

Serious Trouble Not New for Fishers, Insiders Declare

Hollywood - (UP) - It takes three to make a triangle—and that is the case with Debbie Reynolds, Eddie Fisher and Elizabeth Taylor.

Three years ago this month Eddie and Debbie were married, climaxing a year-long off-again-on-again courtship. Now they are separated following a melodramatic wangling that reads like a movie script.

As things stand now Debbie hopes to salvage the marriage, saying she is very much in love with Fisher and that they never had been happier than during the past year.

Luscious Liz says the marriage was unhappy and she was not responsible for breaking it up. Eddie isn't talking.

But insiders know the Fisher family has had serious problems from the very beginning.

Rumors of Divorce

Their tiffs were frequent. Eddie is a happy-go-lucky, carefree type looking for a good time. Debbie, more interested in home-making than a career, is careful with money and possessive of her singer-husband.

Divorce was rumored little more than a year ago, but the announcement Debbie was expecting a second child brought the couple together again.

Career trouble was not the basis for their marital problems, although Eddie hasn't had a hit record in several years, and Debbie, not a big-time singer, scored a bullseye with her recording of "Tammy" last year. Eddie was the star of the family, bringing in more than a million dollars a year with his TV show, personal appearances and night club acts.

On Sept. 26, 1955, the pair was married at Grossinger's resort in New York, the scene of Eddie's first success, and the script read, "And they lived happily ever after."

Eddie Plays Cupid

Eddie moved his video show to Hollywood. And "the nation's ideal young married couple" starred in a flop movie titled "Bundle of Joy." Then the first of their two children, Carrie, now 2, arrived.

It was then that Eddie and the late Mike Todd became fast friends. Fisher was something of a straight man for the dynamic producer and idolized him. He was the go-between when Todd and Liz were having spats before their marriage.

On one occasion, when Todd and Liz were quarreling and threatening to forego their marriage, Eddie brought the actress to Todd's house at 3 a.m. for a reconciliation.

While Eddie played cupid Debbie stayed home alone.

Debbie was alone a great deal during the next year while Eddie capered around with Mr. and Mrs. Todd.

Friends thought of Eddie as a playboy and party-goer. He became a bon vivant who lived it up. He switched from soft drinks to martinis.

Debbie, on the other hand, became more and more a homebody.



LISTENING to recital returns which showed her leading, Rep. Coya Knutson plays accordion at Moorhead, Minn., headquarters. Her husband opposed her re-election campaign.

Robert Service, Poet, Novelist, Dies in France

Wancieux, France - (UP) - Poet Robert W. Service, author of "The Shooting of Dan McGrew," died here Thursday night at the age of 84.

Friends of the British-born author said he apparently died of a heart condition in his villa "Corps de Garde" in this little North Breton resort. He had been suffering from a weak heart for more than two years.

Service was born at Preston, England, Jan. 16, 1874, and was educated in Glasgow. In 1894 he went to Canada and began working for the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Victoria, B.C.

Traveled Widely

He was transferred to White Horse in the Yukon and then to Dawson. During his eight years in the Yukon he traveled widely and began writing verse to describe life in the north.

His major works were "Songs of a Sourdough" which he wrote in 1907 and "Ballads of a Cheechako." In 1910 he wrote a novel, "The Trail of '98," which gave a vivid description of men and conditions in the Klondike.

During the Balkan war of 1912-13 and World War I, Service was a war correspondent for the Toronto Star and spent two years as an ambulance driver in the Canadian Army Medical Corps. He described his war experiences in "Rhymes of a Red Cross Man." After the first world war, Service moved to Paris to continue his literary work.

NO LICENSE, EITHER

Stroke-On-Trent, England - (UP) - Paul Becker, 2, took his first solo drive Thursday. Paul climbed into his father's parked automobile, released the brake, steered the car 200 yards into a ditch, then walked home, unhurt.

Airlines Fighting For Non-Stop Jet Runs Across Nation

Washington - (UP) - The trouble with the United States today is that there isn't enough of it to go around in the jet age.

The airlines are fighting for non-stop jet runs coast to coast apparently for fear that

landing a few times in between will make the customers think they're on a trolley.

The dilemma arose at a Civil Aeronautics Board hearing called to consider petitions by American Airlines and Northwest Orient Airlines for permission to fly San Francisco-New York non-stop. **Would Be Eliminated**

Charles R. Speers, a senior vice president of American, summed it up thus:

"If we are forced to make a stop en route between these two cities after the jets are put into operation we will be virtually eliminated from that market."

Speers explained that the trend already is toward uninterrupted cross-country flights. He said that when the jets come in early next year with their 5 1/2 hour coast to coast schedules "most people will insist on making the trip in one jump."

United Air Lines and Trans World Airlines, who presently have CAB authority to fly between San Francisco and New York without stopping, are opposing American and Northwest in a high-pressure legal battle before the board. **Won't Tolerate Stops**

Speers said that after the nation gets used to having trans-continental jet service "the average person won't tolerate even one stop."

American says it will be ready to inaugurate daily jet service next January and TWA plan to follow suit shortly after.

Speers talked in terms of businessmen leaving New York at 9 o'clock in the morning, attending a meeting in San Francisco in the early afternoon and being back in New York at 9 o'clock the same night.

Two Injured at Pendleton Rodeo

Pendleton - (UP) - The 47th annual Pendleton Roundup Thursday had two injuries, one requiring hospitalization.

Dennie Clark of Pilot Rock was kicked in the face in the wild horse race and treated at St. Anthony's hospital. Another rider received injuries of a less serious nature in the race and two more cowpokes were nearly trampled by wild brahma bulls.

At one time, some 5000 shouting spectators rose to jeer the judges when they ruled Norman Goree, Golden-dale, Wash., out of his points because he failed to spur the horse War Paint when he left the chutes. Goree managed to stay aboard the bouncing, twisting horse for the re-quired eight seconds.

In the steer roping contest, Bill Harlan of Clayton, N.M., roped his beef in the time of 23.7 seconds, Junior Vaughn of Kenna, N.M., tied and roped his calf in 14.5 seconds to lead the first go-round in that division.

Portland Planning Engineer Selected

Salem - (UP) - Lloyd P. Shaw, urban engineer with the construction department of the State Highway Department, will become urban planning engineer for the Portland area, the State Highway Commission announced today.

The Portland urban planning post is a new one, created because of the step-up in freeway development in the Portland area.

The Commission announced the retirement of Herbert B. Glaisyer, secretary of the Commission since 1931, effective Nov. 1.

Glaisyer's assistant, Floyd Query, will take over his post.

Local Man Named To Dairy Herd Group

Roy Steele, Medford, has been appointed to succeed Marvin Wick as supervisor of the Jackson County Dairy Herd Improvement association, Earle Jossy, county extension agent, reported yesterday.

Steele was formerly a milk-er for the Birdseye Brothers, who operate the Elliot Dairy ranch here. His new duties will include testing milk and keeping records for dairymen belonging to the association.

Wick resigned, Jossy said, to take charge of the Burren brothers' herd at Sams Valley.

School Athletics Topic of Program

Questions on elementary school athletics may be asked of a panel which will appear on the Jackson County Tuberculosis and Health association television program Saturday at 6 p.m. on KBES-TV. The questions may be telephoned during the program.

Panel members will include Dr. Ralph Thompson, orthopedic surgeon; Dr. William Miller, pediatrician; Lee Ragsdale, athletic director of the Medford schools, and Herb Wing, elementary school coach. They will discuss the physical education program including athletics and the factors that govern such a program.

Health and physical aspects of the more strenuous activities will be included in the

discussion and some of the ways in which the physical education program is adapted to the child will be mentioned.

Interested persons may telephone the station at SPing 3-4581 as early as 5:45 p.m. so their questions may be directed to the panel for answering.

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Sproul Murder Trial Scheduled To Go To Jury

Canyon City - (UP) - The week-long murder trial of Robert Sproul, 44-year-old cattleman, for the gun duel slaying of his brother-in-law was to go to the jury of seven women and five men today.

The defense rested its case late Thursday and summations to the jury were to follow brief rebuttal testimony from state witnesses today.

Sproul is accused of shooting to death Harland (Link) Williams June 21 as a climax to a long dispute over a road.

The defendant took the stand Thursday for the second day in a row and said he wanted to take his quarrel with Williams to court but that Williams "only law was a gun."

Mrs. Mildred Allen of John Day, a sister of Williams, testified Thursday of a meeting with her brother before the shooting.

She said she asked him: "Harland, you're my brother and I love you, and I don't want a brother of mine to kill someone. Would you really and truly kill someone?"

She said he replied, "Yes, I would, if they come through that gate." She said he did not mention Sproul by name.

Mrs. Allen said she cried as she pleaded with Williams after hearing reports the two men planned to meet with guns the next day.

She said she also tried to talk Sproul out of keeping a showdown date but that he said:

"I have to face Harland somewhere, sometime and I might as well go in the morning."

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