

Death of Clark Gable Brings Tearful, Stunned Reaction From Around World



Academy Award Part of Fabulous Career in Films

Hollywood — (UPI) — News of the death late Wednesday of Clark Gable, 59-year-old idol of the motion picture world, brought tearful, stunned reaction from actors and others around the world. The telephone at Hollywood Presbyterian hospital switchboard was overloaded with calls from across the United States and from Europe.

One of those calling was Gary Cooper. Another was veteran director John Huston who cried on the telephone and said, "Tell Kay if she needs me I'll be right here (at his hotel)."

Mrs. Gable remained at the hospital for less than two hours. Then she went down a backstairway to elude reporters and seclude herself in her home at suburban Encino. Newsman camped outside the fashionable home night long.

Her brother, Vince Williams, a TV announcer, and Gable's manager, George Chasen, were with her besides her maid and pediatrician, Dr. Richard Clark.

Wins Academy Award
Born in Cadiz, Ohio, on Feb. 1, 1901, Gable's film career included an Academy Award-winning performance in "It Happened One Night" in 1934 and tremendous success in such other movies as "Mutiny on the Bounty."

His matrimonial record of five wives, like his many mediocre movies, was seldom criticized because of his friendly, honest manner and clean, healthy manliness.

The world mourned with him in 1952 when his beloved third wife, Carole Lombard, died in a plane crash on her return to Hollywood from a war bond rally.

Gable was known in Hollywood circles as a loner. Despite his brash movie roles and leonine appearance, the mustachioed actor was a bashful man who was nervous in crowds.

His favorite pastimes were hunting and fishing. He had even planned a hunting trip the day he was stricken—Nov. 6.

On screen, he made females swoon in the days before any one ever heard of bobby-soxers. He once said he had received 5,000 marriage proposals by mail.

"They almost always enclose a picture," he said. "And let me tell you, the toughest job a man ever had is saying 'no'—politely—to 5,000 women."

Wife Only Survivor
The actor was born the son of William Gable, an oil field worker, and Adeline Hershelman, a farm girl, who died when Clark was one year old. He had no survivors besides his wife, Kay.

When he was 15, Gable took a job in a rubber factory in Dayton, Ohio, and there he saw his first play, "The Bird of Paradise."

He was stage-struck at once. He gave up his night course in medicine at the University of Akron and got a job as a call-boy in the theater, at no salary.

He slept in the wings and ate with the money the actors tipped him.

He was doing walk-on parts when he was called home because his stepmother was dying. After her death, Gable and his father went to the Oklahoma oil fields to work. His father died seven years ago.

Left Oil Fields
Against his father's wishes, Gable left the oil fields after two years to take a \$10-a-week job with a stock theater company, which folded in Butte, Mont., on a sub-zero night in 1922.

In 1924, Gable repaired a wire at the Little Theater in Portland. There he met the stage director, Miss Josephine Dillon, who hired him and later helped him join the Forest Taylor Stock Co.

A Broadway actress who was several years his senior, she tutored Gable. When she returned to her Los Angeles home, Gable followed and they were married on Dec. 13, 1924.

Tries the Movies
Gable tried pictures but made no progress. After months in stock companies, he tackled New York, but the Great White Way withstood his invasion.

Later he returned to Los Angeles and was a hit as "Killer" Mears in "The Last Mile." Pathe offered him the part of a cowboy in "The Painted Desert," and later he signed a two-year contract with MGM at \$350 a week.

Nixon Wins Hawaii
By 141-Vote Margin
Honolulu — (UPI) — Richard M. Nixon Wednesday was officially declared the winner of Hawaii's first presidential election by a scant 141 votes.

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ACTOR AND SOLDIER—Clark Gable, 59, one of the greatest movie idols the world has ever known, died in Hollywood Wednesday. At left, in one of his best known characterizations, he is shown as Mr. Christian, Captain Bligh's capable first mate, in "Mutiny on the Bounty," in 1935. At right, Gable is shown wearing the second lieutenant's bars following his graduation from the Army Air Corps officer candidate school on Oct. 28, 1942. Gable enlisted as a private and rose to the rank of major before he was discharged.

Later, he would earn 20 times that much in a week. He was among the first 10 money-makers at the box office for 10 years before World War II. He was No. 1 on the list from 1936 to 1938, and his 41 pictures grossed more than \$63 million.

In addition to "Mutiny on the Bounty" and "Gone With the Wind," his films included "Red Dust," "Night Flight," "Man in White," "Too Hot to Handle" and "Honky Tonk."

Seven months after Miss Lombard's death, Gable who had lived almost entirely in



seclusion, joined the Army as a private. He rose to the rank of major and flew many combat missions from bases in England before being discharged.

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Gas Tax Law Writer Nears 100

Forest Grove — (UPI) — Loyal M. Graham, who in 1919 wrote the nation's first gasoline tax law while a member of the Oregon Legislature, observes his 100th birthday Sunday.

Graham, who smokes around three cigars a day lives in the Masonic Home here.

Graham served six terms in the legislature as a representative from Washington county. He wrote and introduced the law providing a gasoline user's tax for highway construction.

He says he had no thought during that time that the gasoline tax would go to other states. But mail soon began pouring in from other states and within a few years nearly every state in the union had a gasoline tax.

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his wife, 80, who lives here with other members of her family, and by his four children who reside in the Portland area.

Bridge Plunge Fatal To Salem Woman, 50

Salem — (UPI) — A 50-year-old Salem woman, Mrs. Patricia Inez Kleinke, died Wednesday night of injuries suffered in a plunge off the Marion st. bridge.

The woman fell 50 feet to pavement below early Wednesday morning. Her husband had reported her missing and a passerby discovered the critically hurt woman about 6 a.m. Wednesday.

Most Oregon Roads Washed Free of Snow

Salem — (UPI) — Rains have washed most Oregon routes free of snow but the State Highway Department today reported icy spots at La Grande, Baker, Astoria, Seneca and Burns.

There was slush at East Diamond Lake.

MARRIED FIVE TIMES — Clark Gable was married five times. In the upper photo he is shown with his third wife, actress Carole Lombard, following their marriage in March, 1939. She was killed in an airplane crash three years later. In the lower photo he is shown with his fifth wife, actress Kay Williams, who is expecting his only child early next year. (UPI Telephoto)



FILM SCENES—Movie idol Clark Gable, who died Wednesday, is shown in two scenes during his motion picture career. In the upper photo he is shown with Vivien Leigh during filming of "Gone With the Wind," and in the lower photo with Jean Harlow in a scene from "Red Dust," one of his earliest pictures. (UPI Telephoto)

Cranberry Crop Makes Comeback

Hanson, Mass. — (UPI) — The cranberry is making the comeback of the year.

Blighted only a year ago by a doubtful weed killer, the bitter red berry is a record crop and indications are that the public has regained complete faith in the tart dressing for Thanksgiving and Christmas turkeys.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates the 1960 crop at 1,344,000 barrels, up more than 100,000 from last year and nearly 350,000 barrels over the 1949-1958 average.

Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc., located in the heart of the southeastern Massachusetts cranberry bogs and principal distributor of the crop, said sales appear to be at least back where they were Nov. 9, 1959, when the Federal Food and Drug Administration impounded the crop.

The FDA report said a number of shipments had been tainted by a weed killer which had been found to cause cancer in laboratory animals. Shipments were recalled, tests conducted and a few cleared for consumption at holiday tables.

Development Seen At Boardman Site

Pendleton — (UPI) — William Wessinger, of Portland, a member of the Government's Advisory Committee on Planning and Development, said Wednesday the Boardman site has a 9 to 1 chance of getting a major industry.

Wessinger, who also is the chairman of the trade and commerce committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, made the statement at a meeting of the Pendleton Rotary Club.

Wessinger outlined the history of trying to find a large area to accommodate potential space age industries and the problems in getting the Boardman area transferred to Oregon state control.

He said he felt optimistic that something important would happen at Boardman soon but said no one could say when.

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