CLOWNING — Actress Diana Barrymore, who died last week, is shown above in a 1942 photograph clowning with her famous father, John Barrymore, and her well-known uncle, Lionel, left. This is one of the few exisiting photographs showing the three together.

—(UPI Telephoto)

Diana Barrymore's Apartment Was Full Of Pictures of Her Father Actor, John

Editor's note: The wild and tragic career of Diana Barrymore has ended in death at the age of 38. This dispatch tells of her fight to live up to the name of the theater's "royal family" —and her family's comments about her life.

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New York—(UPI)—Diana Barrymore had a way of denying that her soul was tormented by failure to measure up consistently to the stature of one of the stage's most famous names.

"The fact that I came from a long line of Barrymores isn't going to make me feel that I must always keep striving to live up to their accomplishments," she said.

And yet, set alone on a prefatory page of her autobiography, is a quotation from the preface of the Temple edition of Hamlet: ". . . Shakespeare sought to depict a great deed laid upon a soul unequal to the performance of it."

Investigators who thronged her apartment after she was found dead in her bed last Monday found it crowded with pictures of her father, John Barrymore, acclaimed the greatest actor of his time—with Hamlet his crowning achievement.

And there were pictures of her renowned aunt and uncle, Ethel and Lionel Barrymore, and memento of the other acting Barrymores and Drews who had given her a heritage of four generations of theater greatness in America and England.

Baby Treated

It was Dolores Costello Barrymore, Diana's stepmother, who said on Liana's death that "she was badly treated all her life."

Diana's half-sister, Dolores Barrymore Bedell, commented this week in California:

"I think it's time someone said something good about Diana. Only my mother (Dolores Costello Barrymore) and I ever had anything good to say about her. Mother said you can sum up the story of Diana's life in two words: 'Nobody cared.' Oh, she came to us all right, but it was too late. She didn't come to us as a child but as a beaten woman. 'Nobody cared' should have been the title of her book.

The incomparable Aunt Ethel once told Diana: "Never, never, never stop trying to improve yourself. Any role can be bettered. Do it."

Once, Diana took this advice lightly—and drank and caroused herself right out of the movie and off the stage. But some four years before her death, she was studying and working. And when on the comeback trail she opened in "The Ivory Branch" off Broadway, Brooks Atkinson of the New York Times wrote of her:

". . . Any time she wants to stop fooling around and learn the difference between acting and performing, she can be an exciting actress. The stuff is there."

Trying Hard

A year after that, Diana ended her autobiography with these words: "I promise. You'll see. You will indeed, Mr. Atkinson! Perhaps I have begun to find my way."

Perhaps she had. Some critics said that for the first time in her life she was trying hard to become an actress. Her last time out, she rang the bell. That was in Chicago. On her previous appearance there, in 1954, a critic wrote she was "coarse and strident enough to make everyone who loves the theater wish she were named something else."

But last spring when she appeared there — a changed woman — in Tennessee Williams' "The Garden District," critic Sidney J. Harris wrote it was "the restoration of a great name to the American theater."

However, recently she had been idle, had become depressed, and had been drinking again, although she had been warned this would kill her.

There now are three members of the family left who have Barrymore as their last name. In an effort to shed some of the burden of his name, Diana's half-brother, John Barrymore Jr., changed it to John Drew Barrymore. His son is John Blyth Barrymore Jr., and his mother is Dolores Costello Barrymore.

Left Diana's Mother

John Barrymore, the "Great Lover," who died at 60 of diseases connected with imbibing, left Diana's mother, poetess Michael Strange, two years after the only child's birth. He wasn't around Diana much after that. And her mother had a busy career.

John's divorce came through in 1928.

In 1935, he got into the bizarre "Caliban and Ariel" pursuit of him across country by his young protege, Elaine Barrie. They were married in 1936 and toured in a play, with much comic by-play.

When the play stopped in Chicago, Diana had a brief reunion with the father she idolized—a brief meeting, with press photographers. Later, when she moved to Hollywood for the movies, she saw him more frequently.

Diana was about to get another chance to prove her comeback. Her manager telephoned her apartment to tell her the good news—she had been offered a road company starring role in "A Streetcar Named Desire." A maid took the news to the bedroom. The offer was too late. Diana Barrymore was dead.

Iron Fireman Official Killed

Portland—(UPI)—Frank S. Hecox, 61, vice president and treasurer of Iron Fireman Manufacturing Company of Portland, was killed Sunday in a two-car collision about two miles west of Multnomah Falls on Hghway 30.

Five other persons were injured.

Multnomah county police said Hecox' car was involved in a collision with one driven by Robert Teufel, 42, Beaverton.

Teufel, his wife, Marjorie, 41; a son, Robert, 17; and daughters, Alice 16, and Helen 12, were taken to Gresham general hospital.

Their conditions were reported satisfactory.

Highway Littered By Ocean Waves

Rockaway — (UPI) — Waves broke over Highway 101 about a mile south of here Sunday, leaving water and debris on the highway.

Water undermined the railway tracks running parallel to the highway on the ocean side.

Rocks and boulders were strewn along the highway.

The highway was not closed to through traffic but vehicles had to proceed with caution.

Meanwhile, the town of Nehalem was mopping up after a high tide late Friday. The tide and strong winds confined the normal runoff of the Nehalem river to flood several business establishments. The water remained at crest about an hour.

Indonesia Demands Death for Floridan

Jakarta, Indonesia—(UPI)—The prosecution demanded the death sentence today for Allen L. Pope, of Homestead, Fla., who is being tried on charges of flying bombing missions for the Indonesian rebels.

The demand was presented to the court martial trying the 34-year-old soldier of fortune at its 12th session.

Pope was captured May 18, 1958, when his twin-engined B-26 bomber was shot down by Indonesian anti-aircraft guns. The trial began on Dec. 28.

Hubbard Youngster Rescued From Rock

Depoe Bay — (UPI) — Rickie Grim, 11, Hubbard, was rescued from a rock in the Pacific ocean adjacent to Fogarty Creek state park Sunday afternoon by Coast Guardsmen.

The youngster became trapped on the rock after making his way to it just as the tide was coming in. Moments after he was on the rock, water completely circled it.

Clifford Moodry, a Coast Guardsman from Oregon City, made his way through shoulder high water to the youth. They stayed on the rock for 3½ hours until the tide was low enough to enable them to get back to dry land safely.

SPUTNIK STILL ORBITING

Moscow — (UPI) — Russia's Sputnik III completed its 9,000th orbit around the world Sunday night, Tass reported. The satellite, launched 627 days ago, has traveled more than 244 million miles, according to Tass.

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ALL DAY TUESDAY

and WEDNESDAY

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MAIN AT CENTRAL

SCHOOL NEWS

Medford High School

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Student Government day for 1960 will be held Feb. 24 and 25 for all city and county high school seniors.

The program is sponsored by the Elks lodge of Medford.

The city officials, a mayor, seven councilmen, and the appointed officers, will come from Medford high. One councilman will be from St. Mary's High school.

A steering committee will be formed with one student from each of 13 MHS American problems classes. They will decide on election dates, qualifications for candidates, and regulations for campaigning.

A banquet is being planned for that Wednesday night with Thomas Vaughn, director of the Oregon Historical society, speaking.

On Thursday, the city officials will meet in the city hall with the people they represent. A tour of the city and county is planned for the afternoon.

To conclude the day, there will be a regular council meeting in the official chambers.

Doug Kliever and Dean Goddard, seniors, left early Wednesday to participate in the Gonzaga university forensic tournament Jan. 28-30.

At Gonzaga, in Spokane, Wash., they competed in debate, extemporaneous and impromptu speaking, interpretative reading and oratory.

Dean and Doug were the only representatives from Medford High. They traveled by bus.

Delegates to the International Relations league conference, to be held in Eugene Feb. 26, 27 and 28, were announced last week.

Jim Frake, junior, was chosen as a discussion group leader, and Jerilyn Smith, senior, was chosen as a group secretary. Therese Inglin and Reinhart Kostlin, foreign exchange students, are also delegates.

Others are Nancy Becken, Molly Barker, Marcia Williams, Diane Lewis, Joel Gregory, and John Alansky. Carolyn Mencke, local IRL president and state secretary will also attend.

"The changing role of military alliances in the United States foreign policy since World War II" is the general topic for the meeting. Each delegate will be on a panel in order to discuss further aspects of foreign policy.

The group will travel to Eugene by charter bus for the week end. Housing will be provided on the campus by the University of Oregon, to give students a better chance to become acquainted with the university and other delegates.

Rita McBeth, senior; Marty Wyatt and Mary Frohnmayer, juniors; and Carl Washburn, sophomore, have been selected as alternates from Medford.

Delegates from Grants Pass High school will accompany the MHS students to the state convention.

A new teen-age panel and dance program is being planned by KBES-TV for Medford High students on Friday nights from 5 to 5:30.

Bob Hamilton, ASB president, called for a discussion of the plan at a recent student council meeting. The council accepted the idea, suggesting they be responsible for providing panel members and other people for activities.

The art department is beginning to enter its best works in both local and state competition.

The annual scholastic art award competition, which measures the quality of high school art, is being held regionally in Portland Feb. 13-27.

Twenty-seven pieces of art, including oils, water colors, pencil drawings, mixed medium, block prints, posters, illustrations, and sculptures have been entered by MHS to be judged with art from other Oregon high schools.

The winners of the regional contests are then judged in national competition. MHS has had a national winner annually for six years prior to last year.

Students entered are Ursula Bates, Stephanie Ball, Sandra Boese, Janice Butts, Dick Day, Susan Ellis, Stan Hobbs, Terry Ryan, Penny Sampert, Jeri Smith and Vance Welty.

Another competition which two art students are entering is the National Maritime commission poster contest.

Dick Day and Terry Ryan have a chance to win a $500 art scholarship if they paint the best poster promoting public interest and understanding in America's merchant fleet.

A local exhibit many students entered was the American Association of University Women show held at the Medford hotel.

Warren Wolf, art instructor, expressed the hope that, through the art exhibits, community interest in art projects would be developed.

All high school students in the United States are eligible to enter the annual high school contest based on the United Nations, according to a recently received bulletin.

The contest consists of taking a test on the UN. The test will be given March 3 under the direction of Jo Anne Smith, social studies department head.

The three best tests from MHS will be submitted to the national committee. More information about the test and material for study can be obtained from Mrs. Smith.

The first prize is a four-week trip to Europe, or $500; and the second prize is a trip to Mexico, or $200. Other prizes will be awarded.

Deadline for the office to mail the senior diploma list is Feb. 1. The list was posted for corrections, and these are to be made before 10 a.m. Monday.

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