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Bo McMillin, Indiana's Great Ex-Coach, Dies

By FRANK ANDERSON
Times Staff Writer

BLOOMINGTON, Mar. 31—Alvin N. (Bo) McMillin's long fight against cancer is over. One of football's greatest figures, Bo died in his home here today at 57.

The long battle for life ended at 2:30 a. m. for the famous former Indiana University and Philadelphia Eagles coach. He died peacefully, his family gathered around his bed. The quietness of his passing was in sharp contrast to the blazing deeds he had performed in over 30 years as player and coach.

For months the sports world had known cancer was on foe Bo couldn't beat. But the firebrand of the locker room and the playing field died with all the fierceness he had displayed as a great quarterback and coach.

Cancer Primary Cause

The first announcement of Mr. McMillin's death gave the cause of death as a heart attack. But a check with his family and his physician, Dr. James Topoglus, confirmed cancer as the primary cause.

Services will be at 10 a. m. Thursday in St. Charles Catholic Church here, with burial in Bloomington Cemetery. The body was taken to a mortuary where friends may call up to Wednesday night. It will be taken to Mr. McMillin's home, where he lived with his wife and four of their five children, for about two hours Thursday morning until time for the funeral.

Football coach at Indiana from 1934 until 1947, Mr. McMillin served as the school's athletic director in 1946 and 1947. In 1948 he accepted a \$30,000-a-year contract to coach the professional Detroit Lions. He said at the time it was the "hardest decision I ever made."

After three seasons as Lions coach he signed to lead the Eagles of the National Football League. Last fall he took a leave of absence from the Eagles because of ill health. He returned to Bloomington to recuperate. Recently, doctors said he seemed to be improving.

Started at Center
A legend in football, Mr. McMillin's career started at Centre College in Danville, Ky. There he won lasting fame as the quarterback of the storied "Praying Colonels," upsets of mighty Harvard and other big teams in the early 1920's.

The white-haired McMillin had gained a place on Walter Camp's All-American team in 1919. As a coach he was the inspiration of many other men who gained All-American honors.

The recent scandals in sport shocked Bo, who exemplified the best in collegiate sport. He rarely fielded a world-beater on the gridiron, but he always enjoyed his work. As he would say at Indiana:

"We didn't win 'em all, but my didn't we have fun."

To Him It Was a Game

Fun with the game he loved was Bo's only desire. To him football was a game and should be played as such.

Mr. McMillin was responsible for giving Centre College the nickname "Praying Colonels." During games he would lead the players in prayer for victory. Still devout as a college coach, he said the Rosary every night before an Indiana game. A lover of the clean life, he never swore or drank.

Bo McMillin was soft-spoken. "Oh, my side and body," and "May the saints save us," were the hardest words he ever spoke. When he signed with the Lions

Jersey Joe Signs To Fight Charles

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 31 (UP)—Heavyweight Champion Jersey Joe Walcott and Ezzard Charles, the man he dethroned for the title last July, today signed for a 15-round championship bout to be held June 5 at the Municipal Stadium, Philadelphia.

The fourth title meeting between the two boxers will find the bout under the promotion of Herman Taylor in association with the International Boxing Club and the Philadelphia Police Athletic League.

Each boxer will receive 30 percent of the gross, which the promoters optimistically set at \$400,000. PAL will cut in on 5 percent of all receipts, including whatever movie and possible television rights are sold.

Boys' Feudin' Over Girls Nipped

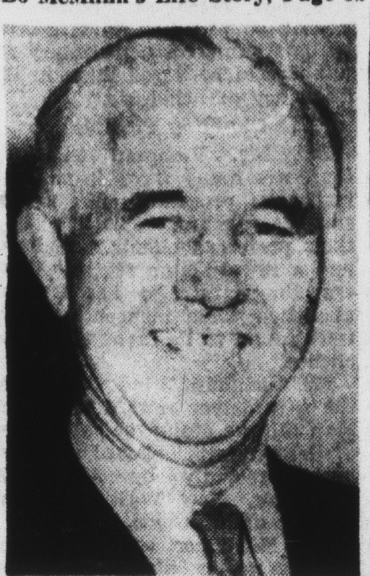
Five Indianapolis teen-agers, defending the right to love the girls of their choice, were arrested early yesterday, following a highway battle near Fortville.

Although State Trooper Fred Lee still doesn't have all the details, here's the way he thinks it happened.

Didn't Like It

About two weeks ago, two Indianapolis high school boys, 15 and 16, took a yen for a couple of Fortville girls, both about 15. With a 19-year-old friend to drive them, the boys began pilgrimages to Fortville.

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BO McMILLIN... the end of the road.

In 1948 he turned his back on 28 years of collegiate coaching. Even as a professional mentor his heart was always with his "pore little boys" at Indiana.

Bo became ill last November. The Eagles refused to name a new head coach and appointed Assistant Wayne Millner to fill the gap until Bo's return. Mr. Millner was named head coach for the 1952 season when it appeared Mr. McMillin would not recover sufficiently to resume full-time duties.

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Price Curbs Rocked as Wilson Quits

Chief Mobilizer, Truman Clash

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31—The wage-price stabilization program was rocked to its foundations today by Defense Mobilizer Charles E. Wilson's stormy departure from the government.

The former General Electric president, who held the second most powerful post in the administration, resigned in angry protest against President Truman's handling of the steel dispute.

Although steel union and management representatives scheduled new bargaining talks in New York today, government hopes for averting a nationwide strike on Apr. 8 plummeted almost to zero.

Senate action on a one-year extension of the controls law, scheduled for a committee vote today, was called off to permit senatorial tempers to cool.

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McGrath Hints He'll Balk At Peek Into Pocketbook

Officer's Wife Gives Herself Million Airst

AF Neighbors Lived Too Close

By CHESTER POTTER
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31—This is the story of how the wife of an Army lieutenant colonel had a housing project redesigned so that she wouldn't have to live close to other officers' wives.

The cost of her privacy ran into millions.

Testimony to the Senate preparedness sub-committee, headed by Sen. Lyndon Johnson (D. Tex.), brought out the story.

The sub-committee's investigating waste and inefficiency in the building of North African air bases. This originally was estimated to cost \$300 million. Now the estimate is \$450 million.

Downey Rice, sub-committee counsel, developed the story in questioning William J. Cassidy of the Army Audit Agency.

It Was in Morocco

The story's locale is a place in Morocco called Nausseur. Army engineers are supervising construction of the air bases and many officers are assigned to the project. At first quarters were not available.

Officers and their wives lived at hotels in Casablanca and other cities. Meanwhile, plans for housing projects were drawn and pre-fab houses ordered.

The dwelling for the colonel's lady was the first one put together. Inside, this was no ordinary pre-fab house. For instance, \$2100 was spent for floor covering. Supposedly, this particular covering was being tested—but no such experiment had been authorized, according to Mr. Cassidy.

The house was erected on a lot 65 feet wide. A 30,000-gallon water tank was built—later to be used by the entire project. But when the colonel's house was the only one there, water was hauled eight miles and then pumped into the tank.

An \$8000 generator was installed to provide lights, and another \$8000 generator was put up as a standby.

By this time, the colonel and his lady were the envy of the other officers and their wives. Some began to complain.

Too Close
Mr. Rice verified all this about the colonel's house, and added:

"It was a fact that it (the house) stood around for a while and when the crew went on the job to erect further housing, they were proceeding on a plan where there would be a 65-foot front to the houses."

"We got testimony that they changed as many as 27 houses. Houses were put on a 120-foot frontage which resulted in almost doubling the necessary roadways, the electrical distributing."

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The Man Who Came to Dinner



Today's News Longhorn War Games Look Like a Redash

National

Gov. Stevenson of Illinois says the heat's on for him to run for president

Hot spot for Army engineers runs from Greenland to Tripoli

Kefauver-Kerr battle watched in Wisconsin

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Favors insurance plan to reward safe drivers

County Democratic organization will stay neutral in party's scramble among candidates for the presidential nomination

Ex-policeman's home looted by burglars

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Young Hallel is a new ensign

Dear Boss... by Dan Kidney

Well, my wounds are all healed... by Frederick C. Othman

The Great Decision and The Great Throwdown... editorials on the Truman administration

Congress roundup... by Charles Egger

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News from the Indians' spring training camp

Joe Williams... Kansas favored over LaSalle

Indianapolis bowler dropped from ABC lead

Training camp briefs

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General Dies in Crash

OMAHA, Mar. 31 (UP)—Brig Gen. Jesse D. Auton, 47, Demos-

ville, Ky., deputy director of operations for fighters of the Strategic Air Command, was killed today when the B-25 light bomber he was flying crashed at near Offutt Air Force Base.

Eggs After Pork Chops

Back bone of the First Armored Division is the old style half track personal carrier. A better one was off the drawing boards today when the B-25 light bomber he was flying crashed at near Offutt Air Force Base.

Their tank battalions are train-

Downs Thumb On Morris as Cleanup Man

'Can't Keep Up With Statements'

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31—Attorney General J. Howard McGrath told House investigators today he may refuse to answer Newbold Morris' questionnaire about his personal finances.

Mr. McGrath said that if the decision had to be made again he would oppose the appointment of Mr. Morris to be government corruption clean-up chief. President Truman appointed Mr. Morris.

Mr. McGrath testified before a special House Judiciary subcommittee investigating the Justice Department. He said he is holding up the financial questionnaires which Mr. Morris has requested top government officials to fill out as a first step in the cleanup campaign.

Mr. McGrath said that Mr. Morris had never discussed the question of questionnaires with him and indicated that he went ahead with it as his own idea.

Still Not Filled Out

Rep. Kenneth B. Keating (R. N. Y.) asked Mr. McGrath if he had filled out his questionnaire in view of the fact Mr. Morris had set an Apr. 7 deadline.

Mr. McGrath replied that he had not filled it out and, "I am not sure whether I am (going to) or not."

Mr. McGrath told the committee that if the questionnaires are filled out he will refuse to turn them over to the sub-committee and that the committee's only appeal would be to President Truman.

Mr. McGrath insisted he would put the questionnaires, if they are used, in the same confidential classification as income tax returns.

Mr. Keating asked Mr. McGrath whether he would follow Mr. Morris' promise to seek the discharge of any government employees who refuse to answer the questionnaire.

"Morris has made a lot of announcements," Mr. McGrath said in obvious irritation. "I haven't been able to keep up with them."

Mr. McGrath said he has made no effort to "control" Morris in his clean-up job. He said he has been in consultation with Mr. Morris only "once, or twice."

Mr. McGrath said that when he decided on Mr. Morris "it never occurred to me to question his character." He said that he had known Mr. Morris only three days before it was decided to give his name to President Truman who then approved the choice.

Abrupt Slap

His abrupt slap at Mr. Morris today made Mr. McGrath the first government official to balk publicly at the questionnaire. He said Mr. Morris did not consult him in advance about them and that they were apparently Morris' own idea.

Rep. Patrick J. Hillings (R. Cal.) asked Mr. McGrath, if he decided not to answer Mr. Morris' questionnaire, would it have "any influence" on other department heads.

"It undoubtedly would," Mr. McGrath said. "It could have that effect."

The Justice Department was made Mr. Morris' first target.

Julietta Will Get New Sewage Plant

Construction of a long-needed sewage treatment plant at Julietta will start within 18 days.

Contract for the county home project was awarded by County Commissioners today to H. D. Tousey Co., Indianapolis, which submitted the low bid of \$78,800.

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