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RUDOLPH GLATLY DIES IN SPRUCE PINE

LITTLE SWITZERLAND — Engineering and consultant and promoter of courtesy among youth, Rudolph Glatly died Monday morning in a Spruce Pine hospital after a brief illness. He was 71.

Swiss-born Glatly was the head of Glatly Associates, Inc. of Spruce Pine, a mineral engineering and sales firm affiliated with Feldspar Corporation.

Glatly, a naturalized citizen, once told a Citizen correspondent after a trip back to his native land:

"I find so much greater freedom here in Little Switzerland and the whole of America. The country of Switzerland is so small and hemmed in. Never would I have had the opportunities I have enjoyed here. I definitely owe the United States a tremendous obligation."

In 1957, he began his "Glatly Courtesy" awards program which honored students of the three public schools in Spruce Pine. At the 12th annual presentation last December, Glatly told an assembly of the three schools that there had been a noticeable "closing of the courtesy gap."

"From visitors and tourists from far and wide, I have heard repeatedly that the most cordial, the most polite and the most courteous youngsters in all of Western North Carolina are found right here in Spruce Pine," he said.

Glatly came to America 50 years ago knowing no English, but fluent in French, Italian and German. He was on a factfinding mission for the Federal Railroads of Switzerland but decided to stay.

Refused a job with the Pennsylvania Railroad until he learned English. Glatly picked up the language in six months working as a day laborer and later boiler tester for a Pittsburgh steel mill.

During the period, he told a Citizen correspondent, his fellow mill workers taught him bits of profanity, but said the phrases were "American greetings of respect." He learned what the phrases were, Glatly said, after politely greeting the landlady.

At the end of the six-month period, Glatly went to work for Pennsylvania Railroad. He first came to North Carolina in 1921 to supervise the construction of a Micaville feldspar plant for Pittsburgh machinery company. He said it was the first feldspar plant in WNC. He stayed on for two years to manage the plant for the N. C. Feldspar Corp.

He then left for Pittsburgh only to return to WNC in 1925. He said the mountains here resembled the foothills of his native Swiss Alps. He opened a consulting firm in Burnsville in

1925 and was naturalized in 1926.

After the Feldspar Company was organized he designed and built its large plant at Bowditch in Yancey County and operated it until 1939, when he moved to Spruce Pine as an officer of the N. C. Feldspar Corp.

For the last 10 years, he and his wife have lived in a chalet-like cottage here in Little Switzerland, which they named "Swiss Cross."

He was a trustee of the Spruce Pine Community Hospital and a deacon of the First Presbyterian Church of Spruce Pine, where he was a long-time choir member. He was a member of the Vesper Masonic Lodge 564, AF&AM.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Mary Banks Glatly; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Keating of Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; a brother, Fritz Glatly of Zurich, Switzerland; and five grandchildren.

Services were held at 3 p. m. Wednesday in First Presbyterian Church of Spruce Pine.

The Rev. R. M. Cassity and the Rev. Ben Lee Ray officiated. Burial was in Spruce Pine Memorial Cemetery.

Masonic graveside rites were conducted by the Vesper Lodge.

Honorary pallbearers were members of Spruce Pine Rotary Club, board of trustees of Spruce Pine Community Hospital and associates of the mica and feldspar industries.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations be made to the Glatly Courtesy awards fund. The Spruce Pine Community Hospital has been designated to receive the donations.

P.T.A. Meeting At East Yancey

There will be a P.T.A. meeting, Monday night at East Yancey High School at 7:30. According to Mr. Herb Allen, the program will consist of a FFA demonstration in parliamentary procedure. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Revival At Faith Fellowship Baptist Church

The Winter Revival at Faith Fellowship Baptist Church, which began January 26, and will close February 2, has resulted in several conversions and rededication among members and visitors. The Evangelists are Walt Hoover and Bill Hlad. Services are held nightly at 7:30. This church is located on Mitchell Branch Road. Rev. Charles Kistler, pastor. The public is cordially invited to take part in these services.

20 Year-Old Youth Injured In Auto Accident

A 20 year old youth was injured critically in a five-car accident in front of the River Breeze Drive-in Restaurant, about 1:30 a. m. Saturday morning. The injured was Kenneth Crain of Weaverville. He sustained head injuries and was taken to Yancey Hospital and later transferred to Memorial Mission in Asheville.

According to Patrolman Jones, investigating officer, a car driven by William Dean Randolph, 22, of Burnsville, Rt. 3, was headed east on U. S. Highway 19E, when he saw a car, driven by Johnny Lee Crain of Weaverville, backing out of the Drive-in. He skidded to try and miss the backing car and struck a parked car. He then went back into the highway and struck the Crain car, which threw him into two more parked cars.

Kenneth Crain, the injured man, was riding in the backing car driven by Johnny Lee Crain. Randolph has been charged with failure to reduce speed to avoid collision, and Crain was charged with failure to yield right-of-way.

The estimated damage to parked cars was around \$100. Damage to all cars was estimated at around \$2,000.00.

Kenneth Crain received the only injuries in the accident.

Patrolman Jones was assisted in his investigation by Patrolman Davis.

Micaville Man Sustains Knife Wound

Ralph Fortner of Micaville is in Memorial Mission Hospital, Asheville, in critical condition from a knife wound sustained Friday night about 11:00 p. m., at the home of Willard Buchanan on Highway 80, about a mile from Micaville.

Asbury Pittman of Micaville has been charged with assault with a deadly weapon and was placed in Yancey County jail. He has been released on \$1000 bond, according to Kermit Banks, deputy sheriff.

Fortner was stabbed in the lower abdomen and was taken to Yancey Hospital on Friday night, and removed to the Asheville hospital later that night.

According to investigating officer Banks, he was called to the scene of the "Free-For-All" about 11:00 p. m. Friday night. Other officers helping in the investigation were W. B. Higgins and Bill Arrowood.

YANCEY GIVES 124 BLOOD UNITS FOR RED CROSS

By: Ashton Chapman

All officers of the Mayland Chapter, American National Red Cross, are proud of the record chalked up Jan. 22 during the quarterly visit to Burnsville of a mobile blood unit from the Regional Red Cross Blood Center in Asheville.

The quota for Burnsville is 100 pints per visit. All too often the total donations have been sharply below the set quota. But last week a total of 124 pints of blood was obtained in Burnsville. In addition, 22 persons who volunteered to give blood had, for a variety of reasons, to be rejected at that time.

Deep appreciation is extended by the Mayland Chapter for the success of this bloodmobile visit to Burnsville, and the officers wish to thank every one who gave blood or volunteered to do so.

The great success of the visit is credited to the efforts of the recently organized Burnsville

Jaycees, who adopted the bloodmobile visit as one of their first projects. These young men and their wives worked tirelessly to secure donors, some of whom gave blood for the first time. The Jaycees concentrated upon securing replacements of blood which had been used for residents of Yancey County while they were patients in the hospital in Burnsville, or in hospitals elsewhere.

The Burnsville Jaycees were organized through assistance of the Spruce Pine Jaycees.

The Mayland Red Cross was recently formed by merging the individual Red Cross Chapters in Mitchell, Avery and Yancey Counties. The larger Chapter has been able to establish an office, with a full-time Executive Secretary, Mrs. Kay Matthieson. Her office is in the parish hall of Trinity Episcopal Church, Spruce Pine, and her phone number is 765-3422.

LAST OF TOMATO CROP

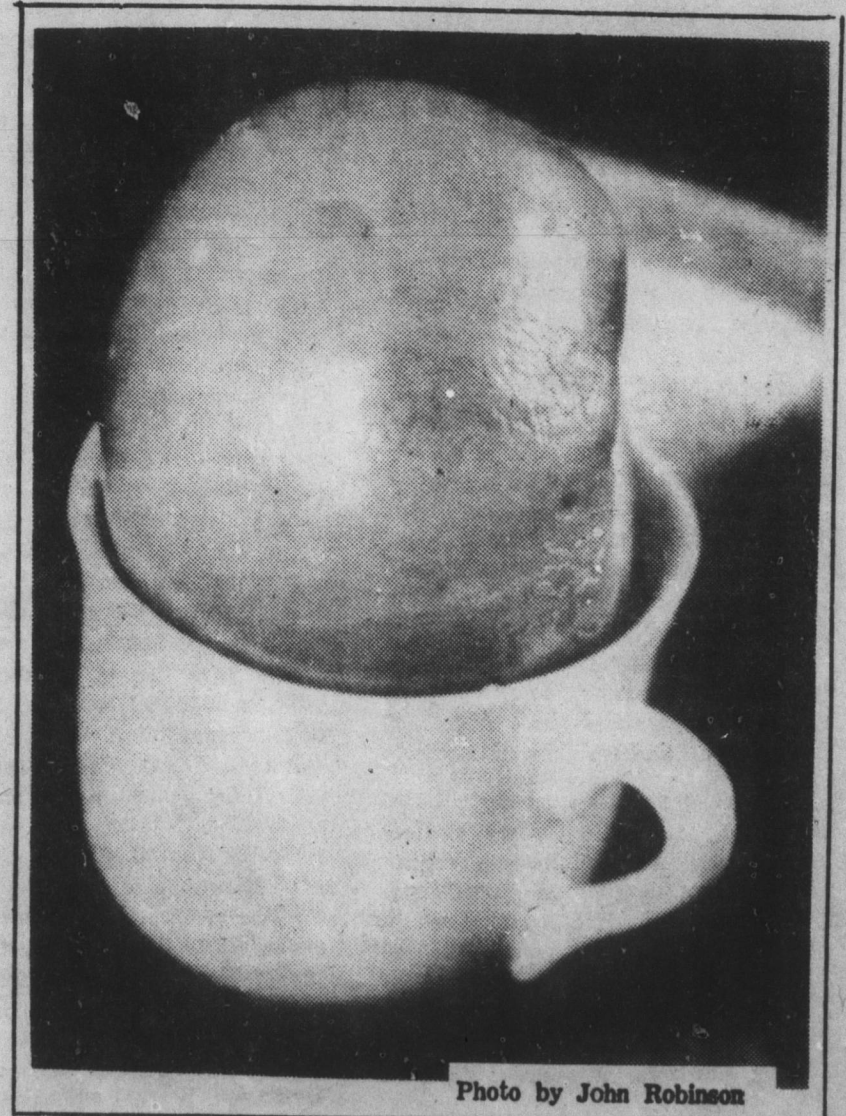


Photo by John Robinson

Pictured above is the last of the tomato crop grown by John Robinson. John raised the tomatoes in Ma's Hill, and when the weather got cold he put cardboard around the plants and covered the top with plastic. The green tomatoes continued to ripen through two snows. When he moved back to Burnsville

the first of November he cut the plants and brought tomatoes with him with the green tomato intact. He then put the plants in water until they withered and then picked the green tomatoes and placed them in a cool dark pantry where they continued to ripen and he ate the last one pictured above this week.