

Hollywood Doings Run Usual Gamut During Past Year

Hollywood — (UPI) — Tinsel Town had a banner year in 1958—banner headlines, at least—as scandals, romances, deaths, births and marriages jarred the movie colony to the roots of its palm trees.

It began with Mike Todd's death in a flaming New Mexico plane crash, gained momentum with the Lana Turner-Cheryl Crane-Johnny Starnes knife and bomb in the Debbie Reynolds-Eddie Fisher-Liz Taylor whoop-de-do.

Other stories, too, had the world shaking its head in bewilderment at the shenanigans of Zanyville by the blue Pacific.

Sarah Churchill was arrested for drunkenness, Marilyn Monroe returned to her old haunts to make her first picture in two years, Elvis Presley had his sideburns harvested and was packed off to the Army.

Levant Gets 'Shoed'

Then there was Oscar Levant's hilarious battle with his wife, June, in which the pianist claimed he was skulled by a shoe.

And Hollywood won't soon forget General Trujillo's invasion accompanied by lavish gifts to Zsa Zsa Gabor and Kim Novak. Gary Cooper made the news with a purported face-lift and Rouben Mamoulian was axed as director of "Porgy and Bess," shortly after a costly fire burned the entire set and sound stage.

Death claimed the lives of Tyrone Power, Ronald Colman, Robert Donat, comedians Joe Frisco and Harry (Parkyakarkus) Einstein, producer Sam Zimbalist, and movie pioneers Harry Cohn and Jesse Lasky.

Equally heart breaking was the death of Richard Skelton, Red's little boy.

Divorces rocketed to startling proportions. Among marriages splattered on the rocks during 1958 were Eddie Fisher and Debbie Reynolds, Marlon Brando and Anna Kashfi, Rock Hudson, John Barrymore Jr., Terry Moore, Ernest Borgnine, Marie Van Doren, Rhonda Fleming, Esther Williams, Diane Varsi, Peggy Lee, Jeff Chandler, Pier Angeli and Vic Damone, Marie McDonald, Ingrid Bergman, Sammy Davis Jr.

Bing a Dad

There were marriages aplenty, too. Bing Crosby's twins, Dennis and Phil, took the plunge with Las Vegas show girls. Jayne Mansfield and Mickey Hargitay tied the knot, as did Tyrone Power, Jack Webb, Debra Paget, Rita Hayworth and TV cowboy Ty Hardin.

The baby crop kept the stork hovering over Beverly Hills as Debbie and Eddie became parents, along with Bing and Kathy Crosby, Gregory Peck, Brando, Rosemary Clooney, Nanette Fabray and Tony Curtis and Janet Leigh.

Romances blossomed, too. Esther Williams and Jeff Chandler were hand-holders. So were Borgnine and Katy Jurado, George Sanders and Benita Colman, Dorothy Malone and Jacques Bergerac, and, of course Liz and Eddie.

A promising courtship that fell like an infantryman's arches was the Lauren Bacall-Frank Sinatra embroglio.

1958 is a year to remember in Hollywood. It had all the comedy, pathos, tragedy and gladness of a Cecil B. DeMille in Cinemascope.

Greyhound Trip

Reduction Approved

Salem — (UPI) — Public Utility Commissioner Howard Morgan said Tuesday he would permit Greyhound to reduce service between Portland and Waldport by eliminating one daily trip each way. The action leaves three daily trips in either direction.

Grange News

Gold Hill Grange — At the last meeting of Gold Hill Grange, Thursday, December 18, the members held their annual Christmas party.

At the conclusion of a short business meeting, a program was presented featuring a candle lighting service, with tableaux, music and narrative, bringing out the theme of the four degrees of the Grange, faith, hope, charity and fidelity.

There followed a roll call of those present, responded to with a Christmas thought, story, experience or poem. Four members answered to roll call with the singing of "White Christmas," and "Winter Wonderland."

There was the usual exchange of gifts under the Christmas tree.

After gifts were received, the group went to the dining room for refreshments.

Announcement was made of the next meeting of the Grange, which will be Sunday, Jan. 4, at 1:30 p.m., when new officers of the Grange, the outgoing officers all subordinate members. Juvenile Grange members, their families and friends will be served a turkey dinner in the hall during the year.

Lake Creek Grange

At the December meeting of Lake Creek Grange Gen. Joseph Hicks, Jackson county Civil Defense coordinator, was guest speaker. He explained the civil defense organization in the county and gave the names of the personnel, stating the part each has been allotted. He also cautioned everyone against the wearing of radium dial watches, and against taking x-rays, unless of absolute necessity.

Fire insurance agent, Murray Bartling, reported on a bill that Sen. Richard Neuberger and Rep. Charles Porter are sponsoring due to the publicity given to a Medford shop repair man, Wilbur Gardner. Children's shoes are of such poor quality and the bill, if passed, would require the labeling of the material used in them.

A Christmas gift exchange was held and a sack of fruits and nuts given to all present. The birthdays of Val Bradshaw and Faye Burrell were honored by the birthday song, gifts and a decorated cake.

Next Grange meeting will be Jan. 9 at 8:30 p.m.

News About Servicemen

ON CRUISER

Jim H. Shepard, seaman, USN, Jacksonville, is serving aboard the heavy cruiser USS Helena operating with the U. S. Seventh fleet in the Far East.

Shepard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Shepard, 101 D st., Jacksonville.

SERVE ON TRANSPORT

Dale F. Culley, fireman, USN, and Ens. Orlin M. Stansfield, both of Medford, are serving aboard the attack transport USS Pickaway.

Fireman Culley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Culley of 517 Bessie st., Medford, and Ensigen Stansfield is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellwood M. Stansfield, 3358 Bursell rd., Medford.

The two men will spend Christmas on the island of Okinawa in the western Pacific. The Pickaway completed a month's tour of duty Dec. 6 as station ship at Hong Kong and is now operating as a unit of the U.S. Seventh fleet.

SERVING ON MIDWAY

Donald L. Terry, electrician's mate fireman, USN, Central Point, and Donald L. Kell, disbursing clerk, third class, USN, Gold Hill, are serving at the U.S. Naval station, Midway Islands, in the Pacific.

Terry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess E. Terry, route 1, box 460, Central Point. Kell is the son of Edward W. Kell, 384 First st., Gold Hill.

ON DESTROYER

Lloyd F. Fogelquist, sonarman third class, USN, Medford, is serving aboard the destroyer, USS Ammen.

The ship returned to San Diego, Calif., Dec. 18, after a six-month tour of duty with the U.S. Seventh fleet in the western Pacific.

Fogelquist is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd W. Fogelquist, 1312 Queen Ann st., Medford. Fogelquist's ship spent one period of 41 consecutive days at sea patrolling the Taiwan straits during the Far East crisis.

RECEIVES AWARD

Warren M. Foran, aviation machinist's mate second class, USN, Eagle Point, was awarded the commander, Naval Air Force, Atlantic Fleet Safety award for 1957-58.

The squadron, based at the Naval station, Bermuda, British West Indies, had to maintain an accident-free record for the period cited.

Foran is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmet W. Foran, Eagle Point. He is the husband of the former Betty J. Schoonover, Hutchinson, Kan.

COMPLETES TRAINING

Army Pvt. Donald R. Lowrance, Ashland, recently completed eight weeks of basic combat training at Fort Hood, Tex.

Lowrance's wife, Natalie, lives at 363½ Beach st., Ashland. Lowrance is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Lowrance, route 3, Junction City and is a 1953 graduate of Junction City High school. He graduated from Southern Oregon college in 1957.

Lowrance also was a former teacher in the Jackson county school district Ashland.

GETS ADVANCEMENT

Harold R. Moore, aviation electronics technician second

Mrs. Roosevelt Not Yoga Exerciser

New York — (UPI) — Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt says she always has performed daily morning exercises but she denied practicing yoga while first lady.

In her column "If You Ask Me" in the current issue of McCall's Magazine, Mrs. Roosevelt said novelist Fannie Hurst "exaggerated slightly" in her autobiography when she said Mrs. Roosevelt performed a yoga exercise in the White House that involved standing on her head.

"I did, and still do, exercise every morning," Mrs. Roosevelt wrote. "But I did not know they were called yoga exercises. Certainly not for a long time have I attempted to stand on my head, though there was a time in my life when I could accomplish that feat."

Los Angeles Bids For GOP Convention

Los Angeles — (UPI) — Los Angeles, already seeking to have the Democratic Party hold its 1960 national convention here, Tuesday made a bid to have the Republicans come also.

Mayor Norris Poulson and other county and city officials sent a wire to Ray Bliss, site committee chairman of the Republican National Committee, asking that Los Angeles be considered a "capable and eager host" for the GOP 1960 convention.

White Christmas Chances Varied

New York — (UPI) — What are the chances of a white Christmas? They range anywhere from 100 per cent in Caribou, Maine, to zero in Fort Worth, Tex.

That report comes from the U. S. Weather Bureau on the basis of snow occurrences on Christmas Day at various weather stations during a 10-year period.

Chances of a white Christmas at other points include: Red Bluff, Calif., 10 per cent; Denver, 40; Washington, D. C., 10; Atlanta, Ga., 10; Chicago, 70; Indianapolis, 40; Wichita, Kan., 40; Boston, 50; Detroit, 60; Minneapolis, 100; Omaha, Neb., 40; Albuquerque, N. Mex., 30; Buffalo, N.Y., 70; New York City, 10; Raleigh, N. C., 20; Columbus, Ohio, 30; Oklahoma City, 20; Philadelphia, 20; Pittsburgh, 40; Salt Lake City 40; Milwaukee, 90.

Portlander Named To Centennial Post

Salem — (UPI) — Gov. Robert D. Holmes has named Mrs. Janet Baumhover of Portland to succeed Al Hartung on the Oregon Centennial Commission. Hartung resigned two weeks ago.

Mrs. Baumhover is secretary-treasurer of the Portland local of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists.

class, USN, Rogue River, was advanced to his present rate on Nov. 16, it was announced by the fleet air gunnery unit, El Centro, Calif.

Moore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Moore, route 1, box 171A, Rogue River.

Missile Range Safety Officer Has Many Depending on Reflex

Cape Canaveral, Fla. — (UPI) — The big missile vaulted from its launching stand and seemed to be off to a smooth start. But suddenly it began skidding crazily a few hundred feet above the Cape.

"Programming red!" cracked the report over the Cape's "hot loop."

Lt. Col. Raymond D. Stephens, stationed in a windowless concrete building several hundred yards from the missile's launching stand, took a fleeting glance at the maze of instruments surrounding him. Then he moved a half-step and tripped a pair of switches that ended the flight in a brilliant explosion over the edge of the Cape.

It was just a routine "destruct" job for Steve Stephens, 43, range safety officer at the Air Force missile test center for the past year and a half. But he was well aware that the lives of thousands of Florida east coast residents depended on his reflexes.

There's no guesswork involved when Stephens has to destroy a missile—"but it," as he describes the cat. Although the final decision is up to him, Stephens has half a dozen assistants and as many instruments to work with in a launching.

Long before any firing, however, the safety planning begins with a conference in Stephens' office at nearby Patrick Air Force Base, headquarters of the test center.

This meeting is attended by representatives of the contractor whose missile is to be fired, and by the assistant Stephens has chosen to learn the weapon from nose cone to exhaust nozzle. "He's supposed to be the wizard on that bird," says Stephens.

The contractor representatives brief Stephens on how the missile is supposed to behave, and show him a chart depicting the planned flight path.

"Destruct lines" are drawn on the same chart, which is later transferred to an instrument known as the "electronic skysweeper" at Stephens' post on the Cape. When this device shows the missile is straying from its pre-determined trajectory and is approaching a destruct line, Stephens knows he has to blow it up.

Huddles with Specialists — Stephens also must huddle with other missile specialists on the design and placement of the missile's "destruct package," which blows up the bird

on his ground signal. It was a faulty destruct package that led to a near-tragedy recently when half of a Polaris test rocket ran wild and plummeted into a lagoon near a residential area.

It's not always necessary to blow up a runaway missile, Stephens says. Sometimes he can merely hit the "arm" switch to cut off the bird's fuel flow, allowing it to fall harmlessly into the Atlantic. On other missiles, the "arm" switch prepares the destruct package for ignition, and if the bird veers perilously close to a destruct line—and thus poses a threat to a land area or ships Stephens "busts" it by flipping the destruct switch.

In addition to the electronic skysweeper—known to the safety crew as "Elsie"—Stephens also relies on radar, a device called the optical sky-

screen, two TV monitors and another gadget called the impact predictor, which shows exactly where a missile would fall if its power were cut off at a given instant.

But Stephens' first report often comes from an assistant manning a relatively simple device called the "wire sky-screen," which is nothing more than a wire stretched taut at a 90-degree angle to the ground.

"Climbing the Wire" — If the missile climbs straight up as it should in the initial phase of flight, the wire sky-screen man reports that it is "climbing the wire." But if the bird falters or deviates from the proper course, it's "programming red."

The destruct mission described above involved an Army intermediate range Jupiter. But a few days later Stephens blew up an Air Force Thor just as quickly. Interservice rivalry has no place in this delicate opera-

tion. A native of Collinsville, Ill., Stephens has had a variety of jobs during his 18 years of commissioned service in the Army and later in the Air Force. A veteran of more than 250 launches, he admits that the strain is "about as rough as when I was flying B-26s over Europe during World War II."

They'll all accuse me of not having a nerve in my body," he said. "But I still get butterflies."

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ILLINOIS VALLEY Masonic Dinner Slated

Cave Junction — Belt lodge AF&AM will commemorate St. John's day with a dinner at the Masonic hall in Kerby Saturday, Dec. 27, for Masons, Eastern Star and their families.

Following the dinner, there will be installation of officers. To be installed are Earl Spencer, worshipful master; E. W. Morris, senior warden; Bud Hoskins, junior warden; Carroll Banks, senior deacon, and

Homer Snider, junior deacon. George Blue, senior steward; Frank Amer, junior steward; Walter Henry, chaplain, and Joe Mook, Tyler. Henry Lloyd is retiring master.

The second recreation evening for the young people of the valley sponsored by the Immanuel Methodist church will be held on Friday, Dec. 26, at the church. Girls who attend are asked to bring either cookies or the ingredients for punch.

Fred Breckenridge, father of Bob Breckenridge of O'Brien, who entered the University of Oregon hospital in Portland last week is reported to have undergone a successful operation.

An early family Christmas dinner was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Smith for their two son's families, the Robert Smiths of Cave Junction and the Edward Smiths of Grants Pass.

At the Earl Boyd home for the Christmas holidays is their daughter, Mrs. E. L. Martin, and daughters, Nancy and Patty, from Bloomington, Calif., and Mrs. Boyd's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Wilber with Jim and Miss Anne Farley, all of Yamhill, Ore.

On Saturday, Mrs. H. O. Smith attended the annual Christmas party for the staff at Josephine hospital at which the hospital board of trustees act as hosts and hostesses.

PAGE UNIVAC — London — (UPI) — Because of faulty subtraction, Hyman Davis, 41, must stand trial on charges of drunken driving. Police said Davis was booked when, asked to subtract seven from 100, he replied "135."

VILLAGE SUFFERS — Stourmouth, England — (UPI) — Stourmouth today lost its librarian, village hall secretary, ambulance brigade superintendent, parish council clerk, parish church warden, treasurer, sacristan, organist and choirmaster when farm worker Jack Dove, who was all of them, moved to Walton-on-Thames.



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