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PRAYERS FOR VICTIM — Bro. Peter Celestine Merino, C.S.C., principal of St. Edward's High School, leads the praying of the rosary Wednesday evening for Thomas Eckman, 18, a victim of Monday's massacre at the University of Texas. Eckman, whose father is a professor of English at a college in Ohio, attended St. Edward's High School. He will be buried in Ottawa, Ohio.

Arsenal Ordinary In Texas

By PAUL RECER
Associated Press Writer

By Texas standards, say to avide sportsmen, a collection of four rifles, two shotguns and five pistols is not at all unusual.

This was the assortment of weapons that Austin police gathered from a footlocker Monday on top of the University of Texas Tower and later at the apartment of the Tower sniper, Charles J. Whitman.

Arsenals of such size and even larger are quite common in Texas households, especially in areas of the state where game is plentiful, sportsmen said.

An Austin gun dealer, whose customers number thousands of sportsmen yearly, said most hunters build up a collection of guns, each with a different use and purpose, if they can afford to put out the money.

Last year alone, said Lonnie Allen of Jack McBride Guns, his firm sold more than 1,000 new and used rifles.

Pistols, he said, are particularly popular.

"I just can't keep them," he said. "I sell them fast."

The Department of Public Safety said that for the first seven months of 1966, they had reports of the sale of 175,768 pistols.

Guns are particularly common in the south and south-central portions of the state. The area is popular for deer and Turkey hunting, and thousands go after trophies each year.

Many hunters start young, usually taught by their parents.

The secretary of the Texas Senate, Charlie Schnabel, who said he owns six rifles, three shotguns and a pistol, said his son killed a deer at the age of six. This, Schnabel admitted, is young for the average, but said 12-year-old deer slayers are not unusual.

During deer season, he said, most all ranchers and farmers carry deer rifles in their pickups at all times. Even many city dwellers, he noted, carry pistols in their cars' glove compartments, particularly when they are on trips.

Allen said he has sold thousands of guns to parents buying for their 12-to-14-year-olds, but noted sadly, "There's getting to be less and less of this..."

The state issued 571,058 regular resident hunting licenses last year. Officials estimated that 160,000 license exemptions, for persons under 17, over 65 or who hunt on their own land also were issued.

Except for the cost, acquiring guns in the state is simple.

A buyer has to give only his name, address and age and then pay his money.

The state law prohibits carrying of pistols by private citizens, but says nothing about rifles. The law also allows pistols to be carried by private citizens who are traveling or on their own land.

An Austin outdoor writer, Russel Tinsley of the Austin American, says that the rifle Whitman used to kill from the university tower "is quite popular among Texas hunters."

The weapon, a 6 mm Remington with a four-power scope, would sell for about $152 complete, Allen said.

Allen said the weapon is capable of "utter destruction."

"Many people were amazed that so many victims died," he said.

"Actually... it is surprising to me that of the number wounded, so few died."

An attempt was made in the last state Legislature to pass a law requiring a $10 annual pistol permit and additional punishment for those who commit crimes when armed with a gun. The attempt failed, but another law, detailing those who may carry guns, was passed.

Attempts to regulate firearms sales and possession in Texas have met with stiff opposition from sportsmen in the past, and many legislators are reluctant to offend the state's large number of hunters, campers and gun enthusiasts.

One sportsman noted that guns are a popular hobby in Texas, and if a hunter felt anything about the large arsenal, it was envy.

"I was certainly not astounded," he said.

Austin Police Chief Robert Miles indicated he felt about the same way.

The number of guns Whitman owned was not unusual, he said.

"The only unusual thing about he took them up to the top of the Tower."

Survivors: Gratitude, Not Hate

By PAUL RECER
Associated Press Writer

They still wince in pain. They still shudder at the memory and some are still in shock. But they say they don't hate the man who tried to kill them from the University of Texas Tower last Monday.

They are the survivors of the deadly storm of bullets fired by Charles Joseph Whitman that killed 13 and wounded 31 on the University of Texas campus. He earlier killed his wife and mother in their apartments and was himself killed by police.

Those that can talk about that violent 90 minutes are only grateful that they lived.

One of these, Abdul Khashab, 20, a student from Mosel, Iraq, studying chemistry on a scholarship from his government, was standing with his fiance and about eight others in front of a clothing store two blocks from the tower. They were on their way to lunch when they heard the shots, stopped and looked at the tower.

They never heard the shots that hit them.

A bullet suddenly tore into the chest of Khashab's sweetheart, Janet Paulos of Garland, Tex., and she dropped to the ground. Before Khashab could help, another bullet shattered his elbow and a third grazed the right shoulder of Lana Phillips, 21, an attractive, frecklefaced coed from Dallas.

All three were carried to safety.

Khashab was to have married Miss Paulos Aug. 20. He could manage a smile from his hospital bed Wednesday, only minutes after visiting Miss Paulos for the first time since the shooting. But he was still puzzled how it all could have happened, so suddenly without warning.

"There must be something wrong somewhere when in a civilized country like this a guy can get guns like he did and do what he did," Khashab said, his voice weak and faint.

He said he felt a deep sorrow because of the whole incident—a grief that extended to Whitman.

"I wasn't scared until I got shot," Miss Phillips said. "I was watching the tower and watching peple get shot. I didn't think I was within range, plus, I was standing behind some other people and I thought they would get shot before I would. I was wrong."

She had stepped outside the clothing store where she worked when the bullet whistled past, grazing and deeply gashing her shoulder. There was no pain at first, but now it hurts so she'll be unable to play the organ, her major subject in school, for a while.

"The only thing I feel is that I'm grateful that I wasn't killed," she said quietly in her hospital room. "I thank the Lord my life was spared."

She placed no blame on Whitman.

"I feel he was sick. He was mentally deranged."

Billy Snowden, a 35-year-old coach at the Texas School for the Deaf here, was getting a haircut when the shooting started. He learned of it from the barber shop television.

He and a barber stepped to the shop door and looked toward the tower, three blocks away.

"We thought at first that we better get back inside, but then decided we were too far away to get hit," Snowden said. "I was standing in the door and had it about half open. The barber was standing beside me."

Suddenly they heard the bullet "explode" into the wall behind them, he said.

Snowden said he felt his left arm go numb and others urged him to sit down. They looked him over, he said, found no blood and assured him he was untouched. He was not sure if he was hit until he looked at his left shoulder. A bullet had cut through a fleshy part, missing the bone but cutting a major nerve.

"I got out lucky considering what happened to other people," Snowden said. "I figure he had that scope right on my chest."

The police told him, he said, he was farthest from the tower of all the victims. The barber shop is about three blocks from the base of the tower.

Mike Gabour, 19, an Air Force Academy sophomore, was on a vacation tour of the campus with his brother, Mark, 16, his parents, and an aunt, Mrs. Bill Lamport, Austin. They were climbing the steps from the elevator foyer to the observation deck of the tower when the shots were fired. Mike and Mark were the first to reach the top. Mark was killed.

"There was a desk across the door" to the observation platform, Mike murmured from his hospital bed. "I figured it was some janitors. I walked up and stuck my head over the desk. He (Whitman) pointed a shotgun at me and shot me." Mike is listed in good condition with a head wound.

Mike's aunt was killed. His mother is in critical condition with a head wound. His father also was hit.

"It is just a nightmare — I can't believe it's happened," he said. Asked if he bore any hatred or resentment toward Whitman, he said only, "he's dead."

Mike will be transferred to Lackland Air Base Hospital, San Antonio, Friday, his doctor said. Mike said he hopes to be back at the academy when classes resume Aug. 21.

Another aunt, Mrs. W.P. Wright, Big Spring, Tex., said of the family: "I don't think there is any resentment—just such a tragedy and so many innocent lives."

Mrs. Nancy Harvey, a small, 21-year-old bespectacled education major, was at her part-time job on the second floor of the main building when she heard three shots and some screams.

The shots seemed to stop. Puzzled, and about to go to lunch, she and a friend started to leave the building.

"As we were going out the door, a campus policeman was coming in. We asked if it was okay to go outside, and he said, 'Sure'," she said. She added that she left the office about 11:50 a.m., talked to someone for a moment, "so it must have been 11:55" when she encountered the policeman.

About 100 yards down the mall, she heard another shot, felt pain in her thigh and broke for cover with her friend.

The friend and a man took her by the arms and dragged her to safety behind a building.

"It's still kind of hard to believe it happened. I am just thankful that I was as lucky as I was, that I was not hit any worse," she said.

Asked whether her reactions include resentment of the man who shot her, she said, "not really resentment. I heard yesterday he had a tumor. I feel he may have just found out about it and depression from that caused him to go off the deep end."

Governor Evaluates Crime Acts

By JACK KEEVER
Associated Press Writer

To Texas Gov. John Connally, 5,000 miles from the scene, the news of the University of Texas mass sniper slayings was like a flashback of President Kennedy's assassination 2½ years ago.

And, upset by crimes like those, Connally said he was considering asking the Legislature for a law to seal off the escape route of insanity pleas some killers use to avoid punishment.

"I—like everyone else—was shocked and grieved beyond my ability to express."

Connally spoke after a 1½-hour closed conference with the men who sat on each side of him at the news session—Austin Police Chief Robert A. Miles; Col. Homer Garrison, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety; John Peace of San Antonio, chairman of the Texas Public Safety Commission; Mayor Lester Palmer, and W. W. Heath, chairman of the university regents.

"We're here to express our sorrow and grief, to commend people for some jobs well done, and to evaluate medical information...beyond that, we don't know what to do and we have no specific recommendations at this time," the governor said.

But Connally let his thoughts run on crime in general:

"I am very disturbed about the whole question of heinous crimes being committed and through a plea of insanity punishment being escaped.

"I am seriously considering recommending to the Legislature that wherever a serious crime where loss of life like this one occurs, and the person is found insane, that the perpetrator be incarcerated for life and never paroled or released.

"We've reached a point in this country where we tend to coddle criminals."

He said he realized his comments were not particularly applicable to Whitman, who was fatally shot in his sniper's perch.

On Whitman specifically, the Governor said he did not think a firearms control bill would have prevented the shootings.

"I don't want to be a party to giving people false hope that by passing a firearms law we would prevent this sort of thing. Whitman would have been qualified to own a gun under a registration law."

He also indicated a possible law requiring psychiatrists to notify police of patients who express homicidal desires did not seem to be the answer to mass slayings.

"My first reaction... is that it would stop anyone from going to a psychiatrist," he said.

Dallas Skyscraper, Too

Sniper Frequent Visitor to Tower

By DERRO EVANS and GLEN CASTLEBURY
Staff Writers

Charles Joseph Whitman was a frequent visitor to the University of Texas tower.

And only last Thursday he visited the observation tower of one of Texas' tallest buildings — the 49th floor of the First National Bank of Dallas.

That visit to the thrusting, steel heights above the busy streets of Dallas was only four days before Whitman used the University tower to bring death-dealing sniper fire down on nearly four dozen unsuspecting victims.

The last recorded visit of Whitman to the University tower before Monday's fateful rendezvous came on Friday, July 22, just nine days before his slaughter of innocents.

On that date Whitman went to the tower with his youngest brother, John Michael Whitman, 17, and Jim Poland, a friend of John.

City police officials said Wednesday that the registry maintained by the receptionist in the tower's observation deck reflected that visit.

(John Whitman and Poland had been the object of a family search since the slayings. They were located Wednesday in New York City and were going to *Lake Worth, Fla., by automobile* to attend Whitman's funeral, as well as the funeral of the mother of the Whitman boys.

(Prior to the finding in the registry Wednesday police had not known that John Whitman had been in Austin. The slayer has another younger brother, Patrick, who has been in Florida with Whitman's father.)

In Dallas Wednesday, a guard who handles the observation tower at the bank said a July 28 entry in the guest register reads:

"Chas. Whitman, University of Texas campus, Austin."

The bank building is Dallas' newest, tallest skyscraper. It gives a commanding view of downtown sections of the city.

Among the first victims of Whitman's rampage Monday was Mrs. Edna Townsley, a receptionist on duty in the observation deck when he hauled his footlocker load of weapons to his sniper's post.

Mrs. Lydia Gest, another tower receptionist who was not on duty when the tragedy occurred, told the American-Statesman Wednesday that Whitman had visited the observation deck "several times" during the last year.

Mrs. Gest said she did not recall the number of times Whitman had visited or the exact dates. More than once, however, Whitman sat on a couch next to her desk and chatted for several minutes, she recalled.

The receptionist said she did not realize that the student who had visited the observation deck was also the killer until she saw the first newspaper photograph of Whitman.

Students as well as tourists visit the tower, Mrs. Gest pointed out. She said it is not unusual for a student to become a fairly frequent visitor.

Garland Sued By Husband

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The husband of singer Judy Garland has filed a separate maintenance suit, charging she subjected him to extreme cruelty and mental and physical pain.

Actor Mark Herron, 36, filed the complaint in Superior Court Wednesday. Friends said he had not made it a divorce action because a reconciliation is possible.

Herron married Miss Garland, 44, last November in Las Vegas, Nev. The couple separated April 15.

UT Probes Events Up To Firing

By DERRO EVANS
Staff Writer

The University of Texas has already begun an investigation in "minute detail" of the series of events surrounding the mass slayings from the tower on Monday.

U. T. Chancellor Harry Ransom told the American Wednesday that "these facts are already being mustered" and hopefully will be ready to present next week to the Board of Regents and the public.

The report will cover killer Charles J. Whitman's seven semesters and two summer sessions as a U. T. student as well as his actions from the moment he entered the campus on Monday.

The investigation is being made to determine whether any official regulations of the university influenced the events on Monday, Dr. Ransom said.

"For example, how did this man get on the campus with a very considerable burden of materials?" Dr. Ransom asked.

Information now available indicates that Whitman, driving his car, used a "carrier identification card" to gain admission to the campus from security guards at one of the university's three traffic entrances.

The cards are issued to persons who have a legitimate need to transport heavy or bulky materials to one of the campus buildings. Whitman had such a card in connection with his summer job as a laboratory assistant in a highway research project in the College of Engineering.

The report will attempt to determine, among many things, whether the universitys parking and traffic regulations "are fair and strict enough," Dr. Ransom said.

The observation deck has been closed to the public "indefinitely," and only employes and students with identification cards are being permitted to use the two elevators to the 27 floors of the building.

The action has been taken as a "practical" matter, since the stream of sightseers now coming to the campus would overload the elevators and disturb employes working in the tower, he added.

A final decision on the matter will have to be made on two grounds, considering the tower as "a piece of public property" and considering if "additional security measures" are necessary, Dr. Ransom stated.

"In a way, closing the tower might almost be like closing a street where a terrible accident has happened," Dr. Ransom pointed out.

Florida Receives Whitman Coffins

LAKE WORTH, Fla. (AP) — The coffins of Charles Joseph Whitman and his mother arrived at Lake Worth late Wednesday night.

The bodies were flown from Austin, Tex., to Miami and taken 50 miles by ambulance to the small east coast Florida city where Whitman grew up.

Police said there was no crowd at the funeral home where the bodies were taken.

A Rosary for the youth and his mother was scheduled later today with a joint Requiem funeral and burial Friday morning.

A priest at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic church said Whitman was being given a Catholic burial on the assumption that he was not in possession of his senses at the time of the slayings.

The youngest of the three Whitman boys, John Michael, 17, was reported en route to the Whitman home from New York to attend the funeral.

Crowd Overflows At Needville Rites

NEEDVILLE, Tex. (AP) — Several hundred persons overflowed the white frame Methodist church here Wednesday afternoon at funeral services for Mrs. Kathleen Leissner Whitman.

Mrs. Whitman, 23, was slain by her husband, Charles Joseph Whitman, before he killed another 13 persons and wounded 31 with shots from the University of Texas Tower. He also had earlier slain his mother.

A steady rain fell during the funeral services and at Greenlawn Memorial Park near Rosenberg, where she was buried.

The Rev. Albert E. Garner, pastor of the church, and the Rev. George Olson of Palestine, a former pastor, conducted the services.

Mrs. Whitman, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond W. Leissner of Needville, was a popular student at Needville High School where she graduated in 1961. Members of her graduating class were pallbearers.

The white casket was draped with a wreath of rose-red flowers.

Leissner is a Needville rice farmer and real estate man. The Leissners have three sons, Nelson, 17, Ray, 14, and Adam, 2.

Mrs. Whitman's body was found at her Austin home after her husband was shot to death.

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College Building Fund	10 cents
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto sign my name officially and cause the seal of my office to be impressed hereon at Austin, Texas, this the 15th day of July A.D., 1966.

Robert S. Calvert
Comptroller of Public Accounts

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