

DEATH TAKES FATHER (NAACP, from page 1) OF MILLS BROTHERS

John Mills, Sr., father of the famed Mills Brothers died Friday, Dec. 8, at Bellefontaine, Ohio, which has been home town to the Mills family since they moved from Picqua, Ohio when the now world famous singing brothers were youngsters.

"Skipper" as he was known to fans and fellow showmen, became a "brother" in the act when his oldest son, John, Jr., bass singer and guitarist of the group, succumbed to an attack of pneumonia, Jan. 20, 1936.

He played his role as "fourth" brother for years with the act until failing health sent him into retirement. But neither retirement nor even the tragedy of a leg amputation a few years ago, dulled "Skipper's" enthusiasm for living or his ever keen interest in the world of entertainment.

His last visit to Las Vegas was just two years ago when the "Millsies" had a Thanksgiving family reunion here while they were appearing at the Sahara Hotel.

VOICE editor Alice Key, whose friendship with the Mills family covers several decades, received a telegram from Harry and Ruth Mills informing her that funeral services were conducted Monday at 10 a.m. in Bellefontaine.



Sammy Davis, Jr.

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an astronaut, Major Lawrence doubted it marked a historic step in improved race relations.

"It's another one of those things that we look forward to in civil rights--normal progression," he had said.

His selection was "probably a culmination of the great deal of training and help a lot of people put in to prepare me," he had added.

AT THE same time, he had noted he experienced "a large number of the problems faced by other Negroes. Perhaps I have been more fortunate than the others in the opportunities that came my way."

Two funeral services, and five memorials for the deceased astronaut were held. One of the funerals, for family members only, was at Griffin Funeral Home. The other, at First Unitarian Church. The body was cremated.

Among survivors are his wife, Barbara; his son, Tracey, 8; mother, Mrs. G. W. Duncan; father, Robert H. Lawrence, Sr., and sister, Barbara E. Lawrence.

He was the only astronaut-designee in the Air Force's Manned Orbiting Laboratory program (MOL) with a doctor of philosophy degree--in physical chemistry--from Ohio State University.

Had he lived, he might have taken part in a 1970 space flight in a Gemini B capsule, scheduled to orbit the earth for 30 days.

Instead, he returned home to Chicago to stay. And for many of his acquaintances, his final homecoming brought back memories of a studious youngster interested in science--and an excellent piano player, as well.

AS A CHILD, he enjoyed watching airplanes take off and land and made a hobby of building model airplanes.

Eleven years ago, he entered the Air Force through ROTC program at Bradley University, Peoria, Ill., going into flight training after graduation.

He became interested in the space program while at Ohio State University. Applying for the program in 1965, he became one of 16 persons chosen for astronaut training in June, 1967. He was selected from a field of 500 applicants.

But then, he was wiped out by his lifelong ambition to see the heavens for himself. Thus, he joined other explorers of the world who gave their lives that man's knowledge of his universe might be expanded.

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Investigation Of Supermarket Chains

NEW YORK - (NPI)--The cost of groceries goes up on the day after welfare checks are distributed in the Bedfore-Stuyvesant area, a group of housewives has told a subcommittee of the House Committee on Government Operations.

The women, members of the area's Consumer Action Program, said five chain supermarket stores charge higher prices the day after payday than they did the day before.

According to Mrs. Gladys R. Aponte, the group's executive director, the housewives' findings were based on purchases made in five stores.

The women also found that the same items cost more in Bedford-Stuyvesant stores than they did in the supermarkets belonging to the same chain in the Flatbush area. The difference, Mrs. Aponte said, was as much as 28 cents an item.

TWO NEW York Congressmen confirmed similar and other grocery store abuses during a tour of the East Harlem.

Rep. Benjamin S. Rosenthal (D.-Queens), subcommittee chairman, and Rep. Ogden R. Reid (R.-Westchester) visited a supermarket chain store, finding more than one price stamped on packages and cans.

The Congressmen told the subcommittee of buying soft ice cream, frozen foods that had been allowed to thaw, and old meat not so identified.

The subcommittee is investigating complaints that some supermarket chains discriminate against the poor.



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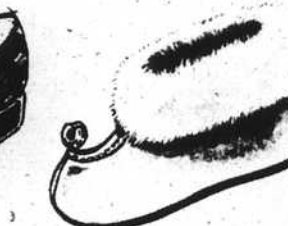
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