

Dick Powell, Jack Carson, Film Figures, Die of Cancer

Movie-Television Personality Loses Four-Month Fight

Hollywood — Dick Powell, who rose from baby-faced singing roles to become a movie-television giant, died of cancer Wednesday night with his wife, June Allyson, at his side.

The 58-year-old star had been in a coma for two days after a four-month battle against malignancies in his chest and lymph glands.

The end came at 9:30 p.m., only a few hours after his friend, Jack Carson, had died of cancer of the liver.

"Dick was very brave all the way through it," a family friend said.



DICK POWELL (UPI)
Wife at Bedside

Powell was stricken last September and was hospitalized for cobalt treatments which, doctors reported, greatly reduced tumorous swelling near his heart. The actor was released and returned to his desk at Four-Star Productions to continue his work as head of the studio.

Last month, however, he announced he was unable to continue as host of his own "Dick Powell Show."

Reenters Hospital

At that time he complained of pains in his back and was readmitted to the hospital where it was discovered cancerous growth had spread through his body.

Many stars, among them Robert Taylor, Gregory Peck, Frank Sinatra and Robert Mitchum, volunteered to take his place. Powell's final performance as host, taped two months ago, was beamed Tuesday night.

Last month Powell starred in a segment of his show titled "The Courtmartial of Capt. Wycliff," for which he is a prime candidate for a posthumous Emmy nomination.

He is survived by three adopted children, Norman, 28; Pamela, 13; and Richard Keith, 12; and a natural daughter, Ellen, 24.

Sings in Theaters

He was born in Mountain View, Ark., and got his start in show business singing in theater orchestra pits. Later he bought a second hand piano and traveled through the Midwest and South playing with country music orchestras.

He was discovered by Warner Bros. singing in a theater and brought to Hollywood where he gained stardom in a succession of second rate musical comedies, generally playing choir-boy-type juveniles in such films as "42nd Street," "Gold Diggers of 1933" and "20 Million Sweethearts," usually opposite Ruby Keeler.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at All Saints Episcopal church in Beverly Hills. Inurnment will follow at Forest Lawn.



JACK CARSON (UPI)
Stricken by Accident

Accident Checked By State Police

One accident and a report of an auto fire were investigated by state police last night and this morning.

The accident involved vehicles operated by James Franklin McGuire, 43, of Butte Falls Star route, box 47, Eagle Point, and Lenora Crom Allen, 30, of route 1, box 770, Eagle Point.

The collision occurred at 7:25 a.m. at the intersection of Vilas and Table Rock rds., according to police.

About 8:50 p.m. Wednesday state police checked the report of an auto fire on Interstate 5 at Blackwell hill. Driver of the vehicle, Robert Driver Luckey, 22, stationed with the U. S. Navy at San Francisco, told officers that he heard a bang, then a sheet of flames went up from the back of his car.

Officers found that the drive shaft on the car broke, puncturing the gas line. The fire was out by the time the car had stopped, officers said. A truck from the Central Point Rural fire department, called to the scene, was called back to the station.

Knowledge of Disease Hidden From Friends

Encino, Calif. — Jack Carson turned in one of his greatest performances during the last two months of his life by concealing a death dealing cancer.

He died Wednesday at the age of 52 of a malignancy of the liver.

Carson succumbed only a few hours before cancer claimed another Hollywood personality, actor-producer Dick Powell.

Carson's death came as a shock to his friends, who had not been told of the actor's illness at his insistence. He had undergone surgery about six weeks ago for the malignancy and was confined to bed at home for the past two weeks. His wife, Sandra, and brother, Robert, were with him when death came.

Frank Stempel, Carson's agent for more than 25 years, said the actor's closest friends were told of his illness only recently.

"Jack evidently knew he had cancer, but he didn't tell anybody," he said.

Collapses On Stage

But a hint of Carson's failing health came last Aug. 26 at Newark, N.J., when he collapsed on stage during dress rehearsal for "Critics' Choice." Physicians said—at the time—he had a stomach disorder.

His last appearance was on Walt Disney's "Wonderful World of Color" on television four months ago when he appeared to be in good health and spirits.

Carson's first stage appearance came when—because of his size—he was chosen to play the part of Hercules in a college production. It was an auspicious debut. He tripped during a performance and knocked down half the set.

A college friend, Dave Willock, thought it was so funny he persuaded Carson to team with him in a vaudeville act.

Carson came to Hollywood in a new Hupmobile in 1936 to play bit parts in movies and on radio. He appeared in more than 40 pictures and starred on radio throughout his career.

Teams With Singer

However, Carson didn't reach fame as a motion picture star until he teamed with singer Dennis Morgan in "Two Guys from Texas" and other "Two Guys" films.

In addition to his wife and brother, Carson is survived by his mother, Elsa Carson, and two children by a previous marriage to singer Kay St. Germain, John Jr., 21, and Kathryn, 17.

Funeral arrangements were pending at Forest Lawn Mortuary.

Foreign Briefs

WEST GERMANS PERMITTED TO MOVE

Berlin—UPI—The Communist news service ADN said today that 1,303 West Germans sought and received permission to move to East Germany last month.

CROWN PRINCESS SAID RECOVERING

The Hague—UPI—Crown Princess Beatrix of the Netherlands is recovering from a light attack of pneumonia which she suffered during the Christmas holidays, according to an official announcement here.

BODIES OF STORM VICTIMS RECOVERED

Asahikawa, Japan—UPI—Searchers recovered the bodies of two Japanese college students trapped by a blizzard in the Daisetsu mountains Wednesday but called off the hunt for their eight companions because of new storms.

ARMED ROBBERS KILL FRENCH SHOPKEEPER

Paris—UPI—Five armed robbers fatally shot the owner of a shop that sells gold to dentists Wednesday and wounded three of his employees, according to police.

Authorities said the robbers, who wore stockings over their heads to hide their faces, carried pistols and machine guns. They escaped with \$12,700 in gold and cash, police said.

Market Closes at New Recovery Peak On Massive Rally

New York — Stocks staged a massive rally today, closing at a new recovery peak in the Dow Jones industrial average on a late tape.

The market opened a bit firmer and continually pulled ahead until the final bell. Initial buying was centered on the blue chips but spread into the general list as the session progressed.

Nearly half the blue chips in the industrial average were up better than a point, among them Alcoa, American Telephone & Telegraph, American Tobacco, Bethlehem, Du Pont, Kodak, General Motors, Chrysler, Johns-Manville, Union Carbide and Woolworth.

DOW JONES AVERAGES

New York — Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 657.42, up 10.63; 20 railroads 146.05, up 4.02; 15 utilities 130.27, up 1.08, and 65 stocks 232.55, up 3.88. Sales today were about 4.57 million shares compared with 2.54 million shares Wednesday.

Today's prices on selected stocks:

Allied Chemical	43 1/2
Alum. Co. Am.	54 1/2
American Air Lines	18 1/2
American Can	43 1/2
American Motors	106 1/2
A. T. & T.	119 1/2
American Tobacco	30 1/2
Anaconda Copper	23 1/2
Armco	52 1/2
Bendix Corp.	35 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	30 1/2
Boeing Air	38 1/2
Brunswick	19 1/2
Caterpillar Corp.	27 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	74 1/2
C. S. Cola	44 1/2
C. S. S.	44 1/2
Columbia Gas	27 1/2
Continental Can	43 1/2
Crown Zellerbach	17 1/2
Crucible Steel	13 1/2
Du Pont	23 1/2
Eastman Kodak	34 1/2
Firestone	40 1/2
Ford	7 1/2
General Electric	78 1/2
General Motors	106 1/2
General Pacific	43 1/2
Greyhound	32 1/2
Gulf Oil	39 1/2
Homestake	44 1/2
Idaho Power	39 1/2
I. B. M.	206 1/2
Int. Paper	27 1/2
Johns-Manville	42 1/2
Kennecott Copper	68 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft	52 1/2
Martin	22 1/2
Merck	70 1/2
Montana Power	38 1/2
Montgomery Ward	42 1/2
National Biscuit	23 1/2
New York Central	16 1/2
Northern Pacific	32 1/2
Pac. Gas Elec.	44 1/2
Penn. I. C.	14 1/2
Perma Cement	19 1/2
Phillips	48 1/2
Procter & Gamble	71 1/2
Radios Corporation	37 1/2
Richfield Oil	39 1/2
Santa Fe	25 1/2
Sears	25 1/2
Shell Oil	37 1/2
Socomec	35 1/2
Southern Co.	29 1/2
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U. S. Rubber	49 1/2
U. S. Steel	32 1/2
West Bank Corp	32 1/2
Westinghouse	32 1/2

France To Push Program Despite Offer of Polaris

Paris — France disclosed today that it is determined to push ahead with development of its own independent nuclear force despite President Kennedy's offer of American-made Polaris missiles.

President Charles de Gaulle made this clear to Kennedy in a message sent to Washington Wednesday, although information Minister Alain Peyrefitte said there is no question of rejecting the Polaris offer.

Asked whether the reply rejected the offer of Polaris missiles, Peyrefitte said, "There is no question of closing the door to anything."

Not Prepared To Quit

But, he added, "France is engaged on her own nuclear effort and she is not prepared to abandon it."

Peyrefitte made the announcement after a three-hour cabinet meeting at the Elysee Palace presided over by De Gaulle.

Peyrefitte said Defense Minister Pierre Messmer told the cabinet that 10 days ago French technicians carried out a "completely successful" test at Colomb Bechar in the Sahara Desert of a propulsion and guidance system for a nuclear missile.

France currently is working on a Polaris-type missile of its own as part of an independent nuclear striking force program.

Jacksonville Girls Found Near Ruch

Two Jacksonville area girls reported missing early yesterday morning were found late in the afternoon by Jackson county sheriff's deputies.

Shirley Lee Cheddar, 14, and Barbara Ann Cheddar, 14, both daughters of Mr. and Mrs. William Edmund Cheddar, route 1, Jacksonville, were found near the Ruch service station and grocery.

Deputies said they had gone into the store to buy cookies when the store owner asked them if they weren't the missing girls. They ran out of the store and across a field and were found nearby later by deputies. No explanation was given as to why the girls left home yesterday morning. They were lodged in the Jackson county juvenile detention home.

Beverage Company Break-in Investigated

A break and entry at Empire Beverage company, 14 West Fourth st., some time last night was investigated today by Medford police.

Company employees were checking today to determine what, if anything, is missing.

Police said entrance was gained to the building by persons who broke a pane of glass out of the office door and reached inside to unlock it.

16th Body Found In Indiana Blast

Terre Haute, Ind. — Rescue workers today recovered the 16th body from the explosion-shattered rubble of the Home Packing Co.

William Renner, 42, whose body was recovered nearly 30 hours after the blast on the banks of the Wabash River, was believed to be the last explosion casualty.

Firemen working in 12-man relays had toiled through the night and into the day searching for blast victims. They worked under the threat of falling debris and deadly ammonia fumes which still eddied in the wreckage.

GROUNDS FOR EXCUSE

Los Angeles — UPI — Lewis G. Switzer was excused Wednesday from a jury hearing a \$25,000 damage suit brought by a man whose car was struck by a Transit Mixed Concrete Co. truck. "I think I should explain, Your Honor," Switzer said, "that I'm the president of the Transit Mixed Concrete Co."

CRASH FATAL

Rockaway — UPI — Frank Yokell, 72, Manhattan Beach, was pronounced dead following a two-car accident on U.S. Highway 101 near here Wednesday.

Tax Collection Proceedings Against Employees at Toll Bridge Launched

Salem — Tax collection proceedings against Portland-Vancouver toll bridge employees were launched today by the Oregon State Tax Commission.

Commissioner Fred Hoefke said "we have notified the director of the income tax division to start immediately."

More than 30 workmen at the bridge toll plaza are involved in the two-state wrangle over Oregon's authority to withhold state income taxes from employees of Washington State.

The three-year battle sprang to life again after talks between Oregon Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton and Washington Atty. Gen. John J. O'Connell failed.

The employees involved are Washington residents, and are employed by Washington State.

The toll plaza, however, is located in Oregon, and Oregon claims the employees are subject to the Oregon withholding tax.

Hoefke earlier had said the tax commission would wait until the first of the year before taking action. He had hoped that Thornton and O'Connell would settle the issue.

But no settlement has been reached, and the statute of limitations on collection proceedings is only a few months away.

Hoefke revealed an auditor will be sent to Washington "within 10 days" to inspect the payroll records of the employees involved and determine the tax liability.

"After that," Hoefke said, "we will contact the employees and take steps necessary to collect the taxes."

"We want to look at the records because we feel some of the employees will not have a tax liability because of exemptions."

Hoefke termed the action a "routine audit procedure."

He said "we have excellent relations with the Washington Tax Commission and toll bridge authorities."

Thornton said today he had been in contact with O'Connell, and that granting the employees a pay increase to compensate for the amount of the tax had been discussed.

No action resulted, however.

Thornton said, "I think we left it that O'Connell would contact me."

Hoefke said today that Thornton had agreed to the collection action.

Still undetermined is whether Oregon has the right to force Washington to withhold the taxes.

The Oregon Tax Commission, however, wants the taxes withheld from the employees' paychecks, and wants Washington State to turn the money over to Oregon.

Earlier O'Connell said Oregon lacked the legal power to compel another "sovereign state" to collect its taxes. He added that Oregon could sue each employee individually.

and that Washington wanted to avoid that if at all possible. The talks between Thornton and O'Connell were inaugurated to avoid such a suit.

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