

Singer Conquers Disease Which Curbed Her Career

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HOLLYWOOD (AP)—The cliché "hopeless cripple" might have been applied to singer Connie Haines when she lay abed for two years, unable to walk.

But it would have been a mistake. She never gave up hope that she would conquer the bone ailment that paralyzed her.

Morse Raps Army Report

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Corps of Engineers Monday released its revised Columbia River Basin Report. Criticism of part of it came quickly.

Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore) said parts of the report were "masterpieces of doubletalk."

The report, Morse said, "is merely a timid expedient. It does not take a firm stand in the interest of engineering findings" on the Middle Snake River.

Morse said the corps "almost grudgingly concedes the vast superiority" of the Nez Perce project for developing the Middle Snake and Salmon rivers.

That project, he said, would cost less and have a better benefit-cost ratio "than even the new streamlined alternative High Mountain Sheep-Lower Canyon combination."

Lt. Gen. E. C. Itchner, chief of the engineers, recommended 13 new projects that would cost an estimated \$1,132,138,000.

Among them would be the controversial High Mountain Sheep Dam on the Middle Snake. It would cost 193 million dollars.

A private utility combine, Pacific Northwest Power Co., also wants to build at the High Mountain Sheep site.

Sen. Richard Neuberger (D-Ore) said the report added to his conviction that a moratorium on the Middle Snake is desirable until Congress can pass on the merits of all proposed projects.

success. Her records were selling well and an appearance as subject of "This is Your Life" had helped bring her the top bookings of her career.

Connie's personal life was joyful, too. The wife of aircraft executive Robert DeHaven, she was the mother of daughter Kimberly, 3 months. She had just learned she was to have another baby.

"I was playing at the Biltmore Bowl in Los Angeles," she recalled. "When I went onstage, my left leg started to buckle under me. I thought it was nerves or something and didn't pay too much attention."

"By the fifth night, I couldn't walk onstage. But I could cover up by sort of dancing on. I had never missed a performance in my life and believed the show should go on and all that. Finally, the manager told me it was too agonizing to watch me go on and he got another act."

"The next day I went to the doctor for X-rays. I remember feeling that day as if my bones were just disintegrating."

The X-rays showed that her hip bones had separated and one was dangling, twisting the spinal cord. A hormone imbalance aggravated her condition and she was ordered to bed.

"Still, I felt no pain," she said. "I never did. The doctor said it came from my being so relaxed."

Connie was confined to bed throughout the pregnancy, except when she ventured out on crutches against orders. Lacking pain, she was unaware that the cartilage between her bones was being worn away, further impeding her recovery. After a son Robert was born, she still remained immobile for 13 months.

Her faith never wavered. "An experience like this can only deepen your faith," she remarked. "I always remembered Romans 8:38-9: 'For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.'"

Now recovered after therapy, Connie has played a singing date in New Orleans and is starting to record this week for Dot Records. She is also discussing a TV series dealing with faith and children.



NINE NEW BUSINESS MACHINES were loaned recently to Oregon Technical Institute by Olivetti Sales Corporation of America in an effort to lure students into office machine technology curricula. At left is Gustav Ekdahl, office machine instructor. With him is Carl Stolpe, head of the Business Associates Division at OTI. Four OTI graduates are employed with the Olivetti Corporation.

New Record Set By Employment

SALEM (AP) — Oregon employment in December totaled 648,000, fewer than in November because of seasonal layoffs.

Unemployment totaled 38,600 in mid-December, compared with 46,000 a year earlier, and 56,800 two years ago.

American College Grads Flunk Public Service Test

BOSTON (AP)—American college graduates are flunking the test of public service, and their intellectual failure is even more shocking, according to Dr. Perry Epler Gresham, president of Bethany College.

Although many have done well financially, he said, they have not provided public leadership in the crucial areas of politics, economics, and public philosophy.

Dr. Gresham, here for the 46th annual meeting of the Assn. of American Colleges, spoke at an alumni reunion Monday night.

More than 500 college and university presidents and 200 deans are here for the AAC meeting. The 800 members of the association represent 96 per cent of all accredited liberal arts colleges.

The association is expected to ask Congress to continue the long-term low-interest loan program for college housing. There also may be a request for a similar government program to finance the construction of class rooms, laboratories and libraries. The housing program has been in operation 10 years.

The association may also take action on the loyalty oath and disclaimer affidavit in the government's student loan program.

A growing number of universities have attacked the twin provisions, and some, including Harvard and Yale, have dropped out of the program in protest.

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Engineer George Marchand spotted the trailer stuck on a muddy crossing as the train rounded a curve about 15 miles west of Houston.

The impact demolished the trailer and knocked four ears and four locomotive units off the track.

None of the injured were in serious condition. The list included 7 passengers and 5 dining car crewmen.

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