

Loves, Career Downfall Of Diana Recapitulated

By H. D. QUIGG
NEW YORK (UPI)—The headlines were sensational. "So, 10 drinks or so later, Diana shows her husband the door." That was 1953.
"Diana and the cops do that bit again." That was 1954. Hubby regained home and knocked Diana's admirer John McNeill, 27, unconscious. And she later charged a date named Tommy Farrell got drunk and beat her up in her apartment.
"Diana felled by sleeping pills—dependent, emotionally upset." That was dateline Boston, 1955. And all this was John Barrymore's daughter, being a Barrymore of stage.
Onstage was a different matter—very un-Barrymore. She ripped scenery, disregarded cues, flubbed lines, cursed fellow actors, found herself by 1955 practically black-listed among producers and unable to get even a walk-on part.
Diana Barrymore, who at 38 was found dead in her apartment last Monday, was an only child,

the product of two "fiery strains" of family blood. Her mother was the brilliant and erratic poetess, novelist, and actress Michael Strange. Her father was the renowned — and brilliant and erratic — "Great Profile" of the stage.
A friend once described the violent home-and-public spats of these two as "a tennis game" in hell in which no one missed the ball. Diana was born in 1921. Her mother had money. "Michael Strange" was the pen name of the divorcee Blanche Oelrichs, of Newport and New York, whom Barrymore married in 1920. After Barrymore divorced her, she married attorney Harrison Tweed.
Diana wrote in her autobiography that she had been a girl "who had everything — name, breeding, talent, opportunity after opportunity — and seems to have done her best to throw it away." She remembered seeing her father comparatively few times in her life.
But she followed his escapades, and gradually she seemed to copy his fast way with liquor. She was sent to schools for rich girls. Undisciplined, given to tantrums, she had been expelled from 16 private schools by the time she was 16.
At 17, in 1938, she was "debutante of the year." At 19, she made her Broadway debut in "The Romantic Mr. Dickens," and got excellent personal notices. She had a number of other Broadway and stock roles. She went to Hollywood at 20.
Perhaps her professional failure there and her drinking contributed equally each to the other. There began a series of affairs with men, police blotter cases, saloon brawls, street brawls, ambulance calls — and return to the theater and to late curtains, arguments, black eyes.
After a year in Hollywood, in 1942, she married Bramwell Fletcher. She divorced him four years later and married tennis player John Howard, only to divorce him in six months. Howard was jailed later on a morals charge.
Diana married actor John Wilcox in 1950, and this seems to have been her true married love, although they fought in public, were locked out for non-payment of rent, and were caught stealing food from a supermarket.
When in 1955 Diana swallowed 27 sleeping pills, with a whiskey chaser, Wilcox found her and rushed her to a hospital in time to save her life. He died suddenly a short time later. She was too ill to go to the funeral. In her 1957 autobiography, "Too Much, Too Soon," she wrote this dedication: "To Robert, my husband, who understood."
She had been on a perpetual binge of whiskey and sleeping pills, but after his death she began pulling herself together — went, finally, to an institution and broke off both habits. Then came the comeback try, a hard try, and no frivolity about her acting chores.
She toured in summer stock. She opened in New York — but off-Broadway — after 10 years and at the off-Broadway salary of \$30 a week. Right after she got the part, she started for the saloon, and then conquered her desire and went back home. The reviews were not so good.
But she persevered and won critical acclaim in a Tennessee Williams play in Chicago last spring. Then, last month, she started drinking again, friends said. She grew despondent. Then death — her apparently unharmed body was found nude in her apartment bed — lowered a final curtain.

Speech Test Set Friday

Sixteen Klamath Union High School students plan to participate in the 12th annual high school speech conference Friday and Saturday at the Southern Oregon College, Ashland.
Dale Stites and James Pratt, and Fred Biehn and Clifford Woods make up the two debating teams. Karen Sullivan will speak extemporaneously. Betty Neph, Charlotte Schorr and Catherine Brauner have entered the oratory division.
Linda Vandendool will speak impromptu. Martha Pierson, Jan Friedrich and Ramona Soto are members of the radio speaking team. Dale Stites, Sharon Russell, Anita Anderson and Roberta Renie will recite poetry. Barbara Vinson is registered as an after-dinner speaker.
Judges will be SOC faculty members and Ashland residents. Schools also invited were Ashland, Crater, South Eugene, Eagle Point, Grants Pass, Illinois Valley, Medford, North Bend, Phoenix, Roseburg and Talent.

Pair Enter Plea Of Guilty

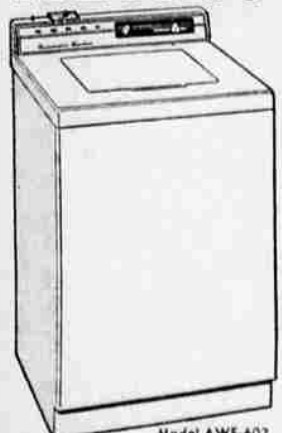
A couple accused of forging one of 18 payroll checks stolen from the Iron Mountain Lumber Company in Diamond Lake pleaded guilty in circuit court Thursday.
The plea was entered by Alfred Edward Boyer, 27, and Mary Ann Boyer, 27, both of Loomis, California. The couple was charged with forgery by endorsement involving a \$67 check.
Officers said several other Iron Mountain payroll checks were cashed here and in Burns, where the Boyers were arrested December 12. The checks had been signed by William D. Laxague and James R. Fournier, company officers.
Judge David R. Vandenberg scheduled sentencing for 10 a.m. next Tuesday.

Engine Sputters, Hampering Trip

WESTPORT, Wash. (AP)—An engine that would not start Wednesday stopped a new start by the band of adventurers bound for the Galapagos Islands.
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Income Tax Facts

By RICHARD A. MULLENS
Written for NEA Service
It pays to be careful in claiming exemptions on your tax return.
For one thing, if you overlook a legal exemption, you are losing a \$900 deduction which is worth a tax saving of \$120 or more, depending on your tax bracket. On the other hand, if you claim an exemption to which you are not entitled, you are likely to receive an inquiry from the Internal Revenue Service.
Besides exemptions for your wife and children (which were discussed in the previous Primer article) there is a large list of other persons who can be claimed as dependents if they meet the five tests set out in the official instructions.
Some of the tests are not difficult. For example, you cannot claim a dependent who files a joint return with his or her spouse. One test, however, has some very complicated rules. With one exception described below, every dependent other than your wife must receive more than half of his or her support from you (or from your wife if you file a joint return).
To determine whether you have furnished over half the cost of support for a dependent during 1959, you must first figure out the cost of supporting the dependent.
Cost of support includes board, lodging, clothing, education, medical care, recreation, and the like. Lodging is measured by its fair market value as are other goods furnished as part of the total support. Scholarships for your child, stepchild, or adopted child do not count toward the cost of supporting that person.
An appointment to a Service academy such as West Point does not count as a scholarship. Therefore, the value of the benefits from such appointments must be included in the total cost of support.
If the dependent lives with the taxpayer, household expenses are allocated equally among all members of the household in arriving at what it cost to support each member.
Where several persons together contribute more than half the support of another person (who otherwise qualifies as a dependent of each of them) but no one alone contributes over half, they may agree to allow any one of them to claim the exemption.
However, the person who claims the exemption must have contributed over 10 per cent of the support, and all others who contributed over 10 per cent must sign a statement agreeing not to claim an exemption for the same dependent for that year. These statements must be attached to the return of the person claiming the exemption.
The Internal Revenue Service has a simple form (called "Multiple Support Agreement Form 2120") which can be used for the statement. This form may be obtained at any Internal Revenue office.

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Adolph Halvorsen, drunk, \$25 or five days.

ROBBERY VICTIM PROFITS
OMAHA, Neb. (UPI) — Taxi-cab driver Stanley Swierczek, 44, said he made money by being robbed because the thief who took \$10 dollars handcuffed him to the wheel of his cab with handcuffs worth \$14.

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Yanks Dining Out More, Eating At Home Less

NEW YORK (UPI)—Americans with their well-filled purses are dining out more and more and eating at home less and less.
Figures just made available in the current issue of Food Topics show that sales of eating and drinking places rose in 1959 by 10 times the rate of increase for food stores.
The publication found that while food sales in food stores failed to keep up with the 1.8 per cent increase in civilian population in 1959, food sales in dining-out establishments far outstripped the population increase.

New Officers Installed

TULELAKE—New officers of the "Voyagers" Mariners Club of the Tulelake Community Presbyterian Church were installed January 26. They include skippers, Galen and Lois Lesh; first mates, Tom and Mary Cox; logkeepers - pursers, Walter and Betty Meshke; chaplains, Wayne and Doris Wattman.
The group launched its January meeting with a roller skating party at Malin and refreshments at the church.
Sunday, January 31, will be Youth Sunday in the church with the worship service directed by the West-M Youth Fellowship. William Bruno will bring the message, "Is the Church a Drag?" A memorial gift, a communion table, presented to the church in memory of the late Katherine "Kappy" Staunton, will be dedicated.
The Rev. Dwayne L. Proett, former pastor of Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church, Klamath Falls, now pastor of the Community church, Dorris, has been invited by the session of the Tulelake church to be present Friday, February 12, to speak and show pictures of his recent visit to the Holy Land.
He was one of a selected group by King Hussein to be a guest in Jordan during the Christmas season. A potluck congregational dinner is planned for 6:30 p.m. The evening program will begin at 7:30. Child care will be provided. The public is invited.

"In a rising economy and with increasing family income," says Food Topics, "expenditures for food are known to increase."
Whether this increase will come to a greater extent in foods purchased in food stores for home consumption or in foods for consumption away from home is very much the question.
"It is also open to speculation whether, in the years ahead, those consumers moving up in income will adapt their tastes to include higher-priced quality foods, or whether their grown income, coupled with an increase in leisure time, will induce them to eat out more frequently."
"In the latter instance, retail food stores could very definitely lose a certain sales volume to eating and drinking establishments."

The food stores didn't do badly in 1959. They maintained an unbroken record for the decade of the 50's in setting new sales records each year.
In 1959 they sold \$53,660,000,000 of food. This was a 10-year jump from \$33,264,000,000 in 1950. Grocery store sales made up 86.7 per cent of this total and the remainder went to specialty food retailers.
Back in 1950, sales of eating and drinking places totaled \$11,158,000,000. There was a rise in 1951 and 1952 but a substantial decline came in 1953. Then came a series of gains each year to

1959 when the sales amounted to \$15,546,000,000, against \$14,792,000,000 in 1958.
Sales of the eating and drinking places were up 39.3 per cent over 1950 while all food stores showed an even greater gain—32.9 per cent for the period.
Grocery stores increased their percentage of business in non-food items. Their sales of food rose only half of one per cent in 1959 but their sales of other products gained more than 11 per cent.
Chain store sales of groceries have shown a steady increase. Their share of the 1959 business amounted to 45.3 per cent, according to Food Topics. In 1958 their share was 44.5 per cent and in 1950 it was 38.4 per cent.
It was noted that Americans have stepped up their buying of so-called luxury items—exotic foods which not long ago were beyond their reach.
"It is precisely such a qualitative change that is to be expected as incomes rise and one that is to be desired in the face of increasing expenditures for foods purchased and consumed at eating and drinking establishments," says Food Topics.
"Retailers during the golden sixties are expected to help this

qualitative change along through special promotions."
The \$53,660,000,000 sales of food at retail in 1959 showed a gain of 1.5 per cent over the \$52,870,000,000 sales of 1958.
Grocery stores alone had sales of \$46,540,000,000, a rise of 2.1 per cent over the \$45,580,000,000 total for 1958.
Chain stores increased their sales of groceries to \$21,000,000,000, a rise of 4 per cent over the \$20,290,000,000 in 1958. Independents had sales of \$25,450,000,000, a rise of only 0.6 per cent over the 1958 figure of \$25,290,000,000.
Specialty food retailers in 1959 had sales of \$7,120,000,000, a decline of 2.3 per cent from the \$7,290,000,000 of 1958.

Cleaners Hit By Burglar

A burglar entered the Fashion Cleaners establishment, 129 South Seventh Street, sometime Wednesday night or Thursday morning, city police said.
The back door was found kicked in, but police are not sure whether anything was taken.
The break-in was discovered early Thursday morning by Don McNary, an employee. An inventory of clothes was scheduled.

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