

Deaths

GLENN GRAVES

Glenn Graves, 65, Millersburg, husband of Anita Nicholl Graves, died Saturday, Nov. 15, 1982 at the Bourbon General Hospital, Paris, after suffering a massive heart attack. He was a native of Fleming County, son of the late Sanford Curry and Maggie Curtis Graves, a decorated World War II veteran, and a retired postal worker.

Other survivors are three sons, Paul Glenn Graves, Nicholas County, Robert Milton Graves and Joe Howe

Graves, Millersburg; three grand-children, Carla Abner, Bourbon County, Kim Graves, Millersburg, and Paul C. Graves Jr., Nicholas County; two brothers, Sanford C. Graves and Bill Graves, Paris; three sisters, Roberta Rose, Lexington, Mary Elizabeth Minick, Carlisle, and Myrtle Jean Shamsun, Millersburg.

Military services were held Monday, Nov. 15, in the Millersburg Cemetery with Pruitt-Leak Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Tara Insurance license revoked in Kentucky

A leading seller of Medicare-supplement and nursing home insurance in Kentucky has voluntarily surrendered its license following an 18-month investigation. Commissioner of Insurance Daniel H. Briscoe said.

In a document completed Oct. 18, Tara Life Insurance Co. of America formally agreed to surrender its certificate of authority to transact life and health insurance in Kentucky.

The surrender came as settlement of a detailed, 180-page statement of charges which had been filed against the company by the Kentucky Department of Insurance in September. The department asked for the company's license to be revoked in order to prevent "current and prospective injury to policyholders and the public." A hearing on the charges scheduled for Oct. 27 was cancelled.

In an interview following the surrender of Tara Life's license, Commissioner Briscoe emphasized that the company must continue to honor and pay claims under its policies currently in force. Those policies will be guaranteed renewal claims must be renewed by the company.

Tara first came to the attention of the department when the enforcement section began receiving complaints from Tara policyholders. The complaints became so numerous that a general investigation of the company was begun. The staff discovered financial problems as well as policyholder problems.

In discussing the investigation, Briscoe indicated that he and his attorney, Isaac Martin, have been in constant contact with Tara Life's top management since January. Tara's management has been trying to negotiate a sale of the company to get needed funds. The commissioner indicated that the numerous problems of the company were such that, with no firm

Truancy case reset for Jan. 6

The truancy suit involving the Terry and Judy Jolly children has been continued again until Thursday, Jan. 6, at 9:30 a.m., records in the Circuit Court's office show.

Judge Arnold, in considering the motion proposed by the attorneys for the new date, heard that "progress was being made toward a compromise and settlement of the case between the Hilltop Academy Christian School and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction's office."

State investigating low grades for 10th grade

Kentucky's teachers are working with the Department of Education to determine why the state's 10th graders score below the national average on achievement tests while students in the lower grades continue to do well.

In a meeting in Lexington, seventh, eighth and ninth grade teachers from 60 local school districts met with state department officials to cite deficiencies in the educational system that are contributing to the sophomore low scores.

The 1971 General Assembly mandated the administering of the statewide test of basic skills in third, fifth, seventh and 10th grades as part of the Education Improvement Act.

A new feature of this year's achievement test measures a student's potential, and Dr. Donald Hunter, head of the department's Bureau of Instruction, says that children statewide are consistently scoring above their potential.

"This says to me that we have a good cadre of teachers managing our classrooms, but either we're not measuring the right things with our test or we're not teaching the right things," Dr. Hunter said.

The Lexington, Louisville and Owensboro meetings are part of a "10th-Grade Gap" research project underway by the department with the help of Appalachian Educational Laboratory, W.Va., that provides research data to be used for school improvement.

Dr. Jack Sanders, representing the laboratory at the meeting, said that Kentucky is the first state in the nation to tackle the 10th-grade basic skill deficiency with documented research information.

"I must praise your educational leadership for not doing something about this problem strictly on hunches," he explained.

Dr. Sanders supplied all 150 teachers at the meeting with a list of 15 problems which the laboratory believes may be contributing to the basic skill problem. He was quick to point out that the problems may or may not be true in Kentucky.

The teachers were asked to rate how important, in their opinion, each factor was to the problem of declining 10th-grade scores. They were also asked to formulate other factors they felt contributed to the decline.



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