

Lou Costello, Film Veteran, Succumbs

Hollywood—UPI—Jolly little Lou Costello is dead.

The slap-happy member of the famed Abbott and Costello comedy team died Tuesday following a second heart attack, only three days before his 53rd birthday.

Hospitalized last Wednesday by a heart attack, Costello was given last rites of the Roman Catholic church.

He was pronounced out of danger later in the week, but a blood clot snuffed out his life Tuesday, a few minutes after his wife, Anne, left his bedside to prepare dinner for the family.

One of three private nurses attending the rotund comic was with him during the fatal attack. Costello's long-time manager Edward Sherman said.

Bud Abbott Stunned

"He said he wanted to turn over on his side," the nurse later told Sherman. "He said, 'I think I'll be more comfortable.'"

"Before I could reach him he slumped back on his pillow and was gone."

Costello's unexpected death shocked Hollywood. His former partner, Bud Abbott, was in a state of collapse.

On hearing the news Abbott sobbed. "What can I say? What can I say? It's the worst thing that ever happened. Poor little Lou. He's dead. He's dead."

Straightman Abbott said he was watching a rerun of an old Abbott and Costello comedy routine on his TV set when Sherman telephoned the news.

"I was laughing my head off at our old 'who's on first' bit," Abbott wept. "Then all of a sudden I got the call about poor little Lou dying."

"My God, I just can't believe he's gone."

Only Son Drowned

Costello is survived by his wife, three daughters, Patricia, 22; Carole, 20; and Christine, 11, and a brother, Pat, all of Los Angeles.

His only son, one-year-old

Lou Jr., drowned in 1943 when he toppled into the family swimming pool.

Rosary will be said Friday evening at Steen's Mortuary followed by requiem high mass Saturday morning at St. Francis de Sales at nearby Studio City. Entombment will be at Calvary cemetery in Los Angeles.

Fate of Discoverer Remains in Doubt

Inglewood, Calif. —UPI—The fate of the Air Force's "lost" satellite Discoverer I remained in doubt today.

The Air Force's Ballistic Missile Division said Tuesday night it expected word from Washington today on the whereabouts of the baby moon which was blasted into the heavens Saturday afternoon to become the first satellite firing conducted from the West Coast.

Scattered signals believed received from the 19-foot satellite packing a 40-pound payload touched off cautious reports by the Air Force that Discoverer I might actually have gone into a Polar orbit.

Scientists speculated that the poor reception of signals from Discoverer I was caused by the satellite going into an unplanned end over end tumbling motion.

Columbia Police Break Up Rioters

Bogota, Colombia—UPI—Police used clubs, fire hoses and shots in the air Tuesday to break up mobs of students and unionists protesting an increase in bus fares.

Troops were called out to patrol the streets for the first time since President Alberto Lleras Camargo was inaugurated in August. There were no immediate reports of encounters between rioters and troops.

Nine policemen were injured during the day by stone throwing mobs. At least 37 rioters—10 of them teen-agers—were arrested. No casualties were reported among the rioters.

Journalism Class Visits Newspaper

Members of the journalism class at Eagle Point High school visited the Mail Tribune publishing plant Tuesday afternoon.

Making the tour were Carole Lee West, Beverly Tresham, Linda Eccleston, Norma Noble, Debbie Dunlap, Judy Bradshaw and Patricia Clave. They were accompanied by Clarence Davies, journalism instructor.

TO TEACH SEX

Budapest—UPI—Hungarian youths between 10 and 14 years of age will learn "norms for sexual life" as well as Marxism-Leninism in a new Hungarian school text book, it was reported today.



GRIEF—Stunned father holds his head in anguish as ambulance steward treats his 3½-year-old boy, Gerald Clark, hit by a car on a San Francisco street. The boy died in the hospital a few hours later.

House Passes Bill Changing Taxes on Fixed Load Vehicles

Salem —UPI— The Oregon House Tuesday passed a bill changing the taxes on fixed load vehicles after a move to return it to the Highway Committee failed.

Fixed load vehicles have been taxed on a straight \$25 license fee. Under the bill passed and sent to the Senate, they would be taxed on an ad valorem basis.

Rep. Fayette Bristol (R-Grants Pass) said the license fee of \$25 has been used as a tax dodge for vehicles valued up to \$200,000. He said under the new bill, the property tax revenue gained from the vehicles would go to localities to provide property tax relief.

Opponents of the bill argued that revenue from such special equipment should go to highways rather than for local property tax relief.

Not For Highway Use

But Rep. Clarence Barton (D-Coquille) pointed out that the equipment is not designed for any extensive use of highways and is usually just hauled along highways incidentally to get to a new location off the highways.

Rep. Vernon Cook (D-Troutdale) said the new bill should raise about \$220,000 for local property tax relief.

Six appropriation bills involving no money from the general fund were passed and sent to the Senate.

They provided budgets for the State Land Board, the Board of Architect Examiners, the Board of Naturopathic Examiners and the State Veterinary Medical Examining board.

The boards are all self-sustaining.

House Republican members were reported to have discussed the possibility of offering a tax program which would call for no changes in the present system except a tobacco tax.

May Be Enough

GOP members indicated that reports on Oregon's economy are such that revenues from existing taxes may be more than expected, possibly enough to meet the cost of state government without additional taxes, according to the Oregon Journal.

A tobacco tax, which would be referred to the people, would be used to pay for new buildings the Legislature may authorize. A possible tax of four cents on a package of cigarettes and 20 per cent on other tobacco products was said to have been discussed.

Such a move would be in contrast to the program of Gov. Mark Hatfield, although the governor favored a tobacco tax. Hatfield's budget message called for a revision in the personal income tax with a broadening of the tax base.

House bill 264, requiring county clerks to hold meetings with election officials prior to the primary and general election was passed by the Senate. The meetings will be held not less than three days before the election date.

Present law requires only that the meetings be held not less than 15 days before the election.

Angler's License

Sen. Andrew J. Natherlin (D-Newport) introduced a bill providing for a \$1 license in addition to the regular angler's fee for anyone taking or angling for salmon or steelhead.

The money collected from the proposed fee would be earmarked for research to be carried on jointly by the Fish and Game Commissions.

Natherlin said that the terrific impact of commercial and sport fishing together with industrial development had brought about an alarming decrease in salmon population.

He said the bill had received endorsement both from sportsmen's organizations and the commercial fishing interests.

Los Angeles Area Braced for Smog

Los Angeles—UPI—The area's more than five million residents braced themselves today for another predicted siege of tear-causing, throat-irritating smog.

A heavy blanket of fog shrouded a vast area of Southern California Tuesday from Ventura to the Mexican border, and in the Los Angeles area the fog was laced with smog.

Visibility was near zero at many places. International Airport and nearby Long Beach Airport were both shut down for more than 12 hours, a record for recent years.

No smog alert was called but pedestrians and motorists alike complained that the irritating effects of the dirty air were unusually severe.

High temperature Tuesday was 73 degrees.

Huntsville, Ala. —UPI— This rocket city scheduled a big "space day" celebration today in honor of the space flight of Pioneer IV, now soaring toward the vicinity of the moon. The Army Ordnance Missile command, who helped launch the moon rocket, has headquarters at nearby Redstone Arsenal.

4-H Club News

Sams Valley Livestock Club

The Sams Valley Livestock club had its regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at the Sams Valley school house. After seeing a filmstrip on how to judge hogs, chickens, sheep and dairy cattle, the meeting was adjourned. We then had refreshments served by Mr. Hall.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, at the Sams Valley school house.

Newly elected officers include vice president, Larry Bane; song leader, Linda Berkheimer, and recreational leader, Stephen Hall.

Connie McDonough Reporter

Applegate Kitchen Pests

The fourth meeting of the Applegate Kitchen Pests was held Tuesday, Feb. 24, at the home of Mrs. Daisy Herriott. The meeting was called to order by our president, Mike Elmore. Out secretary, Wayne Stoner, read the minutes of the last meeting.

Wayne Stoner called the roll, and we answered by naming different kinds of foods. We added up the money we took in at the donkey basketball game and found that we had made \$28.20 gross and \$20.20 net profit.

We decided to go to Twin Phunges on a field trip with the money we made from the basketball game. Our secretary is going to order our 4-H club and U.S. flags.

Mike Elmore and Billy Piete ended the meeting when they gave a demonstration on modern ways at the table. We voted on how good the demonstration was and the grade given was B. The meeting was adjourned.

After the meeting we had a discussion on how Mike and Billy could have improved the demonstration. Duke Jansen and Martin Jansen served refreshments. We played games.

Wayne Stoner will bring refreshments and Tommy Herriott and Jimmy Christensen will give a demonstration on how to make cocoa at the next meeting Tuesday, March 10.

Dave Pittock Reporter

Talent Bidders

The Talent Bidders held their meeting at the home of Sherry Wilkins Feb. 21. Judy Bagley gave a report on judging lambs. After that other members gave reports on how to judge a lamb and what to look for while judging.

Sherry Wilkins Reporter

Phoenix Brush Busters

Brush Busters 4-H Forestry club met Saturday at the home of Loyd Campbell in Phoenix. The club had the flag salute then the roll call. The by-laws were read. Then

Mr. Scott, the leader, showed us what changes there would be in the new 4-H forestry books.

All the members tried to identify 12 different kinds of plants. We had songs and games and refreshments were served. The next meeting will be at Lithia park in Ashland at 2 p.m. March 28.

Jeff Fowler Reporter

Cub Scouts Visit Mail Tribune Plant

Cub Scouts of Den 8, Pack 10, Howard School, visited the Mail Tribune plant Tuesday afternoon. They were Larry Marshall, Jack Stalsworth, Bill DeVore, Darrell Carpenter, Allen Bell, Ricky Froreich, Kenneth Thompson and John Reynolds.

They were accompanied by Mrs. Renata Beckman, Den Mother, and Mrs. Joe Marshall and Mrs. Leona Carpenter, assistant Den Mothers. Visitors with the group were Jimmy Marshall, Billy Marshall, Regina Carpenter, Linda Beckman and Ike Beckman.

Democrat Easily Wins in Missouri

Kansas City, Mo. —UPI— Democrat William Randall won an overwhelming victory in a special congressional election Tuesday night following the path to Washington another Missourian who later became president.

Randall, 48, won the Fourth District congressional post from Republican William McKee.

The vacancy was created last January when Rep. George H. Christopher died of a heart attack in Washington.

Randall, from Independence, has been Jackson county judge for the past 12 years. It is the same post held by Harry S. Truman before he was elected to the U.S. Senate, and later rose to president.

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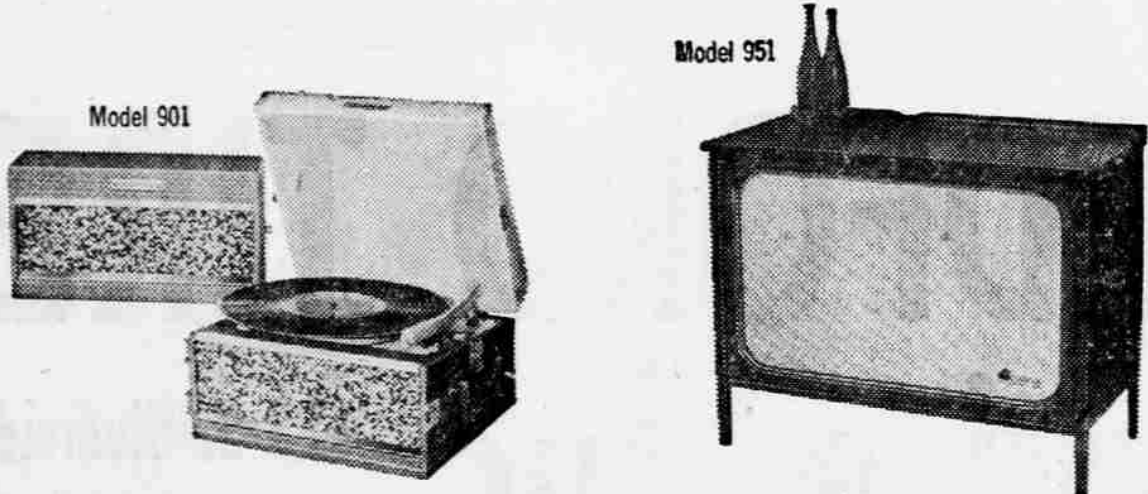
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