

TOM BRENEMAN, ROMEO FOR OLD LADIES, DIES

Hollywood, April 28.—Tom Breneman, radio matinee idol of 5,000,000 housewives, died of a heart attack just before his "Breakfast in Hollywood" program today.

The 46-year-old master of ceremonies slumped to the bathroom floor in his suburban Encino home about 5 a. m.

His wife rushed to his side from their bedroom. A few minutes later he was dead.

Ten miles away in Hollywood, 600 chattering women already were lining up in the chilly dawn outside his new restaurant on Vine Street for his radio show. At 7 a. m. the restaurant opened. Instead of Breneman inside

to chat with them while they ate a \$1.50 breakfast, they found his manager, Fred Kearn.

"Tom is dead," he said.

Some ladies, who'd worn their craziest hats so Tom could tease them, had tears in their eyes as they filed silently out of the restaurant. Many left their \$1.50 on the tables to buy him flowers.

Two guests, Mrs. Nan Kaufman and Mrs. G. T. Shearer, had come from Breneman's home town, Waynesboro, Pa., to be guests on his program.

"He made an awful lot of people happy," Mrs. Kaufman sobbed.

Breneman's formula for this was a belly laugh, an orchid, and jibes at women's hats. On his program he wailed in despair about the guests' honets. Then he'd plop the wackiest on his own graying hair as the breakfast eaters howled in glee.

He probably was the only radio master of ceremonies who got away with asking ladies' ages. To the oldest lady he gave a tender kiss and an orchid. He called his audience "good neighbors."

Breneman returned recently from a month's vacation prescribed by his doctor. He'd warned the radio star to put the brakes on his busy life because of a slight heart condition. Yesterday Tom cut short his usual after-broadcast chat with the ladies. He told his staff:

"No, I'm not tired. I think George M. Cohan was right. Always leave them laughing when you say goodby."

Breneman's show kept housewives from their breakfast dishes for seven years.

Housewives' delight with Breneman put his daily program in the top 10 in the Hooper popularity ratings.

He was married to former Radio Actress Billie Dunn. They

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Teacher Load Is To Be Reduced

Raleigh, April 27.—This Fall, for the first time since 1933, there will be a reduction in the average teacher load in North Carolina's public schools.

The State Board of Education today unanimously adopted regulations under which there will be fewer students per teacher in the schools next school year.

In presenting the new regulations as recommended by the board's finance committee, Controller Paul Reid said:

"This is the first time since the state had responsibility for the schools that the state has had funds to make possible a substantial reduction in the teacher load."

The new regulations provide that in elementary schools, six teachers will be allotted for the first 171 pupils in average daily attendance and an additional teacher will be provided for each 23 additional pupils. Now six teachers are allotted for the first 175 pupils and additional teachers for each additional 35 students.

Four teachers will be allotted for the first 80 students in average daily attendance in high schools and additional teachers for every 33 pupils in addition. The present rule allows four teachers for the first 85 pupils and additional teachers for every 35 additional pupils.

Reid, who said that the new regulations will make necessary the employment of about 800 additional teachers, said that three factors made the teacher load reduction possible:

1—A slight reduction instead of a substantial increase in enrollment this year.

2—The possibility of carrying over into the next school year of funds appropriated but not spent this year.

3—The receipt of "more accurate" reports on average daily attendance from the schools.

Reid said that enrollment this year is down to 839,000 from 845,000 last year, and that the school funds to be carried over into next year resulted because it had not been necessary to employ as many teachers this year as was expected.

Breneman's stand-in, Jack McElroy, is expected to continue the "Breakfast in Hollywood" program.

Lt. Gov. L. Y. Ballentine commented on hearing Reid's report that it is possible the average teacher load has not been as high as it has been represented in the past. This average has been estimated at 35 pupils per teacher and is one of the highest in the nation.

The board also adopted a rule that in city units having as many as 30 white teachers an additional teacher shall be allotted in order to free the principal from teaching duties.

City Fathers Of Lenoir Ask Large Bond Issue

Lenoir.—"Lenoir has the worst case of growing pains of any town in North Carolina."

So declared Mayor Earl H. Tate as city councilmen on Monday night supported informally a proposal to call a bond election to provide \$100,000 for sewer and water line extensions, and \$100,000 for street improvements.

After brief but enthusiastic discussion of the proposal, the mayor announced plans to bring the matter to a head, possibly at the city commission's next regular meeting, and issue the bond election order.

The mayor said if bonds were approved during the spring, it

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Mrs. Louise Lunn Cowles, late of Wilkes county, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned within one year from date of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons owing said estate will please settle at once.

This 28th day of April, 1948
CHAS. H. COWLES,
Admr. estate of Mrs. Louise Lunn Cowles. 5-31-64M

would be possible to have much of the improvement completed before next winter.

Two Eggs Are Thrown At Wallace Meeting

Iowa City, Iowa.—Two eggs were thrown in the direction of Henry A. Wallace yesterday as the third party presidential candidate began a tour of his home State.

At the time Wallace gave no signs of noticing the incident but later he told newsmen he saw one egg hit a girl. He did not comment on the incident.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

North Carolina, Wilkes County. Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Ray Hayes, deceased, late of North Wilkesboro, Wilkes county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned at North Wilkesboro, N. C., on or before the 31st day of March, 1948, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will likewise make immediate settlement.

This 31st day of March, 1948.
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Admr. of Estate of Ray Hayes. 5-24-64M

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