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## HENRY BLACKMER, OIL MAN, 92, DIES

Spent 25 Years Abroad to  
Avoid Teapot Dome Case

GENEVA, May 26 (Reuters)—Henry M. Blackmer, the Colorado millionaire who spent much of his life in self-imposed exile in Europe to avoid testifying in the Teapot Dome oil scandal investigation, died yesterday in his home here. His age was 92.

### Absent 25 Years

Mr. Blackmer slipped away to Paris in 1924 when the Government began questioning business associates about the sale of Teapot Dome naval oil reserves to private interests.

He took with him a fortune estimated at \$25,000,000 and the books of the Continental Trading Company, one of the firms the Government was most curious about.

The Government asked him to return and clear up the oil case. He refused. In 1925, the Government asked him for a deposition. He declined, and the French courts backed him up.

In 1928 the Government indicted him on income tax evasion and perjury counts. Fines of \$60,000 for contempt were levied because of his refusal to come home and talk.

In 1932 the Government gave up its fight for his return, and he started a campaign to return to the United States. Mr. Blackmer eventually paid almost \$4,000,000 in back taxes and fines. He returned to the United States for a brief visit in 1949, when he was fined an additional \$20,000.

Mr. Blackmer was born in Worcester, Mass., the son of a lawyer, and followed his father in the study of law. He moved to Colorado Springs when he was 22 to practice there, and became a prosecuting attorney.

Within ten years he made a considerable fortune in railroads, mining and banking.

Mr. Blackmer found business more lucrative than law and turned from the courts to oil. He became head of the Midwest Oil Company, a small neighbor of the Standard Oil Company's big Teapot Dome fields in Wyoming. Soon he was an important figure both in the oil industry and on the national political scene.



Associated Press  
Henry M. Blackmer

## WILFRID GIBSON DIES; BRITISH POET WAS 83

LONDON, May 26 (Reuters)—Wilfrid Gibson, British poet, died today at his home in Weybridge. He was 83 years old.

Mr. Gibson was widely known in the United States, where he lectured for many years.

Wilfrid Wilson Gibson's first book of poems, "Stonefolds," was published in 1907. His works continued to appear at intervals through 1950, when he produced "Within Four Walls."

Mr. Gibson toured the United States in 1917, offering readings of his work. He reached modest notice here shortly after World War I, as a poet who dealt realistically with men at war.

He was an admirer of the work of the English poet, Rupert Brooke, who died in the Dardanelles. His long friendship with Robert Frost, the American poet, began during his first visit here.

## George Day, 61, Chemist, Was Aide of Pulp Concern

Berlin, N. H., May 26—George A. Day, a chemist and technical director of the Brown Company's pulp division here, died Thursday night in his home. His age was 61.

Mr. Day, who had been manager of the pulp division since 1940, became director of research and development in 1944 and technical director six years ago.

## Engagements

BERMAN—HELLMAN—Mr. and Mrs. Isidore I. Hellman of Hewlett, N. Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Trudy Razelle, to Charles Robert Berman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Berman of the Bronx, N. Y.

KLEIN—MARCOWICZ—Mr. and Mrs. Howard T. Marcowicz of Rockville Centre, N. Y., happily announce the engagement of their daughter, Suzanne, to Peter Richard Klein, son of Mrs. Sylvia Klein of Oceanside, N. Y., and the late Arthur R. Klein.

MELCER—GOLDBERG—Mr. and Mrs. Martin Goldberg of Cedarhurst, L. I., announce the engagement of their daughter, Elaine (Lanie) Dale, to Monte Melcer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Melcer, also of Cedarhurst, L. I.

MENDELSON—LOBEL—Mr. Jerome W. Lobel and Mrs. Arthur Kahr announce the engagement of their daughter, Arlene Hope Lobel, to Laurans Adam Mendelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mendelson.

RONS—LEBOVIC—Mrs. Paul Lebovic of Washington, D. C., announces the engagement of her daughter, Eileen, to Mr. Charles Henry Rons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Rons of New York City. Miss Lebovic, also the daughter of the late Mr. Paul Lebovic, attends the Howard University College of Dentistry. Her fiancé attends the Fordham University College of Pharmacy.

SADOWSKI—TSCHUMPER—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tschumper of St. Gall, Switzerland, announce the engagement of their daughter, Rita Alexandra, to Joseph R. Sadowski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sadowski of Bronx, N. Y.

STOLER—ROSENZWEIG—Mr. and Mrs. Max Rosenzweig of Forest Hills, L. I., announce the engagement of their daughter, Judith, to Eugene Lyle Stoler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elias A. Stoler of Brooklyn, N. Y.

## Marriages

CORNMAN—KERNAN—Mrs. Moe Kerman, of New York City, announces the marriage of her daughter, Irene, to Mr. Michael A. Cornman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah B. Cornman, of Woodmere, L. I., on May 24, 1962. The bride is the daughter of the late Moe Kerman.

EISENBERG—MAZEI—Mr. and Mrs. Louis L. Mazei of Miami, Arizona announce the marriage of their daughter Elizabeth Ruth to Richard Eisenberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Eisenberg of Lawrence, N. Y., on May 16.

GOTTESMAN—LEHR—Mr. and Mrs. Harvey I. Lehr of Bklyn, N. Y., announce the marriage of their daughter, Rebekah, to Arthur Gottesman, son of Mrs. Solomon Shapiro, on May 21, 1962, at the Hotel Astor.

MANCHER—ROSS—announcement is made of the wedding of Miss Rhoda Ross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ross of Long Beach, N. Y., to Mr. Melvin Mancher, son of Mrs. Abraham Mancher and the late Mr. Mancher. The wedding will take place at The Mayflower, Washington, D. C., at noon, on Sunday, May 27th.

SOBEL—GOLDSTEIN—Miss Barbara Goldstein and Mr. Jack Sobel announce their marriage, which took place on Sun., May 27, in the study of Dr. Julius Mark, senior Rabbi of Congregation Emanu-El.

## Anniversaries

BURNSTINE—Samuel and Ray L. happily announce that their 50th Wedding Anniversary, June 2, 1962, will be celebrated at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, Waikiki Beach, Honolulu, Hawaii.

## Deaths

BAIADA—Carl, of 17 Roxbury Rd., Plainville, on May 25, 1962, husband of Frances, father of Concetta Sergi, Frances Krekel, Antoinette Rovesno and Rosario Baiada, also survived by five grandchildren. Reposing at the Wagner Funeral Home, 125 Old Country Rd., Hicksville. Solemn High Requiem Mass, Tuesday, 9 A. M., at Our Lady of Mercy R. C. Church, Interment St. Charles Cemetery.

BARBOUR—John C., suddenly, on May 25, 1962, of 177 Hepburn Road, Clifton, N. J., beloved husband of the late Mabel Bennett Barbour and devoted father of John C. Barbour Jr. and Mrs. Mary Bigler. Funeral from St. John's Episcopal Church, Passaic

political scene.

The investigation of the Continental Trading Company was one of the series of oil scandals that resulted in criminal trials for Edward L. Doheny, head of the Mexican Petroleum Company, sent Harry F. Sinclair to jail for contempt of court, and landed Albert B. Fall, former Secretary of the Interior, in the New Mexico penitentiary. Senator Thomas Walsh of Montana headed the Senate investigation into the Fall-Doheny-Sinclair oil leases.

#### Led Midwest Refining

Prosecutors in the investigation wanted Mr. Blackmer, who in 1921 was president of the Midwest Refining Company, controlled by Standard Oil of Indiana, and James E. O'Neil, former president of the Prairie Oil and Gas Company, to tell what they knew about the transfer of Liberty bonds valued at \$90,000 to Fall.

These bonds represented in part the resale proceeds of about 8,000,000 barrels of Texas oil sold by the Humphreys Mexia Company to the Continental Trading Co., Ltd., of Canada, and sold by it to the Sinclair and Prairie interests. It was alleged that Fall had received \$230,000 out of the \$3,080,000 profit made by the Continental Company, which then went out of business.

When the big scandal broke, Mr. Blackmer was at first not touched. But during the investigation, a Senate committee found that he had joined Sinclair in promoting another questionable deal in oil before Teapot Dome. In this Mr. Blackmer was charged with having made profits on which he paid no taxes.

Mr. Blackmer was first married to Helen Kerr of Boston, who was the mother of his two children, Myron K. Blackmer and Mrs. Margaret Blackmer Kistler. After Mrs. Blackmer obtained a divorce, Mr. Blackmer remarried. His second wife did not share his self-exile. After her death, Mr. Blackmer married Kaja Norena, a Norwegian opera star.

### Saul Zager, Proctologist In Newark, Is Dead at 51

Special to The New York Times.

NEWARK, May 26—Dr. Saul Zager, a proctologist, died of a heart ailment yesterday in

He graduated from the University of Toronto in 1922 and received an honorary Doctor of Science degree from the University of New Hampshire in 1952. Surviving are his widow, the former Clarice Barraclough; a daughter, Beverly, and a son, Anthony.

#### JOHN F. WERNER SR.

Special to The New York Times.

WANTAGH, L. I., May 26—John F. Werner Sr., general superintendent of the Survey and Methods Bureau of the Consolidated Edison Company in New York, died today in Mercy Hospital after a long illness. He was 64 years old and lived at 3376 Maplewood Drive North.

### Births

BARKIN—Mr. and Mrs. Stephen D. (nee Madeline Rose) joyfully announce the birth of their son, Jeffrey Samuel, May 20th 1962, Mt. Sinai Hospital, N.Y.

BARLOW—Clive and Susan (Mitchell), joyfully announce the arrival of their daughter, Jill Allison, May 22, 1962.

BERKLEY—Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Berkley (nee Marlene Zeller) of 1250 Ocean Pkwy., Bklyn, N. Y., announce the birth of a son, Jonathan Scott, Beth-El Hospital, May 23.

BETTMAN—Howard and Joan, announce the arrival of Jamie Lynn, sister of Ricki, Gary, Jeffrey and Ronnie, on Wed., May 23.

BROUS—Mr. and Mrs. Martin Brous (Ingrid Johansson) of Hempstead, L. I., joyfully announce the birth of their daughter, Pern Maria, on May 22, 1962.

CEMBALEST—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cembalest joyfully announce the birth of a son, Michael, on May 18, 1962.

COHEN—Gerald and Susanne (Holzer), announce the birth of Linda Joy, May 22, Brooklyn Women's Hospital.

CORWEN—Bob, Janice and Bobby Jr. announce the birth of Cathy Jo, May 24, 1962.

DANOW—Bert and Joyce (Kastein), happily announce the birth of Beth Karen, sister of Judi and Lissa, on May 25.

FLETCHER—Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Fletcher (nee Goldberg) joyfully announce the birth of their daughter Anne Mary on May 23, 1962.

HASKEL—Stanley and Judy Haskel announce with great joy the birth of Steven Alan's sister, Robin Sue, May 21, 1962.

HIRSCH—Chuck and Brenda (Kramer), of St. Petersburg, Fla., announce the birth of their daughter, Wendy, May 20.

KIMELMAN—Mr. and Mrs. Marlin (Renee Estrin), announce the birth of their son, Douglas, on May 20.

LEEDS—Sanford and Mitzi (Landau), and Andy, announce the birth of a son, Bruce Joseph, on May 24, 1962.

LEVY—Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence D. Levy joyfully announce the birth of their daughter, Hope Adair, on May 21, at Leroy Hospital.

LEWTAN—Mr. and Mrs. Marvin (Jane Sodekoff), of West Hartford, Conn., joyfully announce the birth of a son, Stuart Frederick, brother of Susan Deena, on May 18.

MARSH—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. (Madeline Montrose) happily announce the birth of their son, Benjamin Alan, on May 19, 1962.

MILENKO—Raymond and Shirley, happily announce the birth of Jonathan's brother, Donald Adam, on May 22, 1962.

MOSES—Marlin and Linda (Barker), welcome Andrew Bruce, Lawrence Alan's brother, born May 25, 1962.

MYERS—Mr. and Mrs. Marvin (nee Honor Seelenfreund) joyfully announce the arrival of Mindy's and Amy's brother, Steven Howard, May 16, 1962.

POWER-WATERS—Capt. and Mrs. Brian Power-Waters (nee Roberta Lawrence, of Stoner Creek, Ontario) announce the birth of a daughter, Lisette Patricia, on May 24,

from St. John's Episcopal Church, Passaic and Lafayette Aves., Passaic, N. J., on Tuesday, 1:30 P. M. Interment at Laurel Grove Cemetery. Friends may call at "Quinlans," 2729 Harding Ave., Clifton, on Sunday, 7 to 10 P. M. and Monday, 2 to 5, 7 to 10 P. M. In lieu of flowers contributions to the New Jersey Masonic Homes and Charity Foundation, Burlington, N. J.

BELKIN—Harry, beloved husband of Ida, devoted father of Barbara and Jack, loving grandfather of Steven and Mitchell, dear brother of Ben, Mac and Alice, Services Sunday, 12 noon, Garlick's "Parkside," 1700 Coney Island Ave. (Ave N) Bklyn.

BERALDI—Pasquale, on May 24, devoted husband of Maria, beloved father of Rose Strafaci, loving grandfather of Rosemary Simmonelli and Frank Strafaci, Funeral Tuesday, 9:30 A. M., from Chapel, 65th St. and 13th Ave., Brooklyn, Interment Holy Cross Cemetery.

BERGER—Joseph, beloved husband of Estelle, devoted father of Stewart and Rhoda, brother of Pearl Fox, Services Sunday, 12 noon, Forest Park Chapel, 76th Rd. at Queens Blvd.

BERGER—Joseph, Hillcrest Lodge No. 777, K. of P., regrettably announces the untimely passing of Brother Joseph Berger. Services at Schwartz Brothers Chapel, Queens Blvd. and 76th Rd., Forest Hills, today, 12 noon.

Hillcrest Lodge No. 777, K. of P. PHIL KASDAY, C. C.

BERRY—Helen H., on May 25, 1962, of 115 Willow St., Bklyn, beloved wife of the late Mark H. Berry, dear sister of Eve A. Harry, Ray and Lloyd Handy, Service at the Fairchild Chapel, 951 Atlantic Ave., Bklyn, Monday, 8 P. M. Interment Ferncliff Mausoleum.

BLAIR—Clara, on May 24, beloved mother of Edna Patricia Blair, dear grandmother of Richard and Peter Meyer, dear sister of Camille Kunstman, Services private. Interment Ferncliff Mausoleum.

BOGART—Ella H., on Fri., May 25, 1962, of 185 Horton Highway, Mineola, N. Y., beloved wife of the late Wallace F. Bogart and devoted mother of Carlton and Winston Bogart, Service at the Fairchild Chapel, Franklin Ave., at 12th St., Garden City, on Mon., at 11 A. M.

BRADEN—Maria H., on May 24, 1962, beloved wife of Spruille, devoted mother of Marjula, Laurita, William, Patricia and Spruille, Jr. Reposing at Frank E. Campbell, Madison Ave. at 81st St. Requiem Mass, Monday, 10 A. M. at Church of St. John The Martyr, 72nd St. and 2nd Ave.

In lieu of flowers contributions to the Heart Fund or Masses for the repose of her soul may be made.

BROWN—Juliette (nee Schaeffer), beloved wife of Ferdinand, devoted daughter of Charles and the late Rebecca, dear sister of Herman and Leonard, loving aunt and niece, Services "Park West," 115 West 79th St., Sunday, May 27, 10:30 A. M. In lieu of flowers please send contributions to Damon Runyan Cancer Fund.

BROWN—Mrs. Ferdinand (Juliette). It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of one of our beloved members. Funeral Sunday 10:30 A. M., Park West Chapel, 79th St. and Columbus Ave.

Victory Chapter B'nai B'rith.

BUCKINGHAM—Constance Leake, at her home Baldwin Road, Mt. Kisco, N. Y. May 25, 1962, wife of John de Forest Buckingham, mother of John de Forest Buckingham Jr. and Paige Buckingham (Mrs. David Moore). Memorial Service St. Matthew's Church, Bedford, N. Y., Sunday, May 27, at 3 P.M. Interment private. Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to the Kidney Disease Foundation of Westchester, 19 William St., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

CAPTANIAN—Palladrou A., of 166 Main St., Malawan, N. J., on March 25, 1962, mother of Dr. Aram, Grant and Gilbert Captainian. Funeral services Monday, 1 P. M., Higgins Memorial Home, 20 Center St., Freehold, N. J. Friends received on Sunday.

CARLIN—J. Vincent, on May 24, 1962, beloved husband of Helen Platt, father of James Vincent Carlin, Jr. and Comdr. Walter Platt Carlin, USN, devoted brother of Mrs. Arthur Bowle and Edna M. Carlin, Funeral from Ivins & Taylor Funeral Home, Trenton, N. J., Monday May 28, at 11 AM. Interment private.

CARPENTER—Margaret P. in Southampton, L. I., on May 24, 1962, beloved wife of Peter, loving mother of Joan Brown. Services at St. Bartholomew's Church Chapel, Park Ave. at 6th St. at 11 A. M.