

# Hollywood Mourning Deaths of Bob Burns, Charley Grapewin

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Show business today mourned the deaths of comedian Bob Burns and actor Charley Grapewin, who both owed much of their success to hillbilly characterizations.

Both were retired. Grapewin, famed for his portrayals of Jeeter Lester in "Tobacco Road" and Grandpa Joad in "The Grapes of Wrath," died yesterday at his Corona, Calif., home, about 50 miles from here. He was 86. Death was caused by complications resulting from old age.

Hours earlier, Burns, 65, ba-zooka playing Arkansas comedian, died in West Valley Community hospital of cancer. He had been in declining health for the past three years since undergoing surgery that failed to help overcome the malignancy in his kidney.

Funeral services for Burns will be held tomorrow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. Services were pending for Grapewin.

Grapewin retired in 1952 after a theatrical career that spanned 70 years in circuses, vaudeville, theater and the movies. In 1951, he had told the United Press in an interview that he did not plan giving up either work or women "until St. Peter casts me in a role."

Grapewin also was a successful novelist and playwright. He authored many of the plays and sketches in which he achieved early fame.

His film career began in 1896 when he appeared in one of the first movies, made on a New York City rooftop. A native of Xenia, Ohio, Grapewin's first taste of show business was with an aerial act — the Silbon troupe — in the Barnum circus. Grapewin developed into the act's star performer.

From there Grapewin went into vaudeville. He met Hannah Chance, 15-year-old daughter of a prominent Trenton, N. J., family and they were married May 11, 1896. Mrs. Grapewin, who became his leading lady, died

in 1943. Seven years later he married Mrs. Loretta McGowan Becker, a Chicago socialite. That marriage ended in divorce in 1950 because, the actor said, "She was so damned pretty."

**Lost Fortune**  
He began his Hollywood film career in 1931 after coming here to retire. Grapewin lost his fortune during the 1929 crash and first returned to the stage before resuming the film career started before the turn of the century. Grapewin, who left no immediate relatives, had lived alone in Corona with his housekeeper. He last appeared in public at the Circle City road races in May, 1955.

Among Grapewin's starring plays were "The Old Cronies," "The Baggage Check," "The Ticket Broker," "Chimney Fadden," "Up To You," "Above The Limit" and "Gossip Town." His films included "Tobacco Road," "The Good Earth," "The Grapes of Wrath," and "Earthbound."

## Speaking Invitation Withdrawn At UM

Oxford, Miss. — (U.P.) — The University of Mississippi today withdrew a speaking invitation to a jazz-loving Ohio minister who had confirmed he contributed part of his \$32,000 winnings on a television quiz show to a Negro civil rights organization.

University Chancellor J. D. Williams said he has wired the Rev. Alvin Kershaw in Oxford, Ohio, that he felt it would be "unwise" for him to speak to the students. Williams said his decision stemmed from letters Kershaw wrote a newspaper here and to the chancellor confirming he had contributed to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Kershaw, a white Episcopal minister, won the money by answering questions on jazz on the television show "The \$64,000 Question."

## C of C Questions Insurance by Mail

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce advised yesterday that before purchasing bargain rate insurance policies, it should be determined whether or not the company is licensed in the state of Oregon.

The chamber stated that the mails are now being flooded with solicitations from insurance companies at what appears to be bargain rates. While some of the companies may be legitimate, others may solicit mail order insurance to escape payment of taxes or avoid financial responsibility placed upon licensed companies for the protection of the policyholders, chamber officials said.

Should a claim under one of these companies be disputed, the policyholder would have to go to the courts of the state in which the company is domiciled for recourse, as such companies have no legal status in Oregon courts.

A directory of insurance companies licensed in the state of Oregon is available at the Chamber of Commerce office, 5 South Riverside ave. Other information may be obtained from the Department of Insurance, Salem.

## Nicknames Himself; Wife Wins Divorce

Indianapolis, Ind. — (U.P.) — Mrs. Marguerite Himes won a divorce from her husband Thursday because of his western heroics.

She said David Sr., 52, her husband, nicknamed himself "Tex" and fired at targets along side a bedroom wall while she tried to sleep, using paraffin slugs instead of lead bullets.

## WALL STREET

New York — (U.P.) — Oil shares again led the stock market today. They had gains ranging to more than two points.

A number of favorable corporate developments again stimulated buying. Steel shares were virtually unchanged. Motors moved irregularly. Ford Motors was down almost a point from its original offering price of \$64.50.

Today's closing prices on selected stocks:

American T & T	184 3/4
Anacosta	69 1/2
Chrysler	76 1/2
Curtiss Wright	25 5/8
General Electric	56 1/4
General Motors	45
Montgomery Ward	88 1/4
Penn. R. R.	23 3/4
Penney, J. C.	94 1/4
Radio	43 1/2
Southern Co.	20 7/8
Southern Pacific	55 1/2
S. Oil of Calif.	92 1/2
Texas Gulf Sulphur	36 1/4
Transamerica	39 5/8
Tri-Continental	25 3/4
United Aircraft	69
U. S. Rubber	53 1/4
U. S. Steel	54 7/8
Youngstown	86 3/4

## Daily Weather Report

Sunset tonight 5:26 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:22 a.m.  
**FORECASTS**  
Medford and vicinity: Variable high cloudiness through Saturday. Slowly rising temperatures. Low tonight 26; high Saturday 35.  
Western Oregon: Mostly cloudy with few sunny periods through Saturday. A little warmer. Low tonight 26-36; high Saturday 35-45 north, 30-60 south.  
Northern California: Fair tonight and Saturday with increasing amounts of high cloudiness. Rising temperatures.

**LOCAL DATA**  
TEMPERATURE: Mean yesterday 35; below normal 6.  
Record high this date 61 in 1928.  
Record low this date 9 in 1950.  
PRECIPITATION: 24 hours to midnight, none. Midnight to 10 a.m., none.  
Total this month none, 16 in. below normal.  
Total since Sept. 1, 21.52 inches, 10.49 inches above normal.  
HUMIDITY: Lowest yesterday 27%; highest this a.m. 93%.

**CITY**

Brookings	58	38
Crater Lake	43	11
Grants Pass	45	24
Klamath Falls	44	6
MEDFORD	30	25
Portland	27	22
Seattle	38	29
Spokane	16	-6
Yakima	17	-6

**EUREKA**

Red Bluff	62	31
Sacramento	53	36
San Francisco	54	36
Los Angeles	61	41
Phoenix	51	29
Denver	28	1
Chicago	32	10
Miami	44	10
New York	44	36
Washington, D.C.	44	40

**FIVE-DAY FORECAST**  
(Through Feb. 8):  
Western Oregon: Warming trend with temperatures above normal by Sunday or Monday. Highs 30-60, lows 22-40. No precipitation likely through Sunday. A little light rain early next week.  
Northern California: Possible rain in north portion early in week. Temperatures near or above normal.

## Six New Members Elected To YMCA Board Of Directors

Six new members of the Medford YMCA board of directors and seven incumbents were elected during the annual meeting of the association held at the YMCA, 522 West Sixth st., Tuesday, Jan. 31.

New board members are Roy Gilbertson, Robert Boyer, Mrs. Roy Wiles, Alan Pierce, Alex McDonald, and Mrs. John Mansfield. Members reelected to new terms include Ron Gandee, Dr. William Roberts, Darrel F. Huson, Carl Brophy, Bob Dames, D. Ford McCormick, and S. V. "Duke" McQueen.

The investment of new board members, led by the Rev. K. F. Korby, and reports of work done during 1955 by members of the association followed a potluck dinner served to about 125 people.

**Expanding Program**  
Darrel Huson emphasized in his president's report that the association can be proud of its expanding program and enlarging membership, and that members should be "deeply grateful" that the existence of the United Medford Crusade makes possible a YMCA that can serve its community better each succeeding year.

Huson was presented a plaque in recognition of his leadership during 1955. Presentation was made by Robert Jones, YMCA general secretary.

Other reports were made by Donald Day, on the YMCA physical program and summer camp; Mrs. Ray Stickle, girl's summer trips and outings; Robert Wright, on Indian guides, a program for fathers and sons; Charles Langston, youth and government program; Don Gordon, youth council; Ken Greiss, world service projects in the Hi-Y club; and Pat Carter, on the junior leaders' program.

The spiritual meaning of the YMCA emblem was explained by Sharon Wymore, Tri-Hi-Y clubs. Terry Brereton showed slides of the World YMCA conference which he attended in Paris last summer.

## PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

Portland — (U.P.) — Cattle, for week 3725. Part load high choice 1,055 lb. fed steers \$20.00, cull \$17.50, utility \$19.50, few loads choice grades \$18.50-19.00; good steers \$18-18, commercial \$14-15-50; utility down to \$12.75, freely. No. 3 lots these weights \$15-15.50; cows \$16-50; good heifers \$14-50-55; light utility down to \$9.50. Canner and cutter cows \$7.50-9.00, utility \$9.50 to \$11.00; good heifers \$11-12; light utility \$11-15, odd head to \$15.50 and one to 16; light cutters down to \$10.50.

Calves: For week, 185; choice vealers \$24-27, good \$21-23, commercial \$16-20; culls down to \$8. Heavy calves scarce, few good \$17 with choice stockers to \$18.  
Hogs, for week, 1550. Late bulk No. 1 and 2 lots 180-235 lb., butchers \$16-18; early sales to \$18.75, freely. No. 3 lots these weights \$15-15.50; sows \$10 to \$50 lbs., \$11-13; few choice 110-135 lb. feeder pigs \$12.50 late.

Choice with some prime lambs \$19.25, other choice \$19, good and choice \$17.50-18.50, sheep mostly \$18 down; good and choice feeder lambs \$14.50-18; good and choice ewes \$5-8 on selected lot \$7; culls down to \$3.

## PORTLAND PRODUCE

Portland — (U.P.) — Eggs — To retailers: Grade AA large, 46-48c; A large 43-46c; AA medium, 43-46c; A medium, 43-46c; A small 39-43c; carton, 2-3c additional.  
Butter — To retailers: AA grade prints, 66c lb.; cartons, 67c. A prints, 58c; cartons, 67c; B prints, 64c.  
Cheese — To retailers: A grade cheddar, single daisies, 40 1/2-45 1/2c; 5-lb. loaves, 46-48c. Processed American cheese, 5-lb. loaf, 39 1/2-41c lb.

**Farm Market**  
Trading was practically at a standstill on the Portland Eastside Farmers market today with only limited offerings at nominal prices.

**Poultry, Rabbits**  
Live Chickens — To growers (No. 1 quality f.o.b. Portland): Fryers, 2 1/2-4 lbs., 24c; at farm 23c; roasters, 24c lb. f.o.b. Portland; light hens, 17-18c; heavy hens, all weights, 22-23c; old roosters, 11-14c.  
Dressed Chickens — No. 1 dressed to retailers: Fryers, New York style, 36-37c lb.; whole drawn, 42-45c; cut up 47-51c; hens, light type, New York style, 30-31c; cut up, 42c; heavy type, N.Y. style, 36-47c; whole drawn 45-57c.  
Turkeys — To producers: Fryer turkeys, live weights, 27c lb.  
Dressed Turkeys — To retailers, nominally A grade young hens, 33-36c lb. eviscerated, depending on weight; eviscerated fryer-roasters, 37c lb.  
Rabbits — Average to growers, f.o.b. killing plant: Live white, 3 1/2-4 1/2 lbs., 23-26c; 5-6 lbs., 19-21c; colored pelts 4c; unry, 4c; does, 10-12c lb., a few higher. Fresh killed fryers to retailers, 58-61c lb.; cut up, 62-65c.

## PORTLAND HAY, GRAIN

Portland — Wholesale Hay Prices: No. 2 green alfalfa, baled, f.o.b. Portland, \$40-42.50 ton; some sales higher.  
Wholesale prices as reported by the USDA market news service: Wheat, No. 2 soft white, \$74 ton; No. 2 white oats, 38-lb. test, Coast delivery, \$55; No. 2 Western barley, \$47.50 f.o.b. Portland Coast delivery; soybean meal, \$75 ton delivered Portland; standard millrun, \$42-43.50; No. 2 yellow corn, Eastern shipments f.o.b. Portland, \$61.75 ton.

## Officials From CP Discuss Taxes Here

Representatives of Central Point and of School District 6C discussed their tax and budgetary problems this morning for the legislative committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. The committee is engaged in a long-range study of local tax problems in Jackson county.

H. P. Jewett, superintendent of the school district, reaffirmed the views of schoolmen who had spoken at previous sessions that the principal problem of school districts is the rapid increase in the number of students. Because of this, new rooms must be constructed, more teachers hired, budgets increased far in excess of the tax base, and the school districts' patrons asked to foot the bill.

**29 Teachers Added**  
Since 1950, Jewett said, 29 teachers have been added to the staff of the big district, for a total of 83 today. Five more will be needed next year. New buildings are now under construction, he said, and the rate of growth in the foreseeable future will continue.

The district, which covers 250 square miles, operates 17 school buses which travel an average of 968 miles each school day, with trips ranging from 27 to 109 miles. There are a number of auxiliary services, such as laundry, cafeteria, a garage and others, needed for the district operation, the superintendent explained.

The district is one of four first class districts in the county and as such has a considerable number of youngsters from non-high districts in its high school. Jewett discussed at some length the method by which non-high school district students' tuition is paid, and other problems arising from the present type of operation. Since the big district is consolidated, rather than a union high school district, a number of complications in administration are eliminated, he said.

Budget for the current operating year totals some \$620,841. More than half of it is for teachers and administration salaries. Arden Pinkham, Central Point city recorder, gave a brief description of the town's budget problems, recounting how voters last year twice turned down a budget increase of some \$4,000. The city is now operating on a continuing 15 mill levy, which takes care of operating needs, but there are few funds for long-range improvements, he indicated.

Pinkham recalled a reappraisal program in 1948 which boosted tax assessments in Central Point, Gold Hill and Rogue River while the rest of the county remained as before, and indicated that this experience, which eventually was partly straightened out, may have resulted in an understandable reluctance on the part of residents to vote additional taxes.

**Reliance on Water**  
He also discussed the city's reliance on the Medford water commission for municipal water supplies, and the negotiations now under way for a new contract to replace the old one which

expired last November; the problems attendant on possible annexation, and other problems of the city. He indicated that while it would probably be more economical for the Central Point and the Central Point Rural Fire departments to consolidate, but that under present conditions, this is improbable.

Next week's committee meeting will hear representatives of several taxing districts, including irrigation, fire, water and sanitation districts. Later meetings will hear from the county assessor's office and possibly from county school authorities with regard to non-high and rural school board operations, the implications of the basic school support formula, and possibly other aspects of local taxation before the committee starts compiling its final report.

## Channel Widened To Protect Repaired Sewer

Widening the Bear creek channel to protect a repaired sewer trunk line was expected to be completed today, according to Vernon Thorpe, city public works director.

The trunk was washed out by December floods, when water cut under the west bank of the creek between McAndrews rd. and Jackson st. Workmen repaired the sewer last month and back-filled over the trunk. The channel was widened on the east side.

## Proposed Ski Bowl To Draw Million Guests

Dunsmuir — The proposed Panther Meadows ski bowl, termed the highest and one of the largest natural ski bowls in the nation, could bring up to a million visitors to the area, according to George Schrader, executive secretary of the Mt. Shasta Chairlift Development committee.

Schrader told the committee that traffic studies at Highway 99 and McCloud road intersection indicated that six million cars pass Mt. Shasta yearly, and about one-sixth can be expected to visit a point of interest. The

group has voted to obtain construction figures for a chairlift to transport 600 passengers per hour in the bowl.

A total of \$6,600 has been raised for promotion purposes of the chairlift committee, with \$3,700 pledged for an engineering survey. A prospectus to interest potential developers will be issued in the spring.

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"RANGER, I've got a husband gradually going crazy, he wrangles dudes for a living. Just the dudes isn't so bad—they drop a lot of hard money. But what my man can't take is the dogs they bring with them. Like those party-waist, tailor-clipped poodles, it's enough to turn any cowpoke's stomach. You know: a fluff of hair on the top of the head, a bareback, a tuft on the tail, and a dab of fur on each foot. I try to tell him: 'Look, Si, it's only a silly dog to match

Because he swam in cold water to retrieve birds, the chest and shoulders were left covered for protection; the rear half was clipped to permit freer body movement. Patches were left on delicate parts of the legs where arteries were close to the surface. As for the "topknit" and the "tuft" on the tail, that enabled the hunters to follow him more easily in tall grass.

"I'd like to add that I have never owned a poodle—hence I can be somewhat impartial. But as a family dog, I know of few, if any, more intelligent, good-natured, and gentle.

"Why does a cow produce milk beyond her animal needs?" asks Dr. H.E.B., Eugene, Oregon.

In one way or another, every domesticated animal and plant has been affected by man: largely through controlled heredity. Dogs, with their hundreds of breeds—including the fore-going poodle, and cats; sheep and goats, chickens and turkeys, horses and asses, camels and cows, oats and corn, apples and oranges, lilacs and roses, even bees—all have been affected by cross-breeding.

By selecting animals and plants which possessed some characteristics in abundance, cross-breeding was affected to accentuate the slight abnormality. With such deliberate interference—breeding away from the norm, and accentuating the positive—we have dogs which retrieve, cats with long hair, sheep with heavy wool, chickens that lay 360 eggs a year, honeybees that store up tremendous amounts of honey, draft horses, early-maturing wheat, outsize apples, extra fragrant lilacs, gorgeously colored roses, and super-milk cows.

As for the milk cow, it is my belief that breeding an animal to give milk (with cream and cheese), hastened man's development. Once he bred milk cows, primitive people could gather into larger social groups, form societies, and eventually set up advanced civilizations.



silly people.' Now, here's the reason for the latter.

"Write him a note to cheer him up long enough to last him until fishing season opens at least," writes Mrs. S.R.P., Livingston, Mont.

Look Mrs. S.R.P., I have a feeling that you are pulling my leg—bet you've got a poodle of your own. But because I know there is a lot of prejudice against tailor-clipped poodles, I'm going to take this seriously. And I am going to tell your husband isn't going to cheer him up—unless he like poodles.

First off, I'd like to say I consider the poodle a very superior, intelligent dog. Notice how many circus dogs are poodles. There's a reason. Many circus people who have trained dogs have told me that the poodle is the cleverest dogs to teach tricks. In fact, they seem to have a special knack for it. Enough then, for his intelligence.

Next, the poodle is one of the oldest dogs to have been kept pure through many centuries. (In fact, the earliest reference to him is around 30 A.D., that's during Christ's lifetime.)

Given the proper chance, he make a good hunting dog—as he has been used for many centuries in France. He came by his name—which I admit may sound somewhat silly—from his retriever qualities. The German word "pudle" means to splash in water.

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