

Tragedy Plagues Life Of Star Gene Tierney

Editor's Note — Few film stars have been so dogged by tragedy and misfortune as lovely Gene Tierney, who is now starting on the comeback trail. This is the first of three articles.

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WESTPORT, Conn. (AP) — "When I was ill, I thought that my emotional life was over for good," says Gene Tierney. "That was not true. I'm well now, with plenty of hope and plenty of chance to find happiness."

Happiness to this beautiful green-eyed woman means the opportunity to resume her acting career, to bring up her 10-year-old daughter in peace and security and, if the right man comes along, to fall in love and marry again.

For most of the past three years, Gene Tierney has been a patient in two mental institutions. For six or seven years before that, she had been ill and because she determinedly ignored the symptoms, grew constantly worse.

But at the end of the summer, Miss Tierney, with passport of health and visas to a new world

in good order, emerged from the Menninger Clinic in Topeka, Kan., ready and eager to return to the nation's motion picture and television screens and to pick up her functions as mother and breadwinner.

Behind her are almost 20 years of personal tragedy — heartbreak, crisis and, curiously for a famous and successful motion picture star, failure. Ahead of her, she feels strongly, lie the serene, productive years of her life. She is now 38.

Gene's sultry, exotic beauty shot her to the stardom before she was 20. In the 14 years between 1940 and 1954 she made some 30 films, was rated one of Hollywood's top box office names. Her mental breakdown, however, cannot be scored as another black mark against the West Coast film city.

"My doctors say that my career had absolutely nothing to do with my illness," says Miss Tierney. "They tell me I handled it as a mature person."

"Perhaps the most important lesson I had to learn was to admit and accept defeat," she explains. "In the other days I felt I had to stand up to any situation and take it. I felt I had to put up with the impossible and try to resolve it. I had to learn to say, 'I can't solve that; I give up.'"

Hollywood, however, provided the dramatic background against which Gene silently had secretly fought a losing battle against the steadily worsening illness. When she finally surrendered, it was after a series of emotional blows which, in succession, involved her close relationship with her beloved father, her first-born child and her husband.

Still under age, but an important film star, Gene met, fell in love and eloped to Las Vegas with Oleg Cassini, now a famous New York dressmaker but then a struggling studio designer. An unknown then, Cassini was notable for an obsolete White Russian title inherited from his mother's family and the fact he had briefly been the fourth husband of a rich patent medicine heiress.

The elopement precipitated a family crisis. The Tierneys had been a well-to-do New York and Connecticut family of some social standing.

The marriage ended the guardianship of Tierney's pere, and quarrels about this and other matters permanently alienated Gene from him.

Soon after Gene's own marriage, her parents were divorced after 25 years of marriage.

"I loved my father," says Gene in a level voice. "So when I was disillusioned in him, I was heartbroken."

Two years later came a second, stunning blow: her daughter Daria was born mentally retarded due to a bout with German measles Gene suffered during her pregnancy.

LUNCH COSTS LISTED
SALEM (AP)—Oregon's schools bought \$3,350,000 worth of food last year, and got \$865,700 worth of federal surplus foods for nothing.

The state Department of Education reported the lunch program serves 120,000 children in 730 public and private schools in the state.

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Director Of Speech Camp Aids Hundreds Of Boys

NORTHPORT, Mich. (AP) — The technique is used at the speech camp.

Clancy spent 10 years as a businessman following his graduation from Notre Dame in 1921.

In 1931 his wife, Grace, agreed to his dream of opening a camp for kids with speech defects. The couple made a down payment on a 26-acre site at Northport and named it Shady Trails.

During the first summer four boys enrolled and total receipts amounted to \$925. Last year 85 boys were on hand and the camp budget was \$42,000. Some 1,600 boys in all have attended the eight-week sessions.

Originally all camp activities centered around a leased hotel which had been abandoned during the depression. Today 17 buildings accommodate 90 boys.

Clancy says the camp's primary objective is to build confidence. "If a young fellow can't speak right he loses confidence in practically everything he does. We emphasize sports at Shady Trails and close contact with others who have speech problems. We've found that this helps build confidence."

Building confidence is what it does. Each summer a group of stuttering, stammering youths arrive. Each fall they go home with a new hobby—debating.

Debbie May File For Divorce

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Singer Eddie Fisher, 30, plans to let his wife, actress Debbie Reynolds, 26, file for divorce.

Attorney Martin Gang, Fisher's attorney, denied reports the young singer would seek a "quickie" Mexican divorce in order to marry actress Elizabeth Taylor, 26.

Fisher has said from the start that he would wait for Miss Reynolds to initiate the divorce action, Gang said. "There has been absolutely no change in plans."

It was not known when Miss Reynolds would begin divorce proceedings, Gang said.

Top Success In Moon Shot May Be In Gal's Fashions

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — The most successful "moon shot" of the year may be in the world of women's fashions. At least an interplanetary space-suit today won the approval of some 70 fashion editors from across the nation attending the Eighth Annual Press Week.

This "first" in the highly competitive apparel industry came

from California designer Phil Rose, a veteran of the world's second largest fashion market. This is not the first time the zany moonwear manufacturer has thrust startling new ideas on the fashion world. In his 20 years of apparel business, Rose launched the first Capri pants (1946), adapted the Italian look for America (1952), introduced the Scandinavian look (1957), and is heading for the moon (1959).

Exploring the possibilities of "fun wear" Rose actually was looking for a reason to make long coveralls for women. He had a new fabric and nine shockingly new bright colors to try on Miss and Mrs. America. By accident the foil into rocket-age styling when several of the strange new colors were called "out of this world" by his colleagues.

Zoom! He was off. He immediately saw his new colors for what

they were, reproductions of the eerie jetstream greens, blues, reds and pinks. He named them in celestial terms such as Jupiter pink, Saturn yellow, Martian blue, Mercury green and solar orange. To Rose this spelled something hot — thermonuclear in color and the unheard of something "new" in fashions.

Undaunted by the jeers of others in this field, he went ahead and quietly designed futuristic

space wear — six completely durable, comfortable, slip-on "flight suits" for the woman of tomorrow.

Open House Times Told

Schools in Klamath County which will be holding open house Thursday in observance of American Education Week include Fairhaven, the elementary grades, and Ferguson, both of which will receive visitors all day, and Altamont Elementary, which will also receive visitors all day Friday—the day set for open house by the upper grades at Fairhaven. In addition, a number of schools have scheduled open house for Thursday evening.

Evening programs, beginning at 7 o'clock, are planned at Fremont, Roosevelt and Klamath Union High; 7:30 p.m. has been set for the beginning of programs at Mills School and Ponderosa School. In most instances, the programs will begin with a visit of the school with teachers acting as hosts at their respective rooms, but at Mills School open house will follow the organized part of the program.

Schools which are holding open house all week long, during school hours, include Conger, Riverside, Pelican, Altamont Junior High, Chiloquin, Bonanza and Sprague River.

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Bowl Dance Plans Made

WEED—Final plans for the November 29 Mt. Shasta Ski Bowl grand opening dance, sponsored by the Siskiyou County Peace Officers Association and slated to benefit the junior traffic patrol boys and girls throughout the county, will be detailed at the November dinner meeting of the association.

The law enforcement group will meet Friday night, November 14, at the Tulelake Fairgrounds with arrangements being made by Victoria Thaler, Tulelake justice court judge.

The dance, coinciding with the Mt. Shasta Ski Bowl grand opening, will be held at the Mount Shasta Armory located at the approach to the Everett Memorial Highway in Mount Shasta and leading to the Mt. Shasta Ski Bowl and ski lift. Music by the Hotentots orchestra. Proceeds will permit a county-wide field day for the county's school traffic patrols supervised by the Siskiyou County peace officers.

C. W. Champlin, general chairman of the dance event and president of the SCSOA, will preside at the Friday night meeting and will name co-chairmen for the final plans.

TURKEY EVENT
WEED—The annual pre-Thanksgiving turkey event, sponsored by the Weed Lions Club, has been slated this year for Tuesday night, November 25, at the St. Michaels Hall. As in the past the proceeds derived will go toward a community betterment project, undertaken each year by the Lions group. One change, from former turkey events and announced by Melvin Soletti, Lions Club president, is that there will be no merchant tickets this year.

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