

Butcher Slayer's Advice To Youth: Confide In Your Parents

YOUTH IS GIVEN LIFE TERM IN TRIPLE DEATHS

Guards Watch Cell to Prevent Another Suicide Try.

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CHICAGO, Sept. 6. — William Heirens, 17, speaking from the bitter experience that will imprison him for life, sent this message to his fellow prisoners of the State Penitentiary:

"Confide in your parents. They are close to you."

Heirens, sentenced to three terms of life imprisonment for three murders, said in an interview that he never learned to confide in his own parents.

"I never had the opportunity to be close to my parents," he said. "I was sent away to boarding schools when I got in trouble. I was always away from home when I needed their confidence."

He said he believed he could have stayed out of trouble if he had been allowed to stay at home. He believed he would have learned to confide in his mother and father, and to "thresh things out."

Thanks His Friends
"I don't blame my parents," he said. "They are two of the most wonderful people in the world. And I want to thank them and the friends who stuck by me."

As he spoke, extra guards watched every move he made to prevent him from trying to end his life again before he goes to the prison where he must spend three life terms.

Heirens was sentenced late yesterday to three life terms for murder. He drew other lesser sentences for a total of 28 burglaries, robberies and assaults.

Two guards stood outside his county jail cell today to prevent him from making another try at suicide, such as his attempt to hang himself yesterday only a few hours before he was to be sentenced.

The guards were required to make a written report on his every move. They took away his belt, his necktie, and his shoe laces and made him sleep on a bed without sheets, because he had tried to fashion a sheet into a hangman's noose.

Sleeps Well
The 17-year-old killer slept well after his ordeal in court and ate a big breakfast this morning.

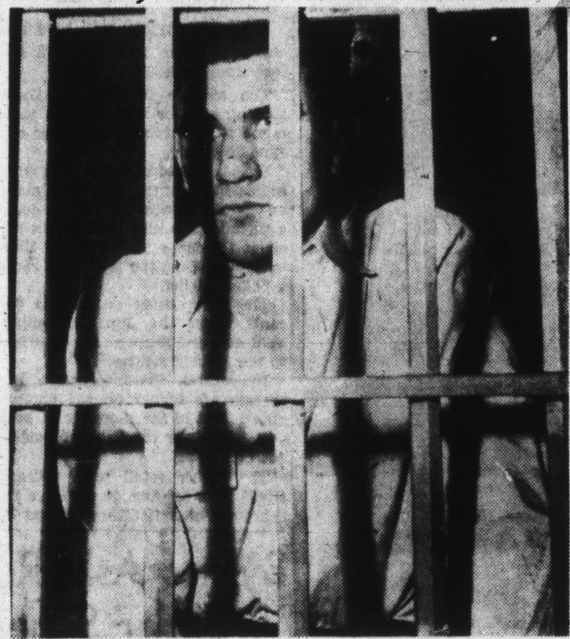
Authorities were rushing through the legal red tape to send Heirens to the Illinois prison at Stateville as soon as possible.

In a last "press conference," the youthful slayer confessed that he had expected to die in the electric chair. He said he was relieved that "it was all over."

"I feel like the man who had a hole in his roof," and the rain came in," Heirens said. "The neighbors told him about it, and he tried to keep out the rain. His efforts were futile, and he was told to abandon



Mrs. George Heirens, mother of the youthful slayer of three persons, collapsed yesterday in a Chicago courtroom when Chief Justice Harold G. Ward sentenced her son, William, to three life terms. Her husband (right) comforts her.



William Heirens, the confessed 17-year-old slayer, is shown behind bars after he was sentenced. Heirens was committed to prison for life on each of three murder charges, the sentences to run consecutively. He also was sentenced one year to life on each of 24 burglaries and to 14 years on an assault involving a policeman.

the house, and let all the rain come in.

Under the most favorable conditions, presuming parole were granted at the minimum period, Heirens could not be freed for at least 65 years. He then would be close to 80.

The three life sentences for murder were imposed for the kidnapping of 6-year-old Suzanne Degnan and the knife killings of Frances Brown, an ex-WAVE, from Richmond, Ind., and Josephine Ross,

widowed housewife.

His mother, Margaret, collapsed in tears as Heirens was led from the courtroom and sobbed: "My boy, my boy, why don't these people let me see my boy?"

Her husband, George, calmed her and attendants took her to an ante-room where she bid goodbye to her son.

He said wistfully that he thought he could "make myself a better man on the outside" but said he intended to be a good prisoner.

OREGONIAN DUE TO HEAD V. F. W.

Ohio Woman Is Elected Auxiliary President.

BOSTON, Sept. 6 (U. P.).—Louis E. Starr of Portland, Ore., virtually was assured today of election as national commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Starr, now senior vice commander, was nominated by the retiring commander-in-chief, Joseph M. Stack, of Pittsburgh, who was renominated but declined to seek office again.

Ray H. Brannaman of Denver, a junior vice commander, was nominated to succeed Mr. Starr as senior post and was unopposed for today's voting.

The only real fight was for junior vice commander where the young veterans of world war II sought to elect two of their members.

Auxiliary Elects
The two world war II veterans nominated for the junior post were Edward Fitzgerald of Boston and Herbert E. Nunnery of Jackson, Miss. The other contestants were Francis X. Ootter of Boston and John J. Mullin of Atlantic City, N. J.

The election was one of the last things scheduled for the six-day 47th annual convention which opened Sunday.

Mrs. Sally Cannon of Youngstown, O., was elected without opposition today to be national president of the V. F. W. auxiliary.

Rising Temperatures Are Predicted East of Mississippi

NATIONAL 24-HOUR FORECAST SUMMARY: Rising temperatures are foreseen for all areas east of the Mississippi.

Warm weather will persist east of the Rockies, except in the Dakotas and Montana, where the temperature will dip slightly under the influence of a cool Canadian air flow.

The South Atlantic States, except for Florida, will have fair weather, as will the New England States and far Southwest.

Showers and thunderstorms will occur in the Lakes region, the northern parts of the Middle Atlantic States, in the Upper Mississippi Valley, Rockies, Florida, Washington state and Oregon.

High pressure continues dominant in the northeast and far northwest, but low pressure systems extend their influence along the curving arc of the frontal pattern from the Lakes southward through the Central Plains, Central Rockies and northward to the west of the Continental Divide. These depressions result from there being greater moisture in the air where they have formed and therefore less air pressure at the surface.

General unobstructed wind direction for most sections of the nation can be learned by observing the various air flow arrows on the map.

Air circulation around low pressure centers is counter-clockwise and the southerly warm air flow in the eastern part of the country is linked with the well developed "low" that is located in the Upper Lakes region. The fast-



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Precipitation for 24 hrs. ending 7:30 AM EST 9-7-46

City	Precipitation (inches)
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Boston	0.00
Cincinnati	0.00
Cleveland	0.00
Denver	0.00
Evansville	0.00
St. Louis	0.00
San Antonio	0.00
San Francisco	0.00
Washington, D. C.	0.00

The following table shows the temperature in other cities:

City	High	Low
Atlanta	84	60
Boston	69	54
Cincinnati	66	55
Cleveland	65	50
Denver	91	54
Evansville	87	61
St. Louis	85	58
San Antonio	92	72
San Francisco	86	66
Washington, D. C.	86	61

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