnel she screamed and had a convulsion. He immediately turned around and came back to the hospital.

Doctor McGregor and Sheriff Cottam were called and according to the sheriff, Doctor McGregor worked over Miss Milne for an hour and a half but could do nothing to save her life. She never regained consciousness, Sheriff Cottam said.

An investigation was made as to the reason for the strychnine being available and it was found that it had been purchased and part of it used, for the exterminating of rats. A purpose for which this poison is often sold, declared the sheriff.

Funeral Services

Funeral services were held at Washington Tuesday afternoon at 1-p.m. in the ward chapel. Services were under the direction of the bishopric, Bishop Wallace Iverson in charge.

Musical numbers were furnished by a mixed quartet. John H. Cottam gave the opening prayer.

Haven Paxman, the first speaker, spoke highly of Mr. and Mrs. Milne, declaring that he knew that they lived good upright lives. Mr. Paxman asked that their many friends and neighbors visit them and assist them in every way possible to bear their sorrow. He went on to say that he thought there was never a time in the world's history that people needed the spirit of the Lord to abide with them, and help them to overcome the many temptations that confront them. He closed by asking the blessing of the Heavenly Father upon the parents and family.

Dr. Donald A. McGregor told of the high esteem in which his family held Miss Milne and stated that she was a sweet and very efficient employee in his home and declared that they felt her death greatly. Doctor McGregor continued by pointing out the need for parental training and a good example being set by the parents. He also spoke of the mystery of life and death and of his faith in the here-

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after. A poem, "Not Understood," was read by the doctor and he closed by asking the comfort of the Lord for the sorrowing parents.

Bishop Iverson expressed appreciation in having Doctor McGregor as one of the speakers and said that he hoped all those present would profit by the doctor's advice as he knew they would if it were put into practice. He expressed his heartfelt sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Milne and spoke of how grateful they were for the kind acts of their many friends.

Burial was in the Washington City cemetery. The grave being dedicated by Brigham Jarvis.

She is survived by her parents and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Annie Hamblin, of Victor, Idaho; Clyde D., Lily, Irean, Glen, Ray, of Washington; Karl J., Pioche, Nevada; and Grace, North Hollywood, California.

Many friends and relatives from St. George and other towns were present at the services.