

THE FINAL CURTAIN

ANDERSON—Bud E., owner of Seal Bros.' Circus, June 15 of injuries sustained in a truck accident near Forsythe, Mont. Services June 19 at Emporia, Kan. (Details in General Outdoor Department.)

BEDELL—Robert, 69, musician, recently in Brockville, Ont. He was at one time a member of the Majestic Theater Orchestra in Halifax, N. S. Survived by his widow, three sons and two daughters.

BENDOW—Wilhelm, 68, light comedian, May 28 in Einbeck, Germany. For over 25 years he was featured in niterfy shows, revues at the Scala Berlin and in radio. An auto accident two years ago forced his retirement.

BRANDSCHAIN—Herman, 36, assistant editor of *Broadcasting Magazine*, June 7 in New York. His widow and son survive.

BURKE—Abbey, 57, for 25 years operator of the Bluebird Novelty Company, Amherst, N. S., carnival merchandise house, recently in that city. Survived by his widow, four sons and a daughter.

BURKE—Joseph A., 66, writer of such old-time song hits as *Carolina Moon*; *Oh, How I Miss You Tonight* and *In a Little Gypsy Tearoom*, June 9 in Upper Darby, Pa. (See Music Department for details.)

CHRISTENSEN—H. G., 56, commercial film exec and director, June 10 aboard his boat off Huntington, L. I., N. Y. He directed the filming of many training films for the army on secret war developments and had been president of the West Coast Sound Studios and veepee of the Associated Sales Company. His widow survives.

CLEMONS—James K., 67, former song and dance man, June 5 in Hollywood. He had recently been a film bit player.

COLE—Olive Cooper, 58, former showgirl and light opera actress, June 15 in New York. She appeared in light opera companies thruout the country, including a company at the Harris Theater in Pittsburgh. She also made many silent films with such stars as Pauline Harris. Her last appearance was at the Silver Slipper in New York. A son, George, theater manager of the 14th Street Academy of Music, New York; a daughter, Floria Grayson, dancer, and another daughter survive. Burial in Cypress Hill Cemetery, Jamaica, L. I., N. Y., June 17.

DROGMAN—Max, 71, cellist, June 15 in New York. Born in Berlin, he played with Victor Herbert and the Berlin and New Orleans Symphony orks. His widow survives.

FISHER—Sallie (Mrs. Arthur Houghton), 69, former stage actress and one-time leading woman for John Barrymore, June 8 in Twentynine Palms, Calif., of a heart attack. Beginning her stage career in Chicago, she later moved to New York, where she starred in such musical comedies as *Mademoiselle Modiste*, *Eva* and

Watch Your Step, and with Barrymore in *The Stubborn Cinderella*. She became a vaude headliner before retiring in 1919. Survived by her husband and a daughter, Mrs. David Collins. Burial in Twentynine Palms June 13.

GARY—Charles D., 40, actor, June 6 in Sawtelle, Calif.

GILPIN—Charles III, 71, songwriter, suddenly June 10 at his office in Philadelphia. He composed songs for over 30 Mask and Wig shows at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, and for *Listen, Dearie*, a Shubert production. Survived by his widow, Adelaide V. Rodriguez, a daughter and a brother.

GORMAN—Clyde, 65, concessionaire with the Mid-Way of Mirth Shows for three years, recently in Hermann, Mo., of a heart attack. Burial in that city.

HALL—Orson Loftin, 73, former Chicago dramatic critic and editor, June 12 in New York. He worked on *The Chicago Journal* as a critic and later became an editorial writer, signing his pieces O. L. Hall. His sister survives.

HERSHEY—J. E. (Skimp), 37, auto race driver, in Atlanta June 12 of injuries sustained in a stock car crash the day before.

HIGGINS—Guy F., 78, retired film studio executive, in Hollywood June 11. Survived by a daughter, Mrs. Kathleen Anstine.

HOUGHTALING—Jonathan Franklin (John Law), 46, novelty manufacturer, of a heart attack in Los Angeles June 10. Survived by his widow, Jane; a daughter, Barbara; his mother, three brothers and a sister, all of Los Angeles. Burial in Inglewood Park Cemetery, Los Angeles, June 14.

JOHNSTON—Curtis, 45, former skater, recently in Moncton, N. B. In late years he had been selling advertising novelties. Burial in St. John, N. B.

JOMIER—George Francois Armand, 76, film technical advisor, June 13 in Santa Monica, Calif. He was a native of Paris.

KEMPER—Roy S., 61, secretary of the Missouri State Fair, Sedalia, June 14 in a Macon, Mo., hospital. (See General Outdoor Department for details.)

MAKOVSKY—Bohumil (Boh), 72, head of the music department of Oklahoma A&M College, Oklahoma City, for many years, June 12 in Stillwater, Okla., of a stroke. Early in life Makovsky lead a band with a road show. He went to Oklahoma City in 1903 and organized and directed a band at the Delmar Gardens, amusement park. He was named head of the college's music department in 1916.

MCLAUGHLIN—Earl, 60, manager of the Circus Mart, Guilford, Ind., amusement center, June 15 in Veterans' Administration Hospital, Dayton, O., of cirrhosis of the liver. Survived by his widow, Bertha, Guilford; two sons, Bud and Barney, and two daughters, Dorothy and Ruth. Burial in the Veterans' Administration Cemetery, Dayton, June 19.

MOORE—Rector (Doc), 66, showman, June 8 in Lawson Veterans Administration Hospital, Chamblee, Ga., of cancer. Survived by his widow, Mollie; a daughter, Bee Qualls, and four sons, Joe, Frankie, Monty and Rector Jr.

NIEDERHAUSER—W. H., veteran concessionaire, for the past two years with the Mid-Way of Mirth Shows, recently in Barry, Ill., of a heart attack. Survived by a daughter, a sister and a brother, all of Marshalltown, Ia. Burial in Marshalltown.

ROONEY—Mrs. Nettie, 64, who with her late husband, Frank Rooney, trouped with the Al G. Barnes Circus for years, recently in Madison, Wis.

SCOTT—Clyde Purcell, 48, manager of Station KECA, June 13 in Hollywood. Formerly sales manager for KFI and KECA, he was appointed general manager for the latter station in 1944, when it became part of ABC. His widow, Vivian, and a

daughter, Mrs. W. J. Gowdy Jr., survive.

SHEARER—Mrs. Constance Augusta, widow of artist John Porter Shearer and mother of dancer Sybil Shearer, June 12 in Lyons, N. Y. Two brothers and a sister also survive.

SPEARS—George E., 66, former well-known billiard player and exhibitionist, and father of Georgie Spears Jr., acrobat and contortionist, June 11 in Jackson, Mich., of a heart ailment. He owned the Spears Billiard Manufacturing Company in Jackson. He leaves two other sons, Hilton, Chicago; Eddie, Atlanta, and two daughters, Barbara, Lansing, Mich., and Billie, Wyandotte, Mich. Burial in Evergreen Cemetery, Lansing.

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STEVENS—Ada, 61, vaude sou-brette, June 2 in Berlin. She was married to Werner Stevens-Carter, magician, and toured Europe with him.

SUTHERLAND—George, 73, managing director of the Allan & Company Music House, recently in Sydney. (See Music Department for details.)

TOWNSEND—William I., veteran member of the Fred Waring Pennsylvanians, June 11 in New York. Joining Waring in 1922 as a violinist, he later was head copyist in charge of the group's music library. A daughter, Ann, survives.

WALKER—Mrs. Margaret McHugh, 47, with RKO theaters in Cincinnati for 15 years, June 13 in Bethesda Hospital, that city. Survived by her husband, Harry, and two brothers, John and James.

WASHBURN—Nelson (Chief), 68, in recent years a magician with Helen Golden's Side Show on the Page Bros.' Shows, recently in a Tampa hospital of a heart ailment. Early in life he was with legit shows and circuses.

WELSH—Edward, 60, concessionaire at Mission Beach, Calif., in San Diego, Calif., June 9. Burial in Pacific Coast Showmen's Club plot, Evergreen Cemetery, Los Angeles, June 15.

Marriages

BARRY-WHITE—Philip Barry Jr., stage manager, and Patricia Allen White, actress, June 11 in Wilton, Conn.

BERNSTEIN-KAHN—Fred L. Bernstein, assistant general manager and sales manager of WTTM, Trenton, N. J., and Anita Kahn June 4 in that city.

DOWLING-BOWDEN—Osmond G. Dowling, editor of *Radio Revue*, and Frances Bowden June 1 in Dublin.

LAINE-GREY—Frankie Laine, singer, and Nan Grey, film actress, in Beverly Hills, Calif., June 15.

Le BELL-DUGAN—Michael Le Bell, tele cameraman, and Margaret Jean Dugan June 10 in Los Angeles.

LENAHAN-ARCHBOLD—Dennis Lenahan, salesman for Eagle-Lion-Classics pictures in Detroit, and Helen Archbold recently in that city.

MOLINARO-KELLER—Louis Molinaro and Jane Louis Keller, daughter of George J. Keller, Bloomsburg, Pa., animal trainer, recently in that city.

MOORE-WHEELER—Billy Moore, drummer, and Lou Wheeler, both with Raynell's *Pin-Up Parade* on Cetlin & Wilson Shows, June 3 in Uniontown, Pa.

ROH-THORPE—Frank J. Roh Jr. and Marilyn Thorpe, daughter of Mary Astor, actress, in Van Nuys, Calif., June 15.

ROSS-REINER—Kal Ross, disc jockey at WPEN, Philadelphia, and Judy Reiner, model, June 11 in Mount Vernon, N. Y.

SHAVER-GARRAMONE—Ralph G. Shaver Jr., band leader and son of the Albany, N. Y., booking agent and ballroom operator, and Grace Garramone, daughter of Michael Garramone, Albany Seeburg phono operator, June 4 in that city.

STRONG-MAJURE—Jerry Strong, Washington radio and TV emcee (*TV Shopper's Review*, WINX, and the *Jerry Strong Show*, WRC), and Lue Majure, his assistant, recently Chevy Chase, Md.

WEITZEL-ZOTTER—Kenneth P. Weitzel and Rose Zotter, secretary of Theatre Control Corporation, Detroit, June 24 in that city.

XANTHO-TALLAS—Peter Xantho, stage manager of Clutterbuck, and Mary Tallas, actress, June 4 in New York.

Births

Twin boys, Martin Louis and Milton Lee, to Harry (Bing) and Mildred Bernstein June 11 in Bethesda Hospital, Cincinnati. Father was a concessionaire with Polack Bros. Circus, Eastern Unit, until recently and prior to that was a bingo operator on the Johnny J. Jones Exposition.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Alexander June 2 in Chicago. Father is an announcer at WBBM.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Allen June 5 in Miami Beach, Fla. Father is a talent agent and booker.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Grant recently in Houston. Father is an announcer at KNUZ.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller June 5 in Chicago. Father is in the continuity department at WBBM.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wandrei recently in Detroit. Father is with the Jam Handy Organization, Detroit.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ortner May 30 in Chicago. Father is an ABC producer in Chicago.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. William Nelson May 30 in Chicago. Father is a member of the WBBM orchestra.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Shinn May 30 in Pittsburgh. Father is with Howdy Baum's ork.

A son, Michael, to Mr. and Mrs. George Thomas June 5 in Philadelphia. Father is co-star on TV *Jamboree* on Station WCAU-TV in that city.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Whiteman in Detroit recently. Father is accountant for the Korman Theaters Circuit.

A daughter, Cynthia Anne, to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Kops recently in New Haven, Conn. Father is veepee and general manager of WAVZ, New Haven.

A son, Thomas, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson June 4 in Bennington, Vt. Mother is the former Conchita (Snookie) Morales, trampoline performer; father is a snare drummer. They were with Biller Bros.' Circus last season.

A daughter, Joan, to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shea recently in St. Louis. Father is an announcer for KXOX.

A son, John Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. John White recently in St. Louis. Father is in charge of KXOX-FM sales.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore June 6 in San Francisco. Father is an announcer at KGO, San Francisco.

Divorces

Johanne Havens-Montegale Stander from Lionel Stander, actor, in Los Angeles June 6.

Erica Strong, actress, from Eric Seelig, costumer, in Los Angeles June 5.

Joan Blondell, actress, from Mike Todd, legit producer, June 8 in Las Vegas, Nev.

Mrs. Annette Silvers from Lou Silvers, orchestra leader, June 5 in Los Angeles.

Mimi Forsythe, actress, from James Parnell Turner in Los Angeles June 12.

John Shepard

John Shepard III, 64 a department store exec and pioneer in radio broadcasting, died in Brooklyn, Mass., June 11 of a heart ailment. A trustee of the Yankee Network, organized by his father, he continued as its head after it was sold to the General Tire & Rubber Company. Shepard was one of the founders of the first FM chain, the American Network, in 1941, and was president that year of FM Broadcasters, Inc. He was also named president of the American Broadcasters' Association in 1942, when it was formed. Shepard did much to foster broadcasting of many sports and was one of the founders of the Mutual Broadcasting System. His widow, three daughters and a brother survive. Burial in Brookline May 13.