Mamma Long Legs

The long legged ladies of the screen are the best bands in movie romance, claims Movie Editor Emory Winter in his column Show 'Nuff on page 3-B. He names names, and presents some pictorial evidence.

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Minister Falls To Death From Eighth-Floor Room

PRE-DAWN AUTO CRASH KILLS YOUNG MAN

Medics Score Government Health Program

NC Doctors Accept Hart Plan

PINEHURST —(AP)— The North Carolina Medical Society's house of delegates today approved a voluntary medical and hospital insurance plan submitted by a committee headed by Dr. V. K. Hart of Charlotte.

The plan was fully debated. The delegates defeated all amendments but at no time was the plan seriously threatened.

The plan — to provide fuller health protection to the little wage earner—was presented yesterday after outbursts against any compulsory insurance plans.

Dr. James F. Robertson of Wilmington, president of the state society, attacked the Truman Administration health plan and termed it "socialistic."

Dr. Hart of Charlotte, said the Truman plan, now before Congress, "... would rob the patient and the doctor of their fundamental freedoms and result in waste and inferior medical care."

Dr. Hart is chairman of the society's committee which has been studying a voluntary insurance plan. He explained that this plan is designed for individual incomes under $2,000 a year and family incomes under $3,000 a year.

DR. HART

"A sesqui-centennial banquet tonight is a highspot of the three-day convention which closes tomorrow.

"The inevitable results of regimentation and Government-controlled medicine would be a deterioration of the brand of medicine given to the people," Dr. Robertson said.

"The people of our country must realize that this is a brand of socialism and that it will not and does not intend to stop here, but other professions will be taken over by the Government also."

Compulsory health insurance, he said, "in reality is a system of socialized medicine . . . This is a system with which none of us is in accord, and I might say also the large majority of lay people who have familiarized themselves with this scheme realize that it will not produce the brand of medicine and benefits which its sponsors claim. On the other hand, it will cause such a deterioration in American medicine that the level of American education will become lowered to such an extent that we will no longer occupy the enviable position in the world that we do today."

The society's house of delegates today nominated Dr. T. W. Seay of Spencer as general practitioner of the year." The selection will be made at the American Medical Association's national convention next month. The honor last year fell to Dr. William L. (Buck) Pressly of Due West, S. C.

GOP, Democrats Like Report

Proposed Spending Cut Backed

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Democrats and Republicans alike in Congress threw support today behind a reported recommendation by President Truman's Council of Economic Advisers for a cut in Government spending.

The council was said to have held that because of unsettled business conditions it would be safer to trim spending than to try any sharp tax increase.

Responsible officials said the economists went even further—to suggest the possibility of cutting some excise taxes and of delaying six months a social security pay roll tax boost scheduled for July 1.

Both of these proposals got considerable backing from the lawmakers.

But the final decision on which way to turn in the face of obviously increasing financial pressure on the nation's economy rests with Mr. Truman. Thus far he has refused to back down on his repeated demands for $4,000,000,000 in new taxes.

The economic advisers were said to have urged the President to accept a "lesser goal" than this.

Chairman George (D-Ga.) of the Senate Finance Committee said the advisers' report—delivered to the White House last week but not yet formally made public—confirms the position he has taken.

"If the national income is shrinking because business is shrinking, it would be nonsense to clap more taxes on a failing economy," George told a reporter. "Our only hope is to cut expenditures."

Simultaneously, Chairman Doughton (D-N.C.) of the tax-writing House Ways & Means Committee, said he is "encouraged" by the advisory report.

"We should cut expenses all possible," he said adding: "I agree that a big tax increase might have a harmful effect on business."

Commenting on the report, Democratic National Chairman J. Howard McGrath observed:

"I'm the kind who thinks that when you hire a doctor you ought to pay pretty close attention to his advice."

The economic advisers were reported to have found that no major part of the nation's economy is in serious trouble now, but that there are hazards ahead which must be watched closely — particularly the possibility of fourth round wage increases and top-heavy crop surpluses.

Rep. Halleck (R-Ind) kicked up a brief House flurry on the subject of economic conditions yesterday. He said there's too much Government spending and "no amount of buck-passing or alibi-ing can hide Truman Administration responsibility" if a depression comes.

Rep. Sabath (D-Ill) reiterated that there will be no recession, notwithstanding that the gentleman from Indiana would like to bring it about."

Some lawmakers say they think the current price slump goes deeper than Government Dept. reports indicate.

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Real Soviet Threat Called Political, Not Military

WASHINGTON —(AP)— James P. Warburg, former New York banker and writer on international affairs, said at the Senate's Atlantic pact hearings today that the real threat from Russia is political and not military.

"There has been and is a very definite Soviet threat to peace," he said. "But this Soviet threat has been and still is primarily a threat of Communist penetration, of subversion and only secondarily a threat of military conquest."

The Foreign Relations Committee heard Warburg as the first witness on a speed-up schedule leaders have mapped out with the aim of getting Senate approval by July 1 of both the pact and a $1,200,000,000 arms-for-Europe program.

This stepped up schedule was arranged after a conference by Secretary of State Acheson with Senators Connally (D-Tex) and Vandenberg (R-Mich).

The pact would pledge the United States, Canada and ten Western European nations to mutual aid in opposing aggression. Signed here April 4, it will become binding on the United States only when approved by a two-thirds Senate vote.

Warburg said that if the United States intends to defend Western Europe's frontiers in event of war, then he would oppose the pact.

But he said he would approve if this nation is "committed to arming and liberate, but not necessarily to prevent invasion."

The Senate's foreign policy leaders said that the treaty and the proposed arms program do not contemplate a "Maginot Line defense" of Western Europe.

Both Connally and Vandenberg made this clear.

Connally remarked that "the treaty does not contemplate stringing an army along the Rhine, the Oder or the Elbe."

Vandenberg said that since the arms program is limited to $1,130,000,000 "it cannot be the type of aid" which would set up a frontier defense line.

Wife Pretends Kinship With Lover, Socialite Says

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Capt. Harold A. Latta-Lawrence, Washington socialite, claims his estranged wife pretends kinship with a Los Angeles doctor to cover up "their living together."

The naval officer made his charge in an affidavit filed in district court in connection with his wife's suit for $300 a month separate maintenance.

The document contends that Dr. Frank Hammer gave Mrs. Latta-Lawrence a $35,000 home in Hollywood and paid her $300 a month. It says that Mrs. Latta-Lawrence has referred to Hammer both as her uncle and her foster father but has admitted there is no blood relationship.

Latta-Lawrence also filed with the court last Saturday a separate affidavit made by Lt. Comdr. Ernest Volberg.

In it, Volberg told of having listened in—at Latta-Lawrence's request—on a telephone conversation between the captain and his wife. He said he heard her say:

"I do not want or need any of your . . . money. I am going to sue you. I am going to have you kicked out of the Navy."

Latta-Lawrence asked the court to deny his wife's petition for temporary maintenance pending trial of the suit, which he said was not filed in good faith. Rather, he said, the intent was to hold him up to "contempt and public ridicule" and to deprive him of his livelihood.

In filing her suit last March, Mrs. Latta-Lawrence said her husband had been ill "close and intimate" association with Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers (R-Mass). In an answering affidavit, the captain said he had known Mrs. Rogers for many years and had worked for her at various times, but his relations with her had always been on the highest plane.

Mrs. Rogers, who is in her 60's, described the charge as absurd and outrageous.

Once Over Lightly

BY WALTER SEIGENTHALER

I often wonder how in the world a dragstore made a living for anybody, thirty years ago . . . The only time some people get in a hurry is just before quitting time.

Victim Was Despondent, Report Says

No Letter Left, Police Reveal

By TOM SCHLESINGER
Charlotte News Staff Writer

A retired Methodist minister, apparently disconsolate over his health and position, fell to his death from an eighth story window at Hotel Charlotte shortly after 11 A. M. today. County Coroner Dr. W. M. Summerville said the death was suicide.

He was the Rev. George W. Hayward Sr. of Tryon. His age was given as about 65.

The screen in the room occupied by Hayward was pushed out from the inside. A Bible was on a dresser opened to the Book of Ezra. His glasses and watch were next to it.

Hotel officials reported that Hayward was despondent over his health and that his wife was reportedly suffering from arthritis. Hayward himself was said to be suffering from an ulcerated stomach.

Detective Coy L. Sykes of City police was in charge of the investigation.

Further investigation showed that Hayward had arrived in Charlotte on Sunday. He registered first at Hotel Selwyn, where he stayed several days, checking out on the 9th. Last night, he registered in Hotel Charlotte. Selwyn officials explained that he checked out because he couldn't get a room with a bath because of crowded accommodations.

Letters revealed that the minister had been offered a position in Denver which he turned down. He was reported seeking a job in this area.

He fell from a rear window on the eastern side of the building which overlooks a small square in the hotel's rear. The body was removed about 11:30 A. M.

Hayward's body was lying on its side on a flat roof about two stories from the ground. Witnesses reported that he fell head first until his flight was deflected by a wire which spun him around. The wire which had hit his foot hung limp by his side.

He was a heavy-set, partially bald man. He jumped without shoes or coat, both of which were found later in the room on the eighth floor. No positive identification was found on his body.

A picture of Hayward at a dinner table surrounded by three children and a woman was found in his Bible. It was identified as showing the picture who the people were.

A large crowd gathered shortly after the leap. Although the body wasn't visible from the ground, those investigating could be seen clearly as they walked across the landing. Others stood on the green roof of hotel windows. The man had the initial H on his belt. There were several dollars in his pocket, but his wallet and other identification were in the room.

Officers A. B. King and J. E. Norton were the first to arrive, along with Ray Kimel of Z. A. Hovis & Son Funeral Directors. After preliminary investigation showed the man to be dead, a sheet was draped over his body. No note was reported found by investigators.

Mr. Hayward's son, George W. Hayward Jr., is pastor of the Tryon Presbyterian church.

Husband Fatally Stabs Young Wife While Kissing Her

ROCKFORD, Ill. — (AP) — A young husband related today that he stabbed his estranged bride while kissing her, Police Capt. Ralph Johnson said.

The husband said his bride of nine months had spurned his plea for a reconciliation.

The wife, Mrs. Wanda Gates, 18, is in critical condition from stab wounds in her side and breast. Her husband, Thomas, is held on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. The stabbing occurred yesterday.

Capt. Johnson said Gates related he threw his wife on a bed and drove a fishing knife into her side as she gave him a parting kiss after turning down his plea that she return to him. Then he stabbed her a second time, inflicting a breast wound, the officer quoted Gates.

Police said a bouquet of seventeen roses which Gates had brought for his wife was found in the room.

Charlotte Man Held By Federal Agents

18 Indicted In Narcotics Ring

GREENWOOD, S. C. — (AP) — Eighteen persons were under indictment today for conspiracy to violate the Federal narcotics law and four others for co-conspiracy. The "dope" activity involved a million dollars' worth of morphine.

Involved is the theft of large quantities of morphine sulphate hypodermic tablets from the Sharpe and Dohme Chemical Company of Philadelphia. The resale value of the tablets was estimated by Federal agents at $1,000,000.

The true bills were returned yesterday in Western District Federal Court. Trial probably will be held in Spartanburg next October.

Defendants were listed as follows:

DEFENDANTS

Forest Willard Blackwell, 47, of Cherokee County; Bessie Foulk; Denton Leon Griffin, alias "Coot" Griffin, 24, used car dealer of nearby Chesnee; William Ansel Head, alias Bill Head, 40, of Chesnee, used car dealer; John Alfred Johnson, alias Johnnie Johnson, 50, of Charlotte; William Ray Kirkland, 40, used car dealer of Spartanburg; Dewitt W. Kirby, 61, Gaffney tourist court operator, and his wife, aMrs. Lydia Kirby, alias Lottie Kirby.

Also, Margaret Mary Lisco, alias Marge Myers, of Philadelphia; William Riley Potter, alias Riley Potter, 60, of Cherokee County; Marion Price, 38, of Woodruff; Pearl Rogers, alias Pearl Bogan, of Greenville; Walter Edward Rogers of Greenville; Thomas Rose, of Philadelphia; Mack Saunders, 38, of Spindale, N. C.; Mrs. Matthew Slater, alias Marie G. Myers, of Philadelphia; Vincent Solomon, alias Jimmie Watson, of Philadelphia, and Ralph M. Turner Jr., 25, of Strasburg, Va.

Named as co-conspirators are Virgil Stewart Cantrell of Asheville, N. C., Bertha Dempsey of Asheville; Pansy Walker Skipper of Bessemer City, N. C., and Haskel L. Tinsley.

The indictment charges the Lisco and the Slater women with stealing the morphine tablets from the Sharpe & Dohme plant, where they were employed in the finishing plant. The two women also are charged with having illegally transported the tablets and with having given them to Thomas Rose and Vincent Solomon at rendezvous in Philadelphia, Linwood, N. J., and Atlantic City, N. J.

Rose and Solomon are charged with delivering, bartering, selling or giving away the tablets to Kinsland, Griffin, Tinsley, Turner and others, who are charged with transporting the tablets from Philadelphia to Spartanburg and other places in the Carolinas.

According to indictment, the drug activity covered approximately two years in various phases.

Dixie Opposition Stated

Hearings Open On FEPC Bills

WASHINGTON. —(AP)— Strong Southern opposition to any form of fair employment practices legislation took early shape today at initial House hearings on this most controversial feature of the Truman civil rights program.

Highlighting again the civil rights split within the Democratic Party, Rep. Battle (D-Ala) told a House labor subcommittee the South will resist anti-discrimination measures "on principle."

Battle advised the subcommittee to "forget the whole thing." The Alabaman was among a number of House members who testified for and against proposed bills to enact a Federal Fair Employment Practices Act (FEPC).

Rep. Powell (D-NY), Negro member of the House, presided over the hearings.

Even before hearings opened, proponents of FEPC enactment by this Congress were discounted by its critics and a number of its friends. Since dissolution in 1945 of President Roosevelt's temporary Committee on Fair Employment Practices, Congress has consistently refused to put permanent FEPC laws on the statute books.

Leading off for proponents of an FEPC, Rep. Dollinger (D-NY) said racial and religious discrimination in employment "has brought shame to this nation."

'RIGHT OF ALL'

The right of employment without regard to race, creed, color or origin must be declared "a civil right of all people of the United States," he declared.

While the United States is trying to sell democracy abroad, he continued, its discriminatory practices at home give opponents of democracy "a potent weapon."

Rep. Hoffman (R-Mich), opposing any type of anti-discrimination legislation, said he is against having "agitators or any self-appointed apostles of righteousness taking over" under the law.

Hoffman said he opposes discrimination but not by trying to legislate against it. The Federal courts and education are the proper remedies, Hoffman contended.

Hoffman cited figures on Government employment intended to show Mr. Roosevelt's temporary committee did not halt discrimination, but in fact "discriminated in favor of Negroes."

Rep. Perkins (D-NY) inquired if Hoffman thought an employer was injured by an FEPC.

"He is injured to the extent he can't use his own property and his own money as he sees fit," retorted Hoffman.

Rep. Howell (D-NJ) said the New Jersey law in this field is successful and described it as "fundamental" in any civil rights program.

Subcommittee hearings are scheduled to run for the next two weeks. To accommodate anticipated crowds, the hearings are starting out in the big House caucus room.

Nine bills establishing a Fair Employment Practices Act are before the committee, including two by Powell.

Consumer Income Drops Third Consecutive Month

WASHINGTON — (AP)—Consumer income dropped in March for the third consecutive month, falling 3 per cent below the peak reached last December. After the drop it was still 4 per cent above March, 1948.

The Commerce Department, reporting this today, said March consumer income fell $2,000,000,000 below February to an annual rate of a $214,300,000,000.

Declines in wages and salaries, easily the biggest item of consumer income, and in receipts of farmers of farms and unincorporated businesses were chiefly responsible. They were partly offset, however, by increased unemployment compensation payments.

The term "consumer income," as used by the Government, means practically al income received by individuals as distinguished from income received by corporations.

Besides payrolls and earnings of unincorporated businesses, it includes such things as net rents going to landlords, dividends and interest received by securities owners, and Social Security payments.

The department said payrolls showed in March the biggest drop so far in 1949, but that the coal mine "holiday" caused the fall to be greater than in January and February.

Layoffs and shortening of the work week in many manufacturing plants accounted for most of the reduction in wage and salary receipts to a $134,400,000,000 annual rate in March. The rate was $134,700,000,000 in February.

Furthermore, the department said, wage payments by manufacturing concerns turning out durable goods—refrigerators, washing machines and the like—fell in March below the level of the same month in 1948, marking the first time that had happened since early 1946. Wages in non-durable goods industries were about the same as in March last year.

Pay roll declines also occurred in construction, farming and trade.

For the first three months of 1949, consumer income was at an annual rate of $216,700,000,000 compared With—$217,600,000,000 in the fourth quarter of 1948.

For March, non-agricultural income totaled $192,600,000,000 at an annual rate compared with $194,100,000,000 in February. Farm income flowed at a $21,700,000,000 clip in March against $22,200,000,000 in February.

Gas Station Held Up Here

Two unknown white men held up and robbed the Plaza Service Station at The Plaza and Central ave. of $59 in $60 shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon.

City police immediately rushed to the scene and County police broadcast an alarm for the arrest of the men.

The men fled in a black 1937 Chevrolet automobile, service station attendants told police. They were unmasked, police said.

One of the men was described as being red-headed, wearing a cap. The other man was described as being tall and black-haired.

A City police alarm said the men were believed to have fled north on Highway 29, the Concord Road.

J. M. Ballentine is proprietor of the station, which handles Amaco Products.

Board Summons Truck Operators

RALEIGH—(AP)—The State Utilities Commission today ordered sixteen truck operations to show cause why their franchises should not be revoked for failure to comply with its insurance regulations.

The Commission explained all truckers operating under its supervision must maintain public liability and cargo insurance.

Among the truckers named in the orders, with dates they must appear before the Commission, are these located in Charlotte: Dresler's Transfer Co. and Sadler Trucking Co., both May 27; and Baldwin Transfer Co., June 1.

Finish Fight Promised

CANTON — (AP) — Premier Ho Ying-Chin promised 300 legislators today the Nationalists will fight the Communists in China to the finish.

His statement was applauded for three minutes by the legislators.

Emily Post Turns From Tea Table To Road Etiquette

NEW YORK—(AP) — "A gentleman will no more cheat a red light or stop sign than he would cheat in a game of cards."

Emily Post speaking.

"A courteous driver will not 'scold' raucously with her automobile horn any more than she would act like a 'fishwife' at a party.

"Principle, irresponsible, discourteous and impatient behavior behind the wheel of an automobile has no place in society. . . .

"The welbred person will see courtesy and well-mannered human conduct in practically every traffic rule."

These are quotes from a traffic safety booklet, "Motor Manners," issued today by the National Highway Users Conference.

Mrs. Post, whose name has been synonymous with rules of etiquette for many years, wrote the pamphlet free of charge.

It's to be distributed free to individual motorists. The Grateful Highway Users—an organization of groups such as truck drivers and the American Automobile Association—tendered Mrs. Post a luncheon at the Plaza Hotel this noon.

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The principal speaker was Federal Works Administrator Philip B. Fleming, general chairman of the President's Highway Safety Conference.

Companion Critically Injured

Monroe Road Is Scene Of Wreck

An eighteen-year-old boy was killed and his girl companion was critically injured early this morning when their automobile hit a telephone pole in the 3700 block of Monroe Road.

Novie Olin Ross of Marshville, who was operator of a movie theater at Matthews, died a few minutes after his car left the road and struck the pole, police said.

A young woman identified as Hazel Virginia Ervin of Stony Point, an employee of Ross', received critical injuries and lacerations, officers reported.

She was being treated at Memorial Hospital.

City police reported the accident occurred this way:

Ross' car, a 1941-model Plymouth coupe, was traveling toward the center of the city at 4:30 A. M. when it ran off the left side of the uncurbed roadway.

The car's wheels went down into a roadside ditch, but then righted itself and went back into the roadway.

It traveled some distance down the middle of the roadway, and then went back into the ditch on the left side of the road.

Officers found that the coupe sideswiped one pole, then traveled 36 feet along the ditch, and struck another pole with its right side.

The side of the car hit the pole.

When the coupe was pulled away from the pole, officers said, the car "rocked like a big horsehoe."

Officers arrived at the scene about five minutes later. An ambulance took Ross and Miss Ervin to Memorial.

Ross was pronounced dead at 5 A. M.

Miss Ervin was unconscious several hours after the wreck. Hospital authorities early this afternoon described her condition as "critical".

Capt. Lloyd Henkel, head of the Police Traffic Division, said it was his opinion the young man had fallen asleep while driving.

Ross' father, A. C. Ross of Marshville, came to Charlotte this morning. He had his son's body sent back to Marshville.

Police said they had little information about Miss Ervin. They had been unable to talk with her.

Capt. Henkel said he was informed that young Ross formerly worked as manager of a theater at Stony Point, Miss Ervin's home town.

Lately he had been operating a theater at Matthews, and Miss Ervin was employed by him as a ticket-seller, police were told.

Britain's Airlift Cost $23,400,000

LONDON — (AP) — The Foreign Office said today Britain's role in the Berlin airlift cost her 5,850,000 pounds sterling ($23,400,000) as of March 31.

The announcement said Britain now is spending some $800,000 a week on the airlift over the Soviet blockade, scheduled to be lifted Thursday morning.

The United States' part in the airlift has cost the American Government more than $173,000,000.

Mrs. Gehrig Makes Moving Appeal For Medical Bill

By ARTHUR EDSON

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Mrs. Lou Gehrig, widow of the New York Yankees' great first baseman, today made a dramatic plea to Congress for help in combating the disease which killed her husband.

A Senate Labor and Public Health Subcommittee has before it a bill which would set up a foundation to study multiple sclerosis.

"I am not an expert," Mrs. Gehrig said, "but it is a tragic fact that my testimony on this subject is almost as authoritative as that of any doctor in the land.

"This is not an indication of my erudition. It is an indication of how little is known concerning multiple sclerosis—even by the doctors who are most interested in it."

It is eight years now since Gehrig died. And the widow speaking quietly but movingly, told how it was to watch him die.

He had been no good time, hell-for-leather athlete. On the contrary, she said, he neither drank nor smoked.

And then—

"He was stricken by this insidious disease."

"As the disease progressed," she continued, "he couldn't dress himself, he couldn't walk.

"Two years after he hung up his old Yankee uniform for the last time, he died."

Said Mrs. Gehrig:

"To watch someone close to you become a helpless, hopeless paralytic and to know that medical science is powerless to halt the progress of the disease, is something which no person should be called upon to endure."

Doctors estimate that a quarter of a million persons have multiple sclerosis. Lou Gehrig had a kindred disease, known as amotrophic lateral sclerosis. Peculiarly, the disease seems to strike the young and healthy.

The bill was introduced by Senator Tobey (R-NH). His daughter, now Mrs. Sterling Dean, who has been suffering from the disease since 1930, was in the room.

WEATHER

Thunderstorms this afternoon and tonight. Wednesday, partly cloudy and cooler.

Temperature at 2 P. M. today 80
High and low for past 24 hours 82-62
Sun sets today ..... 7:18 P. M.
Sun rises tomorrow ..... 5:23 A. M.

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