

Aluminum Car May Be Made

SHEFFIELD, Ala. (AP) — An all-aluminum automobile was described Wednesday by a leading aluminum manufacturer as "no pipe dream."

Detroit Reports Three New Cases

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit area's 1958 polio death count has climbed to 23, compared with three at this date last year. The latest victim was Margaret Lesperance, 40. Health officials said she had received all Salk antipolio shots.

Three new cases in Detroit brought the 1958 total to 629 for the year compared with 177 last year. In the outcounty area, two new cases brought the year's total to 193 compared with 72 last year.

TRAINING SCHOOL
SALEM (AP) — About 125 state tax commission field auditors will attend their fall training school here Thursday and Friday.

Abram D. Reynolds, vice president of Reynolds Aluminum Sales Co., made the assertion at a press showing of Reynolds and Ford Motor Co. aluminum operations here.

He said the car "would be competitive in cost with current production, weigh 60 per cent less, and set off a chain reaction of improved performance, economy, and beauty not otherwise available."

Reynolds said that during the period of 1955 to 1959 model cars, the average amount of aluminum per passenger car increased from 30 to 37 pounds. He said indications are that aluminum consumption in automotive use will more than triple in the next decade.

In another speech C.H. Patterson, Ford vice president in charge of its power train group, reported much work is being done on an aluminum engine block. He said many problems must yet be overcome. "Any moving part in the car is subject to consideration for replacement by light metal," Patterson said.

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Tall Girl's Film Career Hampered By Her Height

By BOB THOMAS
AP Motion Picture Writer
HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Constance Towers, who has the dream assignment of co-starring with William Holden and John Wayne, should have been a star two years ago.

One of the things that held her back is that producers didn't have the vision that some of the rest of us had. Another is — I beg your pardon for this — that Connie towers.

She stands a delightful 5 feet 9 or 10 in high heels. Though she has obvious qualities for stardom — a natural Bergmanesque beauty, blonde Kelly-like hair and a rich voice that is all her own — her height was against her. Somehow, male stars don't like to look up at their leading ladies.

Fortunately, Wayne and Holden rise above her. Hence she qualified for the leading female role in the five-million-dollar "Horse Soldiers."

She plays a Southern belle who spies on Yankee interlopers Wayne and Holden and is kidnapped by them on their cavalry march through the South.

Why hasn't she gotten to the top faster?
It's a wonder to many who have caught her on the supper club circuit. I recall seeing her on the closing night of the old Last Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas. She was a knockout. But she couldn't get anywhere in films.

Columbia brought her out here after she made a hit in her first big-time date as a singer at the St. Regis in New York.

"I did just one picture — a quickie with Frankie Laine," she recalled. "I didn't have much to do, and Blake Edwards, who was directing his first picture, didn't have much time to devote to me. The picture did nothing for me." She asked for her release and got it. Then she went back to the clubs.

Meanwhile, she studied dramatics and sang occasionally on TV.

Portrait Of Young Star; Introversion, Unhappiness

By VERNON SCOTT
UPI Hollywood Correspondent
HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — It wasn't easy, but this zany celluloid farm has produced a feminine Jimmy Dean.

She's 20-year-old Diane Varsi, a troubled, introverted girl who says she is happy less than two days a week. Like the late Jimmy Dean, she is a full-fledged star after only two pictures.

Diane admits she's a rebellious nonconformist. Her behavior and appearance confirm it.

Huddled in a corner of the 20th Century-Fox commissary for lunch, Diane looked a perfect ragamuffin, the antithesis of such studio glamour girls as Jayne Mansfield and Joan Collins.

Diane was wearing faded, skin-tight blue denim trousers, blotted by rust from the rivets. Her hair was disheveled, her feet unpolished and her bare feet ensconced in Japanese sandals. She wore no makeup — not even lipstick — as she sat cross-legged at the table.

"I'm not interested in superficialities," she explained in a quiet voice.

"Fancy clothes and makeup take too much time. I only take time for things I think are important. Therefore I'm quite inconsiderate of my appearance and superficial opinions other people might have."

When Diane quit high school she struck out on a "pilgrimage to find myself." In the process she worked as an apple picker, restaurant hostess, model, sales-

girl and on an assembly line in a candle factory.

"My days are filled with housework and taking care of Shawn," she said. "I don't even own a television set. Never saw more than 12 hours of TV in my whole life. I haven't the time for it."

"I've been a rebel since I was 12 years old. I was rebelling against the way I was treated and things I didn't like. Even at that age I thought conforming would annihilate my very existence. When people ask me why I don't conform, I ask them, 'conform to what?'"

Currently starring in "Compulsion," Diane says "I am trying to commit myself as fully as I can to the role" — a characteristic well known to a Dean's associates.

Like Dean she also fights studio dictates. Until recently she was under suspension by Fox for refusing to accept a loanout.

"I don't like being compared to Jimmy," she went on. "I never met him. But I want to be original. That's how I think."

Diane rubbed her shiny nose with the back of her hand and nibbled at a piece of French bread. Before answering questions she byrows deeply into her thoughts.

Asked the reason for this, she said, "I only went to high school for one year, and I like to think about things."

"I'm undisciplined about my reading. Right now I'm studying anthropology and reading some books on plants and things."

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Marty Rackin, who had previously considered her for an Alan Ladd film, remembered her when he went independent with John Lee Mahin. He introduced her to director John Ford, the ardent fan of Ireland and the Navy.

"It didn't hurt that he had served with my uncle, who is an admiral in the Navy, and that my father was born in Dublin," Connie said.

Of the 500 actresses considered, she was one of 10 who tested. She won. And now, somewhat overdue, she'll be a star.

Actress' Son Crash Victim

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Collision of two light planes over the San Fernando Valley killed three men, including actress Maureen O'Sullivan's 19-year-old son.

He was Michael D. Farrow, first of seven children of the Irish-born actress and movie writer-director John Farrow. The parents are in London, where the elder Farrow is completing production of a picture.

Michael, who had a student flying certificate, was killed Wednesday in one plane with David H. Johnson, 21, a flying instructor at a small airport in suburban Palmdale.

The other victim, flying alone in the other craft, was Donald W. Preeville, 39, of nearby Glendale.

The single-engine planes collided at about 600 feet in clear, sunny weather and fell 200 yards apart at opposite sides of a gravel pit near the airport.

FAVOR SPITTING CHAMP
RALEIGH, Miss. (UPI) — Defending champion George Craft was favored today to win the annual tobacco spitting contest in a field day that will also feature contests in husband-calling and skillet-throwing for the ladies.

Judge's Call Halts Escapee

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (AP) — Judge John R. James objected Monday when two armed guards were tried in his courtroom for the trial of Earl Ward on a second-degree murder charge.

Ward wasn't going to run away, said the judge, and there was no need for the guns. Sheriff Arvid Owsley argued that Ward was a dangerous character, and the judge agreed to let one deputy, with pistol, remain.

Wednesday, as the jury deliberated Ward's case, he asked for permission to step into a corridor for a drink of water. Once there, he broke for freedom. The judge, at that instant walking down the hall, shouted for him to stop.

"He stopped, looked at me and walked back," Judge James said.

It's probable that Ward also saw Deputy Clyde Hatfield's leveled gun when he stopped.

Ward, 41, of Tulsa, was convicted of stabbing an airman and sentenced to 12 years imprisonment.

No Kidd-ing; Auto Unsafe

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio (AP) — Traffic officers stopped a 1949 sedan for a routine safety check. After investigation, they arrested Samuel Kidd, 38, on a charge of operating a vehicle in unsafe condition.

The officers reported the car had:
No tail lights.
No stop lights.
No license plate light.
No emergency brake.
Insufficient driving brakes.
A cracked windshield.
A cracked left door glass.
Two smooth tires.
Malfunctioning windshield wipers.

One headlight out.
No horn.
Kidd told the officers he was employed in a junkyard.

Man Shot Twice By Same Bullet

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (AP) — Russell Thompson, big game hunter with a companion, was wounded twice by the same bullet. Sheriff's officers said Herbert Schmidt's rifle discharged accidentally. The bullet struck a rock, apparently split in two pieces, and wounded Thompson in the left leg and in the chest.

Thompson, 49, was hospitalized in fair condition at a hospital here.

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Actress Signs Property Pact

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Actress Vanda Hendrix has signed a pre-divorce property agreement that would bring her nearly \$175,000 from millionaire sportsman James Langford Stack.

Stack agreed to withdraw his own complaint charging mental cruelty and not oppose his wife's Tenn. Div. suit.

The agreement gives Miss Hendrix \$20,000 and, if she doesn't remarry, \$1,100 a month for 10 years.

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