

Girl's Last Thought:

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'My Dolly, My Dolly'

"My dolly. I've got to get my dolly..." 7-year-old Marilyn Scheck yelled. She pulled her hand from her father's grasp and scampered back up the stairs of her burning home in the Flower Hill section of Manhasset.

The curly-haired girl, who had been only a few steps from safety, never reached her dolly. Overcome by smoke, she died yesterday on the floor of her bedroom.

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HER FATHER, George Scheck, 49, a theatrical agent, had started up the stairs after the little girl but was forced back by flames and smoke.

Forty-five minutes later, when fire Lt. William Wade

brought the child's body out, Scheck suffered a heart attack and collapsed. He was rushed to Long Island Jewish Hospital in Glen Oaks where he was listed in fair condition.

Three firemen and a policeman who had attempted to rescue the girl from the flaming two-story house at 52 Reni Rd. were hospitalized with smoke poisoning.

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THE FIRE, of undetermined origin, broke out in the \$40,000, 10-room brick and shingle house about 1:45 a.m. It apparently started in the den, which was just under Marilyn's room.

Flames were leaping out

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after she was carried from the house, respirator in a vain attempt to revive little Marilyn Scheck.

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trol car, discovered the fire and turned in the alarm. Mr. Scheck told him he had tried to reach Marilyn, but the flames forced him back. About forty men

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windows of the den when Patrolmen John Carson and Norman Sarne, cruising in a squad car, spotted them.

Carson pounded on the front door, then forced his way into the house as Scheck, his wife, Eleanore, 36, their 11-year-old son, Barry, the maid, Dorothy Williams, 32, and Marilyn were coming down the stairs.

They were only a few steps from the bottom—and safety—when Marilyn broke away.

MEANWHILE, firemen, alerted by police radio, arrived. Carson climbed a ladder to the second story bedroom window. But searing flames and smoke prevented him from entering.

Three firemen tried to reach the bedroom by the stairway. One, Alex Tuskowsky, 35, collapsed and was dragged out by Charles Lang Jr., 20, and Robert Cocks, 31. Lang and Cocks were treated at Manhasset Medical Center and released. Carson and Tuskowsky were kept overnight.

Although firemen kept the flames confined to the west wing of the house, a fire official said the house was a total loss.

The arson squad today started an investigation to determine the cause of the fire.

SHECK, WHO manages singer Connie Francis, bought the house three years ago. He had lived at 63-61 99th St., Kew Gardens Hills.



A doctor and a neighbor help Mrs. Scheck, her face blackened by the smoke, away after hope was given up for her daughter.

He was in show business himself in the early 20s as a child star with the Gus Edwards troupe. By the time he was 18 he had dis-

sung his way across the country, appearing with such greats as Sophie Tucker, Ted Lewis, Bill Robertson and