

Snake Expert Dies After Being Bitten By Indian Cobra

Long Beach, Calif., July 21 (AP)—Mrs. Grace Olive Wiley, 65, nationally-known snake expert who kept cobras as household pets, died yesterday an hour and a half after one of them bit her.

Mrs. Wiley, former curator of Chicago's Brookfield zoo and the Minneapolis museum of natural history, was posing the snake for a photo at her home in nearby Cypress, Calif., when it struck without warning.

The Indian cobra—a new one to her menagerie—clung to her finger for half a minute. Mrs. Wiley calmly pulled it loose, returned it to its cage and called an ambulance. She told her visitors how to give her first aid while she awaited its arrival.

She died at Long Beach Community hospital, after serums for North American reptiles were found ineffective. An autopsy was scheduled for today.

Mrs. Wiley, who once said she would prefer death from a snake bite to "any other way," succumbed in an iron lung.

Refuses Amputation

Her cousin, C. M. Tanner, urged that the finger, hand or arm be amputated if necessary to save her life. But he said Mrs. Wiley only shook her head and indicated she knew the bite was fatal.

Mrs. Wiley, a widow, was trying to persuade the five-and-a-half-foot snake to arch its back and spread its hood when it struck. She had survived previous bites by a cobra and rattlesnakes.

Mrs. Wiley kept 125 reptiles at her home. She let them coil around her and called them "honey" and "cutie pie." She was proud of the fact that she never

removed their poison sacs, saying: "A snake will lose its fear of people much faster than a person will lose his fear of snakes." The snake that bit her was a stranger, one of 20 deadly reptiles she imported last month for sale from the Grace Wiley zoo which she operated here. She was working with Mr. and Mrs. Danjel Mannix, Malibu, Calif., for illustrations for a magazine article they planned on her.

Toastmasters Hold Meeting

Toastmasters holding their weekly dinner meeting last night at the Pine Tavern "talked shop," with speakers discussing subjects ranging from voice training to hand gestures. Bill Mark presided as toastmaster, with Vance Coyner in charge of the table topics part of the program.

One-minute speakers discussed "The Man Next Door," with each member of the club called on to introduce the man at his right as "the speaker of the evening." Five minute speakers and their subjects follow:

Clarence Bush, "Functions of a Toastmasters' Club"; Dave Wilson, "Functions of an Evaluator"; Ralph W. Crawford, "The Voice in Speaking"; Claude Cook, "Value of Diction"; Jack Halbrook, "Gestures." Departing from the theme, Eugene Bucknum was presented in a five-minute talk dealing with the life of a mortician.

Al Robertson was general critic. Other critics were Max Millap, James Dement, Sig Skavlan, Joe Slate and Harry Drew. Fred Palne was presented in an impromptu five-minute talk and reported on his conference with area officials of the Toastmasters' club at Hart mountain this past week end.

Service Clubs to Hold Golf Match

Lions, Kiwanians and Rotarians will meet tomorrow afternoon in a golf tournament on the Bend course, with a dinner and refreshments to follow at 7:30 p.m., at the club house. Match play is planned, over nine holes. Team captains will be B. A. Stover, Kiwanians; Len Standifer, Lions, and Carl B. Hoogner, Rotarians.

There will be prizes for the players placing the ball closest to the pin on No. 3 and No. 7, and for the longest drive in each service club. No contestant will be eligible for more than one prize.

A non-playing gallery and referees will be welcome, the committee in charge reported. No greens fees will be charged non-club member contestants. However, there will be an overall charge that will cover the turkey dinner and incidentals. Rental sets of clubs will be available. Dr. Grant Skinner has been named finance chairman for the affair.

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mittee in charge are W. L. Van Allen, Sig Skavlan, Carl B. Hoogner, Al Nielsen, B. A. Stover and Dr. Skinner.

Play will start at 3 p.m.

So far, only one of the competing clubs has made public its players. This was the Lions club, and its players follow:

Farley Elliott, James W. Bushong, Frank H. Loggan, K. C. Gulick, George P. Gove, Sig Skavlan, Bill Reed, W. L. Van Allen, Glenn Gregg, Claude Cook, Kenneth Sawyer, Nord Goodrich, Dr. M. B. McKenney, Carl A. Erickson, John Prince, Dr. Harry

Mackey, W. E. Naylor, Ollie Bowman, Herbert Peterson, Howard Conlee, Frank Settemeyer, Stuart McDonald, Loyde Blakley, Tex Bolton, Ray LeBlanc, Bruce Cullison, Claire Douglas and Bill Hatch.

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