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Remember Wally Reid? Famed Actor's Death Almost Forgotten

By BOB THOMAS

Hollywood, Jan. 19 (P)—Probably no more than a handful of people will recall the 27th anniversary of Wallace Reid's death yesterday. But it was an event that shook Hollywood to its roots. Wally Reid, a slim but rugged young man with a whimsical amile and a charming manner, was a brilliant star of the silent era. He died at his peak—in the midst of a dope scandal. Reid never cared much about acting.

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Born in St. Louis, he became a reporter, civil engineer, cowboy and editor of a motoring magazine. He went into vaude-ville and drifted to the movie studios in New York in 1910.

"I never wanted to be an actor," he said later. "I don't want to be an actor. The promoters liked the shape of my nose or something, and I was powerless to do what I wanted to do. But I can tell you this—they're not going to get away with it. They're not going to ruin my father's."

Inexal. Said Douglas Fairbanks. "There should be some recognition by all of the motion picture should be all of the motion picture should be some recognition by all of the motion pict

father's."

His father was Hal Reid, author of melodramas. "He could have been a great playwright, but they wouldn't let him," said wally.

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after he appeared in a fight scene in "Birth of A Nation." The criticism referred to Meier scene in "Birth of A Nation." He became a sensation and starred in picture after picture. Then fortune began to swing against him.

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He suffered a severe gash in & Frank. He suffered a severe gash in the head while making a picture in New York. But he continued making eight pictures a year and living even faster. Late in 1922, his studio announced that he was sick from "overwork and a bad case of kleig eyes."

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Then the storm broke. It was revealed that dope was the real reason for the illness.

"More than two years before, all this trouble started," said his wife, the former actress Dorothy Davenport. "It was after his accident. Wally became a different man—not the smiling, happy boy I married, Whisky, whisky, whisky, morning, noon and night was the program for months—and then drugs.
"He told me he felt like there were great big lumps at the bottom of his head. He begun using morphine to ease the pain."

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The scandal rocked the nation. Ministers were up in arms. Ask-ed what he would do about the dope menace, Film Czar Will Hays dug his foot into the car-pet and said, "I would crush it like I would a viper."

Roid tried to start a picture, but had to be replaced by Jack Holt. A pitiful shadow of his former self, he slipped from 150 pounds to 120.

After six weeks of illness, he murmured "Tell them, mama, I have won my fight—that I have come back." Then he fell into

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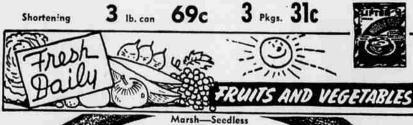
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