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What dreadrul malady snuffed out the life of Myrna Jean Oppenheim, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Oppenheim of Cleveland Oblace

Mrs. Marvin Oppenheim of Cleveland, Ohio? I do not know, but I do know that even though she died recently in her twenties, she has deeply affected me.

In the bulletin of the Ansel Road Temple, Cleveland, Rabbi Daniel Silver tells us that Miss Oppenheim was a scholarly prodigy and a social worker.

She taught in the religious school of the magnificent synagogue where Abba Hillel Silver once presided. Both Dr. Silver and that structure can be described as awesome.

What stirred me was a poem which Rabbi Silver relayed to us who are lucky enough to get his temple bulletin. It's by Myrna Jean and it enables her soul to go marching on, in spite of the fact that physically she is no more. The poem:

I took a step the other day That swept the stifling past away

And cleared my soul for other things

With the tender touch that prayer brings.

A sight o'erwhelming met my eyes Like stars' first light in darkened skies Transfixed me. I could not but tarry In the awesome sanctuary,

The holy glow shone from the ark And kindled in my heart the spark Of fervent gratefulness and then The humble thanks for strength again.

The adored glass of windows high Drew up my lowered head and I Could sense my spirits rise to meet, Their beauty with its message sweet.

That through th turmoil and the fears, The struggle and the many tears, The pains of life we all must face, There does exist for us a place.

Where peace is found, where hopes abide, Where life itself revives. Inside The Temple He has always been That built outside and that --within.

SANTIAGO (WNS) -- Israeli water irrigation experts have been invited to Chile to help it study ways and means of irrigating arid land and improving present irrigation methods.

NEW YORK -- The International Press Institute is holding its 22nd Assembly in Jerusalem from June 11 - 13, 1973.

POLITICAL HOPEFULS

GRIPENTROG FOR CITY ATTY.

Earl P. Gripentrog has filed for re-election to the post of Las Vegas City Attorney.

- He had spent nine years as Deputy District Attorney, where he successfully prosecuted approximately 200 jury trials, which is many times more than his two opponents combined.

times more than his two opponents combined. For the past four years, Gripentrog has been the City Attorney; and in that capacity, initiated the first Alcoholism Rehabilitation Program in the City of Las Vegas; successfully opposed the telephone and gas rate increases, saving the consumers of Las Vegas hundreds of thousands of dollars; led the opposition to the garbage rate hike, again saving the consumers of Las Vegas hundreds of thousands of dollars; spearheads the opposition to smut book and movie stores, successfully closing some and preventing others from opening; established the first Red Line Zone for smut houses, which action was subsequently adopted and ratified by the Nevada State Legisla ture; proposed the first Consumers Affair Department of the City of Las Vegas.

Through his efforts, tighter mobile home code enforcement was effected. Proposed non - returnable bottle ordinance to aid in the ecology and environmental struggle.

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At the time Gripentrog took office the Assessment District Cases were in hopeless condition. Through his efforts, these are now current and again are in better shape than any city in clark County.

Gripentrog established a Citizen's Review Office, wherein citizens alleging police brutality actions can lodge their complaints.

During the four years as present City Attorney, Gripentrog became cognizant of present and future problems, with the experience and background to handle them.

He is married, father of two children, Ann, 10, and Earl, Jr., 8. They reside at 6248 Elton Street.



