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# Famed Producer Mike Todd Perishes In Fiery Airplane Crash

GRANTS, N. C., March 22 (AP)—Famed Producer Mike Todd perished in flames early today with three others in the crash of his twin-engine airplane "The Liz," named for his actress wife Elizabeth Taylor.

The executive-type plane plunged with tremendous force, exploded and burned in the Zuni Mountains of Western New Mexico southwest of here at 2:05 A.M. (MST) in a storm.

One who died was a movie writer, Art Cohn, who was working on the story "The First Nine Lives of Mike Todd."

The secretary for the colorful and flamboyant 50-year-old producer of "Around the World in Eighty Days" said in Los Angeles that Todd, Cohn, 40, pilot Bill Verner, 45, and co-pilot Tom Barkley, 34, definitely were aboard. He had seen them off at Burbank at 10:41 P. M. (PST) yesterday.

But officers who made their way to the remote crash scene about 20 air miles southwest of this uranium mine-mill town said they could recover only what appeared to be parts of three bodies. Condition of the bodies made positive identification at least temporarily impossible.

#### Wife Collapses

Miss Taylor did not accompany her husband. She stayed at their West Coast home because of a cold. She collapsed when she heard

the news and was placed under sedation.

Todd, an enthusiastic air traveler, was flying to New York for a testimonial dinner tomorrow night. Film writer Cohn was along so they could discuss the book Cohn was writing about Todd, who often was called the modern Barnum and boy wonder producer.

Cohn wrote a column for the San Francisco Examiner. In his first one, he wrote, "Things seem to happen where I happen to be, and I aim to keep that way."

Verner, the pilot, was a major in the Air Force reserves and flew

## 'Whither Thou Goest'

By JAMES BACON

HOLLYWOOD, March 22 (AP)—Elizabeth Taylor, filled with sedatives and fighting a 102-degree fever, babbled over and over again today:

"I can't believe it's Mike."  
The beautiful star and her husband, Mike Todd, had a pact be-

tween them: "Whither thou goest, I goest too."

But Todd broke the pact last night, despite urgent pleadings from his wife.

"I just told her: 'Dammit, you're staying home with that virus. And that's final.'" Todd told this (See TAYLOR page 3)

a C46 during World War II over the Himalayas between India and China.

Co-pilot Barkley was one obtained at Burbank when the regular co-pilot failed to show for the flight, said Dick Hanley, Todd's secretary, in Los Angeles.

CAA investigator Glen Hughes said that judging from the wreckage, the plane appeared to have rammed nose-first into the ground.

#### Hard To Believe

Like Liz, others who knew Todd found it hard to believe he was dead. This was a hurricane in human motion, a man always on a runaway horse.

He was 50 but no one ever heard it wrom him.

"I got a new birth certificate when I married Liz," he once said. And Liz answered him: "He gets younger every year by marrying younger wives. I know I'm going to be old for him one of these days."

Just the other day he lectured before the students and faculty at the University of California at Los Angeles about his recent trip to Russia.

"I think I did a lot for democracy over there," he said. "The Russian people all were impressed with the fact that a juvenile delinquent could grow up in America and get a better job than the

president—Elizabeth Taylor's husband."

He also told the students that the Russians were the greatest showmen in the world.

"I thought all these years I was stealing from Barnum but I actually was stealing from them. I went over to see the cold cuts—you know the toms of Lenin and Stalin. It was the slowest moving line I had ever seen and the officials made it that way on purpose. I always instruct my ticket-sellers to slow down so the public always sees people in front of the theater. It's good box office psychology."

#### Last Of Big Spenders

Liz always called Todd the "Last of the great, big spenders" and that he was.

Even when he was broke, he spent money like a maharajah. His first Hollywood picture "Around the World in 80 Days" now has passed the 33 million figure in world grosses. As his son, Mike Jr., said recently:

"We expect any day now to be making as much money as dad spends."

The plane that carried him to death, a twin-engine Lockheed Lodestar complete with bar and berths and accommodations for 10, cost him \$6,000 a month whether he used it or not.

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#### WEATHER

Fair and somewhat warmer today. Monday, cloudy with occasional rain likely.

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#### TONGUE

In North Carolina, there still prevails a free air of discussion to solve its problems. See page 2.

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## Nine Candidates May Be Disqualified From Running In Upcoming Elections

### State Professor Wins O. Max Gardner Award

RALEIGH—Dr. C. Horace Hamilton, nationally-known head of the Department of Rural Sociology at North Carolina State College, was named 1958 winner of the Oliver Max Gardner Award last night.

The award, accompanied by a citation, was presented to Dr. Hamilton as the member of the faculties of the Consolidated University of North Carolina who, in the judgment of the Board of Trustees, "has made the greatest contribution to the welfare of the human race" during the current academic year.

A veteran teacher and author whose writings have influenced public policy on medical care and population problems, Dr. Hamilton long has been one of the nation's key figures in the realm of rural sociology.

He was president of the Rural Sociological Society in 1949-50 and is currently president of the Southern Sociological Society.

#### Author

A prolific writer, Dr. Hamilton is author or co-author of 14 books

and monographs, 67 scholarly articles for professional journals and other periodicals and 10 special rural sociology reports.

The award citation declared that Dr. Hamilton "has been applying horse sense to the science of sociology for more than 30 years as teacher, scholar, interpreter of social problems, social statistician and social philosopher."

"He has published in so many fields that some of his associates classify him as a sociologist, some as an economist and still others as an authority on medical care . . ."

#### Friday Presides

President William C. Friday of the Consolidated University presided and introduced previous recipients of the Gardner Award. The award was presented to Dr. Hamilton by Mrs. P. P. McCain of Wilson, a member of the Gardner Award Committee of the Board of Presentation of the award was the highlight of the 10th annual Gardner Award dinner, held in the main ballroom of the State College Union Building.

#### Candidates' Meet

All candidates up for spring election must meet Monday at 8 p.m. in Gerrard Hall, according to the elections Board.

### Library Books Drive To Run Monday-Friday

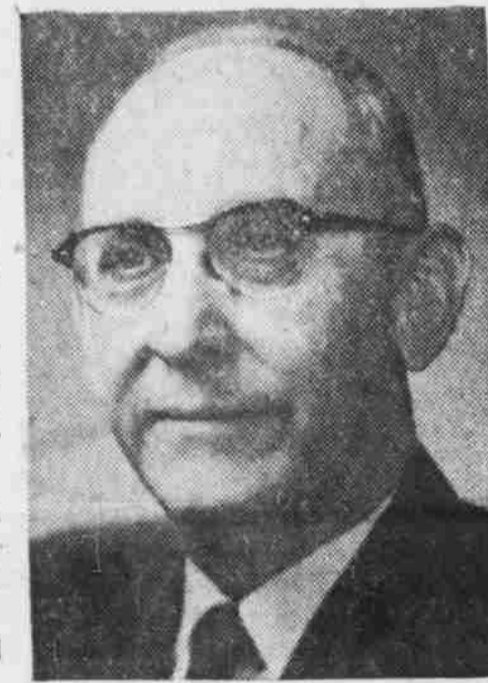
A drive to round up all library books which are "illegally held" begins Monday and will last through Friday, March 28.

All of these books are to be brought to the Student Government office on the second floor of Graham Memorial. No questions will be asked and accumulated fines will be cancelled.

The books will be returned to the library by this committee.

This campaign is being sponsored by the Student Library Committee, which along with conducting drives also reviews the problems of the library from the viewpoint of the students.

Mike Simpson, chairman of the committee, will report to the Student Body President at the conclusion of the book drive.



DR. HORACE HAMILTON Wins O. Max Gardner Award

### John Brooks' Eligibility Questioned By Officials

By SARAH ADAMS

Nine candidates for offices in the spring elections may be disqualified from running, The Daily Tar Heel learned yesterday.

Word came from the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs that candidates Doug Bayliff, Leon Holt, Happy Hurst, Carolyn Peal, Buck Hurdley, Tony Brannon, Bill King and Dick Stoker will be ineligible to run.

According to Ray Jefferies, assistant dean of student affairs, the candidates did not meet the scholastic requirements as set up in Article VII, Section 5 of the election laws.

Also, some question has arisen as to the eligibility of John Brooks, SP candidate for vice president of the Student Government. Brooks' case will come before the Elections Board Monday afternoon, Elections Board Chairman Bob Furtado said yesterday.

Asked to comment on Brooks' status, SP Chairman Pat Adams maintained:

"The Elections Board has been furnished the information concerning the requirements for being a candidate in any position. It (the board) now has to decide whether the candidates are eligible to run."

#### Election Laws

Article VII, Section 5 of Election Laws asserts:

"Any candidate for appointment or election to office in Student Government shall meet the following qualifications:

"(A) If said student shall have completed only one semester in residence at this University prior to that semester in which he is nominated, he shall have an overall scholastic average of "C" or higher.

"(B) If said student shall have completed two or more semesters in residence, he shall have an overall scholastic average of "C" or higher for the entire period in residence, in addition, said student shall be credited with 27 semester hours for the two semesters immediately preceding the semester in which said student is nominated, or 30 semester hours of summer school or correspondence work is necessary in addition to the two regular terms preceding his nomination."

#### SP Replacements

SP Chairman Pat Adams announced the following replacements for disqualified SP candidates:

Misses Martha Turner, junior from Miami, Fla., and Betsy Miller, junior from Coral Gables, Fla., will replace Happy Hurst and Carolyn Peal in the Dorm Women's legislature district.

Warren Jackson, a freshman from Chattanooga, will replace Leon Holt in the race for the legislature seat from Town Men's IV.

Buck Hurdley, will be replaced by Rudy Edwards, a junior from Rutherford, in Dorm Men's II. No replacement has been named as yet for Doug Bayliff who was running for Treasurer of the Senior Class.

#### UP Replacements

UP replacements, as announced by UP Chairman Syd Shuford, are: Hamp Lefler, a junior from Newton, will replace Bill King as the UP candidate for vice-president of

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BLUE-WHITE QUEEN—Pretty Louise Crumbley of Charlotte shows a happy smile after being named queen of this year's Blue-White football game held yesterday in Kenan Stadium. A member of Kappa Delta Sorority, Miss Crumbley is a junior Radio & TV major and is active in the YWCA and at WUNC-TV. (Buddy Spoon Photo)

#### IN THE INFIRMARY

Students in the infirmary yesterday included:

Misses Carol Suther, Nancy Grubb, Marion Eells, Ruth Mills, Gale Willingham and Jane Patten and John Ward, Gaston Andrews, Claude Grigg, Everett Ellwood, David Goode, Jerry Oppenheimer, John Robinson, Charles Pappendick, Edwin Levy, Joe Hagendorf, Dean Culbreth, Robert Peebles, Joseph Ferrell and Edmund Lively.

### Sound & Fury Tryouts Set

Tryouts for this year's Sound & Fury production, "No Time For Squares," will be held this afternoon and Monday, from 2 to 6 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Call backs will be on Tuesday.

The show will be presented on May 2 and 3.

Cecil Hartsoe, director of the show, announced that the following persons have been selected as committee chairmen: business manager, Jack Mitchell; lighting, Al Sully; costume designer, Anne Riggins; stage managers, Lloyd Shaw and Gail Rice; publicity John Harris; music, E. Bruner, props, Nicely Fleishman and makeup, Barbara Lewis.

Choreography will be done by Tom Davis, who has been seen in several Sound and Fury productions and who is well known as half of the dance duo, Tom and Chee Chee Davis.

### Charlie Sloan Lists His Editorial Qualifications

The need for an editor to be thoroughly familiar with every phase of the operation of the Daily Tar Heel was expressed Saturday by editorial candidate Charlie Sloan, in a campaign statement.

Sloan continued to say:

"I feel that I have the qualifications necessary to a good editor be-

### Elections & Father Time Wait On None

By PAUL RULE

If you think you're cramped for time, pity the poor candidates for editor of The Daily Tar Heel.

Monday night the frantic five have been invited to appear before the Student Party at 7 o'clock and express their views. Also at 7 p.m. they have been asked to grace an IFC meeting by putting in an appearance for a similar reason.

In case they figure out a way to attend two gatherings at one time, they won't have many minutes to linger at either because the Elections Board has demanded their presence at a public meeting with all other candidates in the spring election at Gerrard Hall at 8 o'clock.

One of the candidates considers these developments of minor importance since he also has other engagements at 6, 9, 10 and 11 p.m. the same night.

You don't have to have a split personality to run for editor, but it helps!

cause I am familiar with every part of The Daily Tar Heel.

"Since my first story, a column, appeared in the first issue of The Daily Tar Heel in the fall of 1955 when I was a freshman, I have held the position of reporter, columnist, associate editor, managing editor, night editor and proof-reader.

"In addition I have substituted for regular staffers as editor, news editor, sports editor and photographer.

"But The Daily Tar Heel isn't the only place where I have had newspaper experience. In addition I have had stories printed in The Arlington Citizen, The Northern Virginia Sun and parts of publicity releases printed in the Washington Post and Times Herald and the Washington Sunday Star. I have had pictures published in the Durham Morning Herald and The Charlotte News.

"Yet the best experience necessary to a good Daily Tar Heel editor is experience gained on The Daily Tar Heel. Almost three years of work on the paper have given me this experience. An editor who knows the entire paper can make the editorial page one of the best in the country, and assure that the rest of the paper lives up to the standards of the editorial page."

#### SP Invites Candidates

All editorial candidates have been invited to the Student Party meeting Monday at 7 p.m. in Roland Parker 1 & 2 in GM. Party Chairman Pat Adams announced that the platform will be presented at that time and SP will decide whether or not to endorse an editorial candidate.