

Cooley Gets Heart Attack Dancing With Mac Pherson

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Hollywood, Calif., Dec. 15 (AP)—Western bandleader Spade Cooley hired MacPherson to do a one-minute acting job with him in Robert L. Lippert's "Everybody's Dancin'."

We did just what he told us to. But we must have been pretty awful. Twenty minutes later Cooley crumpled to the floor from a heart attack.

Three policemen rushed him to St. John's hospital in Santa Monica, where he is recovering from his horrendous experience.

Cooley is being real gentlemanly about the whole thing. He insists it wasn't our fault. He had been working too hard lately, he says, and the ticker had been acting up.

"I knew I was gonna have to slow down, anyway," he said from his hospital bed. "But I was trying to finish that picture. That was the last day."

"As soon as I wound up that scene with you I was going to the hospital for a check-up. I'd already had one attack."

Maybe. But our brand of emoting will never put Bette Davis out of business. Turn that loose on a man with a tricky ticker and the results could have been a lot worse.

We're waiting now to see how the make-up man came out. He had a bad time of it, too. Getting the MacPherson mug ready for the scene is no cinch.

First, there was the matter of a pug nose. In desperation he smeared a long streak of brown goo down the center and said maybe that'd tone down the scoop snoot a little. But he wasn't guaranteeing anything.

He didn't like the MacPherson eyebrows, either. Seems they have a tendency to curl up on the ends. And anybody knows a dame can't look glamorous with a pug nose and eyebrows to match.

The hair was another problem. He combed it up, then he combed it down, and finally he gave up and left it the way we had it in the first place. (Our only victory of the day, we might add.)

For our screen debut we walked on the set, shook hands with Cooley, said a few words, and walked off again. We had to do it over three times. Seems we don't talk loud enough. (And this will come as a complete surprise to our old man!)

Re-takes are expensive things. But Spade was a gentleman to the bitter end. He said we did fine. Then he collapsed.

His doctor said he will recover. As long as he takes it easy from now on. It goes without saying that includes no more movies with female reporters.

80,000,000 Feet Offered in District

Timber tracts totaling 80,000,000 feet will be offered for sale in 1950 in the Salem district of the O&C advisory board.

Oregon-California agency timber tracts for sale during the year were listed today to permit buyers to plan the year's logging operations.

Daniel L. Goldy, regional administrator of the bureau of land management, said the tracts hold 467,000,000 board feet for harvesting. The advance listings were recommended by the O&C advisory board.

The largest block is 107,000,000 board feet in the Coos Bay district. Others, besides the Salem district, are Roseburg, 92,000,000; Medford, 100,000,000; and Eugene, 88,000,000.

European monks perfected stained glass craft in the 14th and 15th centuries.

Court Tilts All Pinballs

Olympia, Dec. 15 (AP)—The Washington state supreme court tilted all the pinball machines again yesterday and the machine owners declared they would appeal to the U.S. supreme court to keep the pinballs rolling.

The state court denied a petition for a rehearing of its Nov. 9 ruling that pinball machines are illegal. Then the judges turned down a request that the ruling be stayed pending an appeal to the highest court.

Wilnot Garvin of Spokane, attorney for the pinball owners, said the U.S. court would be asked for a stay of judgment "in three or four days." He said any justice of the high court has the power to halt action on the ruling.

Reapportionment Petitions Circulate

Portland, Dec. 15 (AP)—Petitions for an initiative vote on reapportioning the legislature on a population basis were circulating here today.

The state AFL and CIO organizations, the Young Democrats and some of the Young Republicans have endorsed the campaign.

Another reapportioning measure is expected to be out soon. The plan of Rep. Giles French, Moro, which has the support of the farm bureau federation, would change the legislative system to the federal plan. It would give each county one senator and put the house on a population basis.

Andersons are Hosts
Lyons—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson entertained with an evening of cards at their home. Guests bidden were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Teagen, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Longfellow, Mr. and Mrs. Eltin Brown, Austin Longfellow, Chet, Wayne and Grant Smith, all of Mehama.

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Divining Rod Fails In Hunt for Girl

Ostrander Junction, Wash., Dec. 15 (AP)—Fred N. Schoener, Kent, Wash., who tried to find lost Ruth Aberie with a divining rod of whalebone, led himself back to town without results.

Schoener tied a piece of the missing girl scout's dress to the pointed end of a forked whalebone and set out. He made a wide circle of the

search area and led a party of curious searchers back to town via a logging road.

Mrs. Bridges Hostess

Lyons—Mrs. Sam Bridges was hostess for the Altar Society meeting at her home. No special business was conducted and the afternoon was spent informally. Present were Mesdames Herman Free, John Jungwirth, Bob Free, Clarence Jungwirth, Frank Leightner, Phillip Pieltro, Mike Schwindt, Doc Jungwirth, Father Schneider and the hostess Mrs. Bridges.

Accused Denies 'Urge to Kill'

Iowa City, Ia., Dec. 15 (AP)—A University of Iowa psychology student accused of strangling his pretty coed sweetheart Wednesday denied he had consulted a psychiatrist about an "urge to kill."

County Attorney Jack White said he had a sworn statement

from a psychiatrist that Robert Bednasek, 24, charged with the slaying of Margaret (Gee-Gee) Jackson, 20, confided that he had "homicidal and suicidal impulses."

But Bednasek denied that he had visited a psychiatrist.

"I wish you would talk to Professor Edward Shoben (Assistant Professor of psychology and clinical consultant at the University of Iowa)," Bednasek said.

"He probably knows more about me than anyone else. I trust his judgment implicitly."

Shoben confirmed that he knows Bednasek "very well," but said he didn't feel free to discuss his relationships with students.

"I will be willing to tell of the relationship after I have been subpoenaed," Shoben said.

The county attorney, who would not identify the psychiatrist or elaborate on his statement, said authorities' investigation has "establish a motive and an intent for the crime."

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