James Dare, 61, Dies From Traffic Injuries

James Dare, 61, of 307 Myrt Ave., died in Maryland General Hospital early Tuesday, of injuries received when struck by a truck at Howard and Mulberry Sts.

Police charged Stanley Curtis, 28, white, of 5622 Clark Hill Ave., driver of the meat packing company truck, with manslaughter.

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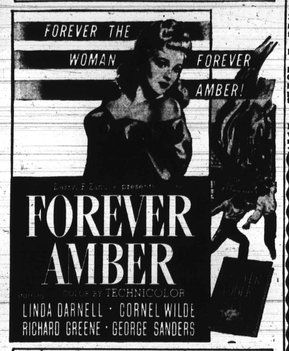

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European Glamour Fails to Lure King Cole Over

Conditions too Shaky Abroad

Will Marry Marie Ellington in March

By OLLIE STEWART

NEW YORK—What most people in show business would give a year's growth or a right arm to get, Nat Cole is turning down—for the present, at least.

I'm talking about a trip to Europe.

Backstage at the Apollo Theatre here this week, where the King Cole Trio has been appearing as headliners, the soft-talking piano-playing and singing star of the trio told me:

Offer to Tour Europe

"We had a recent offer to go to England, but I'd like to wait a while. Conditions are too shaky right now—particularly where your money is concerned. Living must not be so bad, because Lena Horne and some of the others said they got along all right. But I'd still rather wait a while, like I said."

NAT (King) COLE

What Nat Cole didn't say was that he and the Trio can well afford to wait. They're going to be pretty busy right here in the USA for a lot of months to come.

First of all, comes March 28. Nat himself has a date to marry Marie Ellington, whose former husband, Spurgeon Ellington, was killed while serving his country as a fighter pilot.

Film Date in Spring

From New York, the trio moves on to Cleveland, Chicago, and the West Coast, where a United Artists' picture commitment is waiting. Their attention in the spring. They have theatre bookings that stretch from here to yonder. And every Saturday afternoon (at 5:45 EST) they have a commercial radio show to put on from whatever NBC radio station is easiest to reach.

Incidentally, Nat says that he and the fellows rehearse three full hours for the radio show—even though it's only 15 minutes long.

Last October, King Cole Trio Time finished its first year as a commercial for the Wildroot people, and the contract they signed was for another full year.

Tunes to Provide Income

And in addition to all this, Nat says he is a member of a music publishing firm that has already put out more than a dozen tunes. This, he hopes, will give him an income when he retires from active show business.

Since Oscar Moore left the group, the trio is now composed of Nat, who plays the piano and sings; Johnny Miller, bass; and the new member, Irving Ashby, who plucks the guitar.

Born in Montgomery, Ala., Mar. 17, 1919, Cole moved to Chicago where he grew up and went to school. He went to the Coast with "Shuffle Along" and had a big bend before he decided to form a trio. He first attracted attention in Los Angeles at the Suwanee Inn.

Wrote Famous Ditty

Then in 1946, while appearing at the "3311 Club," he wrote and recorded "Straighten Up and Fly Right." That did it. The catchy tune sold more than a half million records, brought the King Cole Trio to the East, and made them big-timers.

They've stayed big-timers since, by waxing such songs as "Paper Moon," "Sentimental Reasons," "Christmas Song" and many others. "Christmas Song" sold over a million records.

A new waxing soon to be released, written by Walter Bishop is "My Baby Likes to Be-Bop." Another tune with strings in the background, has the title, "Nature's Song." Nat's own company is backlisting it.

Calls Himself "Sleak Man"

Nat says he holds the house record at the Apollo with Benny Carter, set when he and the boys first came East. In 1946, when the Trio played for weeks at the New York Paramount, he says he and Stan Kenton set a house record there.

"I am a sleak man."

That Nat's favorite theme song at dinner time. He feels that you must your meat first—and build the rest of what's to come, around it. He drinks Scotch.

Earle Stanley Gardner, writer of the Perry Mason series of novels is waiting. But he'll have read almost any kind of detective or mystery yarn. Nat likes plays and movies, but doesn't get much time off to see them.

Was Citation at Home

He was missed by his draft board, but gave so many GI shows and overseas broadcasts that he was given citations by the Government. He does as many benefits as possible.

Nat's fingers are long, but the nails are blunt and pushed back by so much piano playing. His voice gets tired from so much singing, but if he can get a half hour to loosen it up before a show, he's okay. And when I asked what he planned to do in the coming years, he said:

"I just want to keep on singing and playing. Just keep on."

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IT HAPPENED IN TENNESSEE

Pastor-Poet-Lecturer Has Own Twice Weekly Radio Program

By CARL T. ROWAN

M'MINNVILLE, Tenn. — A 32-year struggle for recognition appears to be bearing fruit for A. L. Geurard, pastor, poet and lecturer who has his own twice weekly radio program sponsored by a white-owned barbershop and a jewelry sales agency.

Mr. Geurard, born in Baltimore, began the task of earning a living at an early age. When an infant, his parents moved to Charleston, W. Va. When he was 13 his father died, so he stopped school and went to work.

Thus, his formal schooling ended after the sixth grade.

Prior to coming to McMinnville, to serve as pastor of St. Mary's Baptist Church, Mr. Geurard had preached in several states.

C. L. GEURARD

Author of Three Books

An avid reader, he also has written two books and has a third to come off the press.

At one time, he found himself with more poems than pennies. He resorted to shining shoes at a local barbershop, but still he lost none of his dignity or ambition, but used the talk and action of his customers as instruments for his further education.

Then, McMinnville got its first radio station, which became an affiliate of the Mutual Broadcasting System. The barbershop wanted to sponsor a program. The owners remembered Mr. Geurard. He had what they wanted, and they hired him.

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A few days after his first broadcast, the City Motor Station gave him an additional 15 minute program. Today, his programs are cherished by the town's 5,000 citizens.

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Seek Withdrawal of "Iron Curtain" Film

Called Inimical to U.S. Welfare

Studio Head Mum on Second Appeal

NEW YORK — Firing the second gun in its campaign to have 20th Century-Fox's film, "The Iron Curtain," withdrawn from distribution as "inimical to the aims and welfare of the United States and Nations," the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has now taken its case to Eric Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Association of America.

Last week, the council, through its national chairman, the Rev. William Howard Melish, requested Spyros Skouras, head of 20th Century's board to halt distribution of the film. The council's request for this action, or for a conference to discuss it, remains unanswered Dr. Melish said.

Stressing the fact that it is the "community responsibility" to halt the spread of "dangerous disease," the Rev. Mr. Melish asked for a withdrawal of this film which he described as similar type of action in the case containing the explosive element which could do irreparable harm to our nation's international standing and future peace and security.

"The political and economic implications of this picture for the industry and for peace-loving Americans are too strong to be ignored. The ill-will, the hatred, the suspicion, the revulsion engendered by this film promises to be far beyond the effect of a single film exhibition. It will have profound and basic adverse effects on our national interests."

Condemns Propaganda

The council reiterated its charge that the film, which recently completed production, laid the United States open to possible charges in the United Nations for violation of the recent General Assembly resolution, which stated:

"The General Assembly condemns all forms of propaganda, in whatever country conducted, which is either designed or likely to provoke or encourage any threat to the peace, breach of the peace, or act of aggression."

Melish also pointed out that Johnson had traced part of the current economic difficulties of the motion picture industry to the currency and cultural barriers erected against American film product in the countries of Eastern Europe. Melish queried the industry leader:

"Can you see this picture opening up additional theatres for American product overseas — or will the reverse take place, not only against this one film, but against every American picture?"

Johnston was requested to present the matter for discussion by the members of the Board of the Motion Picture Association of America and to "exert the influence you possess to halt public exhibition of this film."

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ANTHONY—Sunday-Monday, Tuesday, Clark Gable and Deborah Kerr in "THE HUCKSTERS," plus cartoon and news.
CARY — Sunday-Monday, Ray Milland and Marlene Dietrich in "GOLDEN EARRINGS" Tuesday-Wednesday, Ann Sheridan and Marjorie Lawson in "ROGUE'S MARQUE."
DAVIS—Sunday through Tuesday, Alan Ladd and Dorothy Lamour in "WILD HARVEST," also "THE GHOST GOES WILD."
BUNBAR—Sunday-Monday, Tuesday, William (Bill) Elliott and Jane Frazee in "COLORADO TEXAN," plus cartoon.
FULTON — Sunday-Monday, Brian Aherne and Victor McLaglen in "CAPTAIN FURY," plus Robert Lowery in "KILLER AT LARGE."
HARLEM—Now showing, Marie Montez and Paul Croset, plus Douglas Fairbanks Jr. in "THE EXILE."
HILL — (Cherry Hill)—Sunday-Monday, William Elliott and John Carroll in "FABULOUS TEXAN," plus cartoon and serial.
LAFAYETTE — Sunday-Monday, Ann Sheridan and Dennis Morgan in "ROGUE'S MARQUE," plus Bill Scott and Barbara Britton in "GHOST CITY."
LENOX — Now Showing, "CHRISTMAS EVE," Sunday-Monday, Barbara Stanwyck and David Niven in "THE OTHER LOVE."
"GREEN FOR DANGER," Tuesday, Lindsay Hamilton and Sally Gray.
"NIGHTMARE ALLEY," Thursday-Friday-Saturday, Tyrone Power, Joan Blondell and Coleen Gray.
MORGAN—Sunday through Tuesday, Brent Barton and Barbara Stanwyck in "CRY WOLF," plus Johnny Mack Brown in "LAND OF THE LAWLESS."
NEW ALBERT — Now showing, Lee Tracy, Julie Bishop and Don Castle in "HIGH TIDE." Also Barry Sullivan, Sonia and Joan Loring in "THE GANGSTER."
PARK — Tues. Wed. "QUEEN OF THE AMAZON," plus "BERRY BAD." Thurs. Fri. Sat. "SECRET SERVICE," plus "WHITE STALLION."
Fri. Sat. "GALLOPING THUNDER," and "PERSON HUNT."
RADIO—Sunday-Monday, Victor McLaglen and Brian Ahern in "CAPTAIN FURY," plus Roger Clile Robinson in "THE BOY ROBINSON," also comedy and news.
REGENT — Sunday-Monday, Mickey Rooney and Brian Donlevy in "KILLER McCOY," plus added attraction, "JINGLE JANGLE JINGLE."
RIO — Tues. — "TWO YEARS BEFORE THE MAST," Wed. thru Sat. "BIG JAKE and RANGE ROOSEVELT.—Sunday through Monday, George Raft in "CHRISTMAS EVE," plus Pearl Bailey in "VARIETY GIRL."
ROYAL—Now showing, on stage Lois Nimmily orchestra and revue, plus Nellie Lutcher, Lee Richardson, the Edwards Sisters, Dusty Fletcher, Danny Dennis and Dusty Fletcher. On screen, Richard Lane in "DEVIL SHIP."

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Jan. 31, Armory, Logan, W.Va. Feb. 1, New Union Hall, Keystone; 2, Warehouse, Abingdon, Va. Hall, Armory, Danville; 4, Recreation Hall, Maxton, N.C.; 5, Junior Club, Tuskegee, Ala.; 6, Junior Club, Tuskegee, Ala.; 7, 2 Spot Club, Jacksonville; 10, Casino Ballroom, Orlando; 11, Palm Hall, Daytona Beach; 12, St. Petersburg; 13, Apollo Auditorium, Tampa.

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Jan. 16-29, Pershing Hotel, Chicago.

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Jan. 26, Armory, Henderson, N.C.; Feb. 2, Howard University, Wash.; 13, Civic Center, NYC.

RADIO BROOKS

Jan. 16-29, Club Bali, Washington; 30, Onyx Club, NYC; Feb. 20, Royal Theatre, Baltimore; 27, Apollo Theatre, NYC; March 26, Club Astoria, Baltimore.

Concert Aspirants to Give Musical

Two young concert stage aspirants, discovered in the church school of Ames Methodist Church, will be presented in recital at the church at 8 p.m. tonight (Friday).

They are Miss Charlee Jones and James Owings.

Church members have expressed the hope that the recital will not only inspire the soloists to further their musical ambition, but will induce other congregations to look into the hidden talents of their youth and bring them before the public.

Clarence J. Roberts is church school superintendent, and Miss Wahsecola Male, superintendent of special activities.

B.R. COOK GIVEN SUSPENDED FINE ON PEACE BREACH COU

Charles S. Nicholson, 35, railroad cook of 2120 McCulloh St., was given a suspended fine of $25 and costs Saturday after his arrest earlier the same morning on the charge of disturbing the peace in his home.

Listed as the complaining witness was his wife, Mrs. Mildred Nicholson.

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Youthful Tenor Dies

NEW YORK (ANP) — A promising young tenor, John Preston Jones, 30, from Kansas City, deponded for months over a "situation back home," ended his own life here last week by drinking a mixture he had prepared himself. His body was shipped home as police continued to investigate the weird circumstances.

At the time of the tragedy, Jones was a featured member of the Silver Tone Choristers. He joined the group nearly a year ago when it was known as the "Nameless Choir."

Friends of the victim revealed that he also worked as a stock clerk at Macy's, the department store. His body was discovered sprawled across the bed. Nearby was a glass containing a portion of the fatal drink and two notes addressed to members of his singing group.

There was nothing in the notes to indicate an exact motive, however, so detectives assigned to the case attributed the suicide to worry over a period of many months.

JACK M'VEY UNIT HEADED FOR WASHINGTON NITERY

The popular Jack McVea aggregation, currently attracting record crowds to the El Berracho Club in San Francisco, Calif., is scheduled to make an Eastern appearance at the Club Bergasi, 1400 Block U St. N.W., Feb. 20.

Sister Rosetta Tharpe to Appear in Oakland

OAKLAND, Calif.— Sister Rosetta Tharpe, the famed singer and guitarist of religious or spirituals, will make two appearances in California the latter part of this month. Assisted by Mme. Marie Knight, her accompanist, Sister Tharpe will deliver her program of spirituals in Oakland on Feb. 5 and in San Francisco, Feb. 15.

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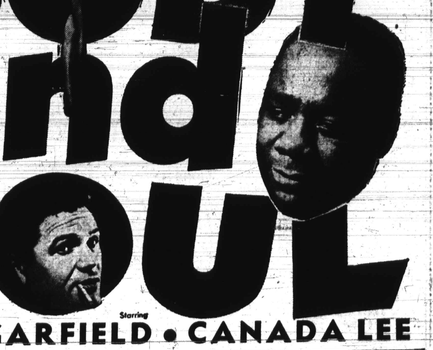
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