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Cancer Victim Keeps Death Date Much Sooner Than He Expected

By DWIGHT PITKIN
DETROIT (AP) — Leonard Kerschke kept his rendezvous with death sooner than he expected. There were many things he planned to do.

He had written one article for The Associated Press on what his reactions were when the doctor told him Jan. 31 he couldn't expect to live much longer than six months.

He thought there was plenty of time to write several more. But time ran out for the 27-year-old Kerschke. He died last night of the inoperable cancer that had spread from his groin to his lungs.

Kerschke was working on a second article when his condition worsened. Saturday night his breathing became labored. He was taken to the Brest General Hospital.

Kerschke was stricken just as he was starting a new career as a gymnasium instructor with the Detroit Department of Parks and Recreation.

He had always enjoyed good health until last fall when he first noted symptoms of a backache. At Christmas time he developed symptoms of pleurisy and pneumonia. In January he entered a hospital for observation.

An exploratory operation disclosed the malignant cancer that was to take his life.

Kerschke liked people. And the nationwide response — letters of sympathy and encouragement to his first article — gave him a lift.

When he talked of things he would like to do, he always came back to one thing. He wanted to visit Washington, D. C. He had never been to the national capital.

He would bundle his wife Atheyne and their baby daughters Darleen and Valerie into a car and they would be off to Washington.

But his energy gradually gave out. The pains grew sharper. He did not complain.

Leonard Kerschke was happy to be home with his wife and 1-year-old daughter Darleen. His wife's parents had taken some of the burden off Mrs. Kerschke by caring for little Valerie, who was born Feb. 2.

Early in life Kerschke had an ambition to be a concert pianist. It was their mutual love for music that brought them together.

Smilingly, Leonard Kerschke recalled their romance. "I was 14," he said. "She was six months younger. I first saw her at the Bethesda Missionary Temple on Nevada Street near Van Dyke. That was my family's church and Atheyne was there as a visitor. I admired her from a distance and I knew she was for me."

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Later, through their interest in church activities, they met again and they were married in her church — the Immanuel Bible Church — on the East Side of Detroit June 30, 1951.

Leonard Kerschke gave up the impression of being a religious man, but he did not encourage questioning about his beliefs.

On a stand at the head of his bed was a Bible. "It was a shock to me when I was told that I had only six months to live," he said. "My first thought was of my family and then the thought flashed through my mind of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane and what he said. 'They will be done, not mine.'"

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Officer Beats Jenner Woos Ike's Support For '58 Race

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A policeman fought off the attack of a 30-pound leopard cub Monday after the animal clawed a four-year-old boy and severely scratched his back and arms at the Audubon Park zoo.

Earl Bowen Jr. was treated at Charity Hospital for a gash under his right arm and scratches on the back, head and abdomen.

The leopard cub, crippled in the hind legs, was kept in a special running cage for convalescent animals.

Park Director George Douglas said Raymond Cuccio, a policeman assigned to the park, and J.W. Fabre, 27, who brought the child to the zoo, led him into the pen to see a sick chimpanzee.

Fabre said Cuccio did not know the leopard was in the pen. The cub jumped from a corner as they were looking at the chimpanzee and first tried to attack Cuccio.

Fabre said he kicked the animal away and reached for the child, but the cub leaped on the boy's back.

Cuccio beat the leopard off with a stick.

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Beck Arrives in Galveston



GALVESTON, Tex.—Dave Beck, 62-year-old head of the investigation-battered International Teamsters Union, registers at a Galveston hotel where the union's 13-member executive board is to hold a strategy conference tomorrow. With Beck is Ralph Dixon, Dallas official of the union. At the left is the room clerk, Steve Boek. (AP Wirephoto)

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS VERY MUCH IN CHIPS

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Dad always suspected it. Now a survey has confirmed it: money-wise, a high school pupil is very much in the chips.

In fact, a survey of the 2,600 in Berkeley High School indicates they have a combined annual buying power of around \$900,000.

The survey, directed by Dr. Manville R. Pettes in this city housing the University of California, came up with these tidbits: Average income was \$1,338.84 during 1956. Part came from allowances ranging from \$1 to \$17.50 a week. Part came from wages and salaries.

Most of the 2,600 got allowances. But most of them also did part-time work.

More than a third received allowances from \$1 to \$2 a week; 30 per cent got \$2 to \$3; 25 per cent got \$4 to \$5; the remainder got \$6 to \$17.50.

Four out of five worked at least part time. Half worked all year. The average pay was 75 cents to \$1.25 an hour. Some earned \$1.75 an hour.

Baby-sitting was the most popular job.

Now for the expenditures: 60 per cent reported the major item as clothing, an average of \$89.37. Entertainment took \$51.36; food \$63.40.

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Tax-Free Turkeys?

DENVER (AP) — The Colorado County Assessor's Assn. is pondering the problem of tax-free turkeys, an important crop in the state.

"The turkey is only an egg at assessment time on March 1," said State Rep. Palmer Burch (R-Denver), "and by tax payment time on January 1 he's hash or worse."

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B.F. Goodrich Workers Halt 15-Day Strike

20 Issues Settled, But Further Negotiations Set by Plants

CINCINNATI (AP) — Rubber workers went back to their jobs at B.F. Goodrich Co. plants today after a 15-day strike over unsettled contract negotiations here.

Agreement came late last night. The talks here started March 11, and continued after the old agreement expired March 31.

The basic agreement is still subject to ratification by the 14,000 union members and the United Rubber Workers Executive Board.

Before it goes into effect, supplementary contracts will be negotiated at each of the nine Goodrich plants, covering issues confined to the individual plant.

The agreement continues through April 15, 1959, and includes a 60-day wage reopening clause. Wages were not an issue here.

The company declined comment on the agreement, but a union negotiator said he believes "it is a very good settlement, one of the best in the rubber industry."

In Akron, a union spokesman said that about 20 issues were involved and were settled satisfactorily.

Chief among these was the method of determining piece work standards, which was liberalized. "This issue had been a matter of friction for about two years."

Other features of the agreement: A 3-cent increase in night shift bonus at Akron and Clarksville, Tenn., plants.

Enhanced vacation benefits, including three weeks after 11 years' service and four weeks after 25.

Three days' pay for a worker who has a death in his immediate family.

A paid lunch period for workers on certain jobs.

Two weeks' makeup pay for employees on active reserve military training.

'Mad Bomber' Dying of TB

NEW YORK (AP) — A doctor says tuberculosis may kill New York's "Mad Bomber" in a few weeks.

Dr. Albert LaVerne offered that opinion at a sanity hearing in Brooklyn's Kings County Hospital yesterday.

The bomber, George Metesky, was present at the start of the hearing. The 53-year-old mechanic from Waterbury, Conn., was strapped in a stretcher and had a gauze mask over his nose and mouth.

In the midst of the hearing he was seized with a coughing spell and was wheeled out for oxygen treatment.

"If these procedures are prolonged much longer," LaVerne told Judge Samuel Leisowitz, "your honor may have a corpse rather than a defendant on which to make a decision."

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Dayton News Strike Ends

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — The Dayton Journal Herald hit the streets with a regular edition for the first time in six days Tuesday following settlement of a Teamsters union strike Monday.

Local 176 struck Dayton Newspapers, Inc. Thursday after the company turned down a union demand to boost wages of 25 janitors and cleaning women by 70 cents and 60 cents an hour respectively. They were earning a minimum of \$1 an hour.

The union Monday voted to accept wage increases of 50 cents an hour for janitors and 40 cents an hour for cleaning women. The settlement was similar to the company's earlier offer.

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Seek Chicken Ban

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. (AP) — The Huntington Humane Society asked the city to ban the sale of chicks and ducklings as Easter pets for children.

The Society said that aside from its opposition on the ground of cruelty to animals (children often cause the death of these pets by cruel or constant handling), the children themselves may be afflicted by them.

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