

### Actors Hold Back Tears Visiting With Dying Lad

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP)—Gilbert Schooling, 15, dying of muscular dystrophy and pneumonia, met his heroes in person Sunday.

He looked out of his oxygen tent and a smile split his face when he saw movie star Pat O'Brien, auto racer Jimmy Bryan and television actor Tris Coffin.

They were old friends to Gilbert. He had watched them often on TV. He told his best friend, Sheriff's Dep. Jerry Centner, he'd like to have them come to see him.

Centner said that turned out to be no problem.

Pat O'Brien handed the youth a baseball autographed by all the Boston Red Sox, training at nearby Scottsdale.

Gilbert thought it was great but he said a little wistfully, "I wish it had come from my own San Francisco Giants."

The veteran actor choked off tears later when he said, "I came to give the kid a lift and instead he gave me one. I have four of my own but I felt he was one of them."

Bryan left a model of the racer in which he won the 1958 Indianapolis 500-mile.

Gilbert asked about it, and talked a lot about racing.

"I was amazed," said Bryan afterward. "The kid keeps up with everything and he knows as much about racing as I do."

Coffin, star of TV's "26 Men," the story of the Arizona Rangers, left a marshal's star and autographed pictures.

"His favorite," said Coffin, "seemed to be the one of my horse."

### Hollywood Will Miss Little Lou

By BOB THOMAS  
HOLLYWOOD (AP)—A game little guy named Lou Costello has been erased from the movie scene. He'll be missed.

Lou was a show business natural. Nobody could explain why he was so funny. He was no intellectual, no student of burlesque foibles. His material had no subtlety nor polish. Indeed, much of it had been worked over and over by a generation of burlesque comics.

But when Lou did the routines, they seemed funnier. For one thing, he had in Bud Abbott a straight man who had no superior. And the public seemed to recognize Lou for the natural he was — an abnormally funny man.

As far as can be judged, Lou Costello had no enemies. Even Bud Abbott, with whom he sometimes feuded, couldn't stay mad at him for long.

The reason was that Lou was completely outgoing. He was generous to a fault — which was all right when the money was flowing in, but brought him trouble later. He lacked complexity. When he worked, he worked hard. When he played, it was the same way.

Recently he recalled how hard he had worked in films: "I used to come home mentally and physically exhausted. Nobody knew it, but I was almost sick. All those pratfalls! They take a lot out of you. I'd go to the studio feeling tired the next morning."

Offstage, Lou played strenuously, too. In their heyday, he and Bud had a card game going at all times on their movie sets. They played for high stakes, and for keeps.

That was in the time when the money was flowing in fast. After they made "Buck Privates," they shot to the top of the movie popularity polls.

The big money continued for a dozen years. Once Lou told me he and Bud had earned 1 1/2 million dollars a year for over a decade, yet neither had been able to save a nest egg.

Over 90 per cent went to taxes, the rest to writers, agents, lawyers, etc. And Lou was always an easy touch for unlucky oldtimers.

When the jobs started getting more scarce, Lou made his toughest decision: a final split with Bud. A long series of illnesses had left him in poor health, but he couldn't afford to, retire.

Last fall, he was proud that he broke the Las Vegas attendance record at the Dunes. He was as funny as ever, but strangely restrained. Few realized that Lou was then a sick man, but still playing the clown because he had to.

### "DENNIS THE MENACE"



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### Club Donates To City Park

BONANZA—The Bonanza Women's Club met at the library at 2 p.m. March 3, with President Dorothy Peterson presiding.

Hostesses were Betty Stever and Dorothy Peterson, who served the refreshments following the meeting.

A discussion was held on putting a new fence around the library building with Nancy Schmore appointed to get prices on the different kinds of fencing.

Members voted to donate \$5 to the Bonanza Park and to appoint a voting delegate to attend the monthly meetings of the association. Plans were discussed on Bonanza having a "Centennial Day," sponsored by the club.

NEW YORK (UPI)—The nation's Girl Scouts Sunday began the 47th observance of Girl Scout Week.

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The sides of the top story were removed in four sections and dropped by a jammer crane at vantage points to the top story floor that was later set in place on the ground just south of the old building, adjacent to the rear of Noble's newly-erected restaurant building.

The lower half of the building will be dragged into place next to the west side of the top story floor.

The two parts of the building will be converted into a store room and four or more motel units.

The ground along Church Street where the original building stood is to be used for a trailer court.

### HUNTER RETURNS

TULELAKE — Otis Roper, co-owner of The Honker in Tulelake, has returned from a hunting trip from Mexico where he spent three weeks with friends from Riverside. The party hunted quail and ducks and geese at Ensenada on the Pacific Ocean side of the country. They found large numbers of birds and during their stay did not hear a shot fired or see a hunter.

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### Pony Tail On Way Out

POCATELLA, Idaho (AP)—A beauty expert says the pony tail hairdo may be on the way out—by handfuls.

Iris Eales, cosmetology instructor at Idaho State College, says it is one of several close-to-the-head styles that place continued tension on the hair follicles or socket.

Enough of the tension, she says, and traction alopecia can result. She explains this is a condition that causes the hair to fall out.

But don't flip your wigs, girls—there is hope: Mrs. Eales says prompt treatment by a beautician generally heads off the trouble.

### Laborer Unheeds Officer's Word

FORT HALL, Idaho (AP)—State policeman Oscar Miller spotted a man walking on busy U.S. Highway 91 Saturday night. He stopped to warn him to walk on the shoulder.

Two hours later, Miller was ordered to investigate an accident in which an auto had killed a pedestrian.

He said the victim, William Jordan, a transient laborer about 65, was the same man he had talked to earlier.

### Shapely Blonde Admits Robbery

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—A shapely blonde has admitted robbing the First National Bank of Nevada of \$1,780.

"I'm sorry I did it," Ida Belle Ingram, 19, Roanoke, Va., told FBI agents.

She said she needed the money. Miss Ingram staged the robbery Friday. She was caught on a Reno-bound bus a short time later with the money.

Miss Ingram formerly was a bank teller in Washington, D.C., and Alexandria, Va.

### SAFETY DEVICE

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—The automobiles lined up Sunday while a Union Pacific freight train passed a crossing.

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