

# DAM WORKER FORCES WIFE TO WATCH SUICIDE

Paul Rainwater Quaffs  
Potion While Holding  
Spouse by Wrist

Swallowing a portion of poison while he held his wife, and forced her to watch him, Paul Rainwater, 25, transport driver for Six Companies, Inc., ended his life yesterday following disagreement with his wife and subsequent reconciliation.

He took the poison at about 9:30 a. m. yesterday. At 10:12 p. m. yesterday he passed away, efforts of the staff of Boulder hospital to save his life by pumping of his stomach and other means proving futile.

"YOU THOUGHT I wouldn't do it. But I will," Rainwater said to his wife just before taking a drink of a solution he had prepared. Locking the door and holding her, he took a small drink of the mixture from a glass.

Mrs. Rainwater notified police and officers rushed Rainwater to the hospital, where he lingered between life and death for about 12 hours.

Rainwater was born in Richland, Missouri, 25 years ago. He leaves a father, Melvin E. Rainwater, who now lives at Richland. Young Rainwater came to the dam project from Richland in May, 1932, and started work as a laborer for Six Companies Inc.

AT THE TIME of his death he was a transport driver. About three months ago he married the girl who is now his widow, Marie Rainwater.

Inquest was held this morning in Boulder City by Coroner Frank M. Ryan, with F. A. Burke, George Laughlin and A. Muehlandorff as jurors, and a verdict of suicide was returned.

The potion taken by Rainwater contained rat poison powder, which is believed to have been mixed with water in a glass and stirred with a table knife by Rainwater. A finger print on the knife points to his, Police Chief G. E. Bodell testified.

**MR. AND MRS.** Rainwater had had quarrels on several occasions, the husband assertedly putting Mrs. Rainwater out of the house, it was revealed. They had had a reconciliation a short while before the poisoning episode, and were living in an auto court in Boulder City.

A garage executive of Six Companies warned Bodell Saturday night, while Mrs. Rainwater was at a dance, that he was contemplating suicide. Bodell found him and confined him in jail Saturday night, to prevent his killing himself.

Sunday morning Bodell released him, on his promise he would not commit self-destruction. He went home, however, and when his wife went home about 9:30 from a shopping trip to town, she found him there.

**SHE TESTIFIED** at the coroner's inquest this morning that when she entered the room her husband "jumped out of bed like he was crazy, with his eyes bulging," and siezed her. She said he locked the door, then got the glass of white mixture and yelled at her that he was going to "do it" despite the fact she thought he would not. She said he took a small drink of the mixture.

"When he drove me to the Legion hall Saturday night he said he had to work that night," she said.