

She Smiled While Others Wept—

Cancer Takes Beauty, 19, Who Laughed at Death Sentence

ATLANTA, Jan. 9—Betty Thompson, the 19-year-old beauty who smiled while others wept at the pain, heart-break and sorrow of her four-year fight against cancer, is dead.

Doctors told her last May she had only a short time to live, but the raven-haired girl simply laughed at their death sentence.

"I'm going to live to be 100," she said.

She remained courageous as death closed in. And even the break up of her romance with Tom Amburn, a naval aviation machinist's mate, failed to dampen her high spirits.

"I Am Ready to Die"

But Sunday, her family said, she seemed to realize the fight was over. The disease had forced the amputation of her right leg and had attacked her lungs.

"I am ready to die . . . Don't break down or grieve for me when I'm gone," she told them.

She was conscious until about four hours before her death last afternoon, but her agonizing illness had left her too weak to say good-by to her family and friends.

A sister, Mrs. W. J. Jones, of Atlanta, said Betty told her mother she was ready to die.

"I want this to be the day," Mrs. Jones quoted her. "Betty did everything she could to make her death as easy for mother as possible."

Leave Revoked

Betty's ill-fated romance leave to fly from the Norfolk, Va., naval base to marry his young Amburn got an emergency



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Archbishop O'Hara Gets Post Today

By United Press

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 9—The Most Rev. John Francis O'Hara will be installed as archbishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Philadelphia today in a colorful and solemn ceremony attended by 70 members of the American Roman Catholic hierarchy and hundreds of laymen.

Archbishop O'Hara, former president of Notre Dame University and bishop of Buffalo (N. Y.), will become the spiritual leader of one million Roman Catholics in 10 eastern Pennsylvania counties. He is the ninth ordinary and fifth archbishop to hold the post.

The formal ceremony of installation will be conducted in the cathedral of St. Peter and Paul by the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, apostolic delegate to the United States.

The archbishop, who succeeds the late Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, was welcomed by a city-wide pealing of bells last night as he arrived to present his apostolic letters of appointment to the diocesan consistory.

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"No, I never said 'I'm in love with you' to Mr. Glanacis," the actress replied.

Asked if she ever told him she loved him, she replied, "Well, there's a difference there."

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"You must know deep in your heart I have never cared for anyone but you. . . . I have never allowed any other man to touch me in a caressing way."

Miss Meredith said the letter was written years ago "after a night when he tried to kill me. I thought he was a wonderful man. I never thought he was the type he turned out to be."

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Sometimes It's Appreciation—

There Are Different Kinds of Love, Actress Madge Meredith Explains

By United Press

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 9—Actress Zasu Pitts stood by to testify today in Actress Madge Meredith's suit to recover title to a home from which she was ousted by the man she was convicted of kidnapping.

Miss Meredith, who served two and a half years of a life prison sentence for engineering the kidnapping-beating of her former business manager, Nick Glanacis, charged in her suit that he persuaded her to sign the house over to him by fraud.

Miss Pitts, who led the fight that culminated in Miss Meredith's release from Tehachapi prison, was in court yesterday but was not called to the witness stand.

She said she would be a character witness for the starlet, currently attempting a comeback.

Miss Meredith, 30, repeated over and over yesterday under questioning by Mr. Glanacis' attorney that she never loved her former manager and never lived with him.

Attorney Cletus J. Hanifin demanded repeatedly whether she had lived with Mr. Glanacis before they purchased the disputed home. The attorney referred to her as "Mrs. Glanacis" several times.

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FRIEND IN COURT—Comedian Zasu Pitts (left) announced she will be a character witness for Madge Meredith (right).

Indicate Missing Canadian Bride Died by Violence

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 9 (UP)—Authorities indicated for the first time yesterday they believe a missing Canadian beauty may be dead, but continued their land and sea search for the woman.

Deputy Sheriff James O. Barker revealed that 21-year-old Mrs. Huguette Lemay left her purse and cosmetics in the family automobile when she vanished Friday night during a fishing trip in the Florida Keys with her husband, George Lemay, Montreal realtor.

Mrs. Lemay customarily carried her purse and make-up articles everywhere she went, the officer said.

He ordered a search continued across the water and beaches surrounding a few small isles near Tom's Harbor bridge, popular fishing spot on the overseas highway about 100 miles south of Miami where the young Canadian bride was last seen alive.

The belief that she died by violence has grown since dozens of reports that the dark-eyed girl was seen in nearby cities all failed to bring results, Mr. Barker indicated.

"We're concentrating the search and operating on the theory that a crime has been committed," he said. "New evidence and the passage of time tends to rule out abduction. It has increased our concern for her safety immeasurably."

Mr. Barker, leader of the search, stuck to his prediction that "a new development" indicating foul play would come soon.

"But you can't prove a crime has been committed without a body," he said.

A Smooth Talker—

Guitar-Strumming Lothario, Girl, Believed Headed for Kentucky

DETROIT, Jan. 9 (UP)—A guitar-strumming Lothario who disappeared two days ago with a pretty, 13-year-old high school girl may be headed for his home state of Kentucky, police said yesterday.

A nation-wide alarm was broadcast for the arrest of 31-year-old Richard D. Davis, also known as William Pinkerton. He was last seen Sunday when he volunteered to drive blond, blue-eyed Edith Hickman to nearby Ypsilanti Sanatorium, where her father is a patient.

Davis, described as a smooth-talker of varied background, roomed at the girl's home in suburban Livonia for three days before they drove away together in his new Dodge convertible.

Livonia police, who asked the Federal Bureau of Investigation to help in the search, said that "on the face of it, it looks like kidnapping."

Police Chief George E. Harmon said he learned Davis has relatives in Mayfield, Ky., his birthplace, and may be taking the girl there.

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Collapse of Buildings Laid to Excavation

NOBLESVILLE, Jan. 9 (UP)—Excavation and remodeling work was blamed today for the collapse of two buildings in the heart of this city's business district.

A passer-by, Clyde Carson, 33, suffered minor injuries when he was struck by a brick. Total damage was not estimated immediately.

The three-story Zeckel clothing store, where workers had been digging in the basement during remodeling work, toppled over yesterday onto an adjacent two-story building housing a cleaning establishment. Both structures on the south side of the public square were wrecked.

Owner Benjamin Zeckel estimated damage to his building and stock up to \$20,000.

Davis recently purchased his new convertible by trading in a 1951 model believed stolen in Grand Rapids, Mich., and paying the balance with a worthless \$1000 check, police said.

In applying for a job at a Detroit firm last week, Davis stated in his application that he was married, had four children, had attended Purdue University and served in the Merchant Marine for five years.

Man-Hatin' Girl On Raft Goes Overboard in Love

BOSTON, Jan. 9 (UP)—When Geraldine Garcia, 24, Boston, completed her trip down the Mississippi River with another girl and two men aboard the raft Lethargia, she was interviewed by a New Orleans newspaper reporter.

"How do you feel about men now that you have spent so much time with them on a raft?" the reporter asked.

"I wouldn't marry the best man in the world," Miss Garcia replied.

Then she took another look at the reporter. When she arrived home today, Miss Garcia disclosed that she and the reporter now are "in love." She refused to disclose his name, but said she expected a visit from him here soon.



Miss Garcia

Arrested in Conspiracy

MUNCIE, Jan. 9—Two Delaware County commissioners, under indictment on charges of conspiracy to commit a felony, were arrested late yesterday and released on \$3000 bond each.

They are Woodrow W. Parkison and Roy J. McBride. A warrant also has been issued for the arrest of former Commissioner Leonard Thomas, now in Florida.

The charges grew out of the alleged purchase of a \$415 auto engine.

The grand jury already had indicted Harold Cronin, former county highway superintendent, on a charge of converting it to his own use. He was rearrested with Parkison and McBride on the conspiracy charge.

Cronin had been free on \$3000 bond. He was released again yesterday, on the same bond.

Sheriff W. Pete Anthony, who arrested the three, said he expected Thomas to return to Muncie this week-end. He said he would arrest Thomas then.

The sheriff said he would decide later what steps to take if Thomas does not return.

Red Blasts Kill 5

SAIGON, Indo-China, Jan. 9 (UP)—Five persons were killed and 30 wounded here today in two bomb explosions set off by the Communist rebels in a demonstration marking the Red "nation day."

Blood Donations Are Lagging Here

Indianapolis is lagging again in sending blood to servicemen overseas.

Red Cross officials said today that for every four donors needed, only one showed up during the holiday season.

The number of blood donors dropped 75 per cent.

And the city fell 800 pints below its 5000-pint quota for December.

More alarming, the Red Cross warned, is that the holiday season is continuing into the new year.

Last Thursday, for example, fewer than one third of the needed donors showed up at the downtown center at 18 W. Georgia St.

About 150 donors a day are needed to fill the January quota. Only 58 gave blood that day.

Equally sharp drops are being shown at factories and other places visited by mobile units.

"Apparently," the Red Cross fears, "too many people have lost interest in blood donations since the lull in fighting in Korea."

Chairman Harlan J. Hadley of the Indianapolis Chapter emphasized today that giving blood is just as important as ever.

You can make an appointment by calling Lincoln 1441.

Shortwave News

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9—Reception of shortwave radio broadcasts will be fair to good through Sunday, but only fair Monday and Tuesday, report radio forecasters at the National Bureau of Standards.



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Come see how easy it is to own a luxurious new Nash Ambassador Airlyte—the world's most modern car, with scores of wonderful, exclusive features, like the Airliner Reclining Seat, Weather Eye Conditioned Air System, Airlyte Construction, Twin Beds. And now we can offer you a truly generous trade-in allowance that will put you right in the driver's seat.

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79.95
Double dresser, 48 inches wide (Mirror, 24.95)
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55 inches high
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43 inches high

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Warm golden maple in a gracious Early American style . . . solidly constructed for years of service! 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