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**Is Judy Garland Washed Up At 29? Hollywood Wonders**

By JACK QUIGG

Hollywood, June 21 (AP)—Little girl, what now? That was the question on Hollywood's lips today as it recovered from shocking news that Judy Garland, a child star who lost none of her lustre with maturity, slashed her throat in a fit of despair over her career.

Miss Garland's studio, MGM, suspended her Saturday and removed her from the cast of her latest picture after she failed to show up for a rehearsal with Fred Astaire.

Monday night, during a conference about her problems with her husband and advisers, she ran into her bathroom and slashed her throat with a broken glass. Her doctor said the wound is superficial.

Some say this means the star, who has had marital and health troubles recently, too, is washed up at 29.

Others contend MGM would never cut adrift an actress whose recent films have grossed about \$5,000,000 each.

One thing is certain: The "little girl with the big voice" has almost everybody's sympathy.

It's no secret that her health has suffered in recent years. Since May, 1949, she has been receiving treatment for a nervous condition. In addition, she has had to diet to combat a tendency toward plumpness.

Judy has frequently said she wants to continue her career. Her studio considers her one of its biggest attractions. Yet it has replaced her in three films in two years because she "caused us embarrassment, delay, inconvenience and loss of morale among co-workers." One spokesman said she added as much as 20 per cent to the cost of a film.

Just what, exactly, is the trouble has been the subject of speculation and rumor. This much is fact: The first indication that she and MGM were having trouble was her removal from the cast of "Barkleys of Broadway" in 1948 because she was "physically unable to play the role."

In March, 1949, Judy announced she and her second husband, Vincent Minelli, director of some of her best films, were separating. They are now reconciled.

In May, after a month of costly shooting on "Annie Get Your Gun," she was dropped for "not reporting to work." MGM sent her to Boston for a "long rest" and financed medical treatments.

Two months later Judy was back, 15 pounds heavier and asking for work.

She rested six months, made "Summer Stock," which is getting good reviews, but was suspended again Saturday for "continually delaying" rehearsals for "Royal Wedding."

Her manager, Carlton Alsop, was quoted as saying after the cutting: "It's a shame she was called to work so soon. Judy is broke. In Mary Pickford's day you would pay nothing, despite a big salary."

Miss Garland's contract is still in force and studio executives said they expect she will make more films under it. Probably, it will be up to Judy whether or not she does.

She is a proven trouper from a showbusiness family. In vaudeville at three, she sang her way into a movie contract at 12 and was a star two years later. She is still on top. And Judy's friends are betting she'll fight to stay there.

Hollywood, June 21 (AP)—Judy Garland sent word today that she will be ready "in a day or two" to tell why she tried to kill herself by hacking at her throat with a jagged piece of glass.

"She's in a state of emotional hysteria now," her agent, Carlton Alsop, said. "She couldn't explain why she did it if she wanted to."

"But in a day or two she'll be ready to talk. Judy's the bouncy type. She's snip out of this in a hurry."

But friends and officials at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer feared that the doe-eyed star's emotional and physical ills might be too deep-seated to be overcome quickly.



**Joe Doakes**—In the American lingo, "Joe Doakes" stands for the average fellow, "the little man." But there is an actual Joe Doakes. He is J. Joseph Doakes (above), a Binghamton, N. Y., carpenter. He says he considers himself an average American. (AP Wirephoto)

**Bing Crosby Returns, But Dixie Not at Station**

Hollywood, June 21 (AP)—Bing Crosby came home from his "bachelor jaunt" to Europe Tuesday, but his wife, Dixie, wasn't at the station to meet him.

The nonchalant crooner came in via Union Pacific's City of Los Angeles, but dropped off at a substation, hopped into a waiting limousine, and disappeared. Dixie's absence at the station started anew the rumors that she and Crosby are having family troubles.

The crooner's pals said she was waiting at home to meet him and talk over the separation stories that circulated while he was in Europe.

Both Crosby and his wife have denied reports of marital trouble.

He probably will also do some more radio recordings, then plans to vacation at his ranch at Elko, Nev.

**W. C. Fields' Heirs Get One-Half Shares**

Los Angeles, June 21 (AP)—Nearly a score of relatives, friends and employees of the late W. C. Fields have been awarded half of the sums the comic bequeathed them.

Under a court order issued yesterday W. Claude Fields, son, receives \$5,000; Magda Michael, secretary, \$1,250; Charles Beyer, agent, \$2,500, and Adele Cline, housekeeper, \$1,250. Others received smaller sums.

Payment of the other half of the bequests pends upon the outcome of a suit by Harriet Fields, the widow, who asks \$240,000 of the \$556,000 estate.

**Shock Kills Horse After Dip in Well**

Dallas — A peculiar accident Sunday morning resulted in the death of a valuable saddle colt on the Allen Dunn farm at Polk Station.

Dunn discovered the animal about 8 a. m. in the well in the barnyard. It had apparently been stampeded during the night and one board capping the well had broken, allowing the 20 months old colt to fall through.

Water was within a few feet of the top of the well and the colt was still alive and struggling when Mr. Dunn found it. He called neighbor N. John Hansen, county extension agent, who held on to the colt's halter to keep his head above water while he rigged his tractor to pull the animal out.

The colt died a few minutes after being extricated from the well, apparently from exposure to the cold and excitement. It was a quarter horse and was almost old enough to break.

It showed no visible injury.

**Happy Garland Domestic Scene**—Screen actress Judy Garland and her director husband, Vincent Minelli, present a puppy gift to their daughter, Liza, at their Hollywood home last March on the occasion of the child's fourth birthday. Miss Garland slashed her throat in a fit of despondency. The 27-year-old songstress was recently suspended by her studio. (AP Wirephoto)

**Fishmonger Refugee Swears Vengeance for Brother's Death**

New York, June 21 (AP)—German refugee Benjamin Krieger, 42, swore vengeance today in his Brooklyn fish shop against the murderer of his brother.

Krieger, who came to the United States nine months ago after years in Nazi concentration camps, saw a stranger pause outside his store yesterday.

The face of the man, Meyer Mittelman, 33, appeared familiar.

"Were you in Auschwitz, Dachau, Muldorf?" the burly fishmonger demanded, listing the three camps where he was imprisoned during the war.

"Yes," answered Mittelman, who runs a kosher chicken slaughter market on Long Island. "I was at Muldorf."

"Then you killed my brother," Krieger shouted. "You beat me that day too." He began to pummel Mittelman who finally broke away and ran two blocks to a bookstore.

Krieger cornered him there, and about 100 neighborhood friends, many of them former concentration camp victims, gathered around, muttering threats at the man cowering behind the book store door.

Police arrived before any physical harm was done, and Mittelman refused to press assault charges. "Let's forget the whole business," he said. He denied he was the "trusty" who killed Krieger's older brother with an iron pot and gashed Krieger on the head with the same weapon.

But Krieger, pointing to the concentration camp numbers "69936" tattooed on his left forearm, said he wouldn't forget. He said he would tell his story to the district attorney and federal immigration officers.

**Sleeper Drops to Death**  
Hong Kong, June 21 (AP)—Lan Yun-Jen, 20, tried to beat the tropical heat last night by sleeping on a second story veranda. Turning in his sleep, he dropped 20 feet to his death in the street.

Even helicopters contribute to the makeup of New York City's commuting system.

**Benefit Concert Nets \$399.50 for Hospital**

Lebanon — Net earnings of \$399.50 were reported from the recent Lewis and Clark college symphony orchestra concert, announced Howard Berger, general chairman.

The money has been given to the Lebanon county hospital association to use on the proposed structure.

The large profit was possible, continued Berger, because the Cascades Plywood corporation, in recognition of their late president, Max Tucker, who was vitally interested in the new hospital, paid all travel expenses of the musicians. A group of local physicians entertained the group for supper.

**Guernsey Breeders Will Meet Friday**

Guernsey breeders will meet Friday at the W. H. Brandt farm north of Silverton at 10:30 a. m.

Sire selection will be the theme of the meeting. Four or five classes of cattle will be judged during the day with Harold Ewalt making the final placing.

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