

BEHIND the SCENES in HOLLYWOOD

HOLLYWOOD—Hollywood's location scouts will gnash teeth when they read this. Within 16 miles of the studios, in territory combed by automobiles and explored by planes, Hoot Gibson has found a new location paradise for westerns. It lies in the Malibu mountains, a little valley with an old farm house, cattle, stream and everything to make the heart of a cowboy actor glad.



Hoot Gibson

Hoot discovered it while riding his pony, hunting scenes that hadn't been shot a thousand times for "Sunset Range," the first of his new series at the old Mack Sennet studios. He'll have to pack his production equipment in.

Joan Blondell and George Barnes, her cameraman spouse, are building a miniature "college" room next to the nursery of their baby. It will have tiny penants, athletic equipment and everything a college kid treasures. George is taking "assembly" movies of the child, similar to those showing the construction of a dam. When the child is 18, he'll be able to see himself shoot up in celluloid.

Frank McHugh tipped Hugh Herbert off to a new racket the other day when an extra touched Hugh for enough for a meal and to rent a tuxedo for a dress job in the picture. He took Herbert to the set where the extra was appearing in overalls and explained he lent the imposter \$5 the previous day for the same purpose.

Hollywood is getting its share of first nights. The special train for the San Diego premiere of Warner Bros. Cosmopolitan's picture, "Devil Dogs of the Air," almost denuded the lot of stars. They got back at three in the morning after seeing the biggest first night in the history of San Diego.

Latest Flashes—

The stars turned out for Billie Burke's memorial revival of the "Follies." Charles Chaplin, with his hair dyed for his new film, was ducking the "photogs" in company with Paulette Goddard, whose cross-strapped green evening gown had the fans all "ooohing." Studio work delayed Billie Burke until 15 minutes after the show started. Fox is broadcasting for Will Rogers to "come home" and do another picture. Evelyn Venable is arranging to publish a cook book for vegetarians this summer. Husband Hal Mohr is a vegetarian, too. Frank Borzage is taking his first horse ride since his accident. Ken Maynard, his wife and sister got in by boat soon. Two sets of dancers, Ramon and Rosita, and Tony and Rene de Marco, were playing mailman's holiday the other night at the Trocadero. Pearce and Harris comprise the new dance team there. De Mille's fighting falcon, Caesar, disappeared from "The Crusades" set and was found in the R-K-O lot. Saw Ian Keith in his handsome whiskers for his "Crusades" role, at the "Follies" opening with Fern Andrie. Henry Hull and wife met Frank Morgan and Otto Kruger there for the first time in five years. Joseph von Sternberg staging it with Dr. Karl Veellmueller of "The Miracle." The Lew Ayres (Ginger Rogers) are hot on ranch buying after a week-end with the Joel McCrea's (Frances Dee) at their Chatsworth ranch. Lillian Harvey phoned from the Europa at sea that she's going to Switzerland before reporting to London for work.



Paulette Goddard

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a proof sworn to by Constance Collier, M-G-M's new importation from England. The pair met eight months ago in London at the Savoy and Gene told the star, whose reign was at its height in British films, she was going to Hollywood very soon. That afternoon, Louis B. Mayer, making a London visit, gave her the offer to come over here.

HOLLYWOOD—Regardless of the unorthodox production methods followed by George White for his new musical at Fox, the scheme seems to work. White, you will recall, insists on "shooting" between the hours of 3 p. m. and 3 a. m., saying his girls are more beautiful in the evening. He is now a white-headed boy with the production department for being almost seven days ahead of his schedule and plenty of thousands under the assessed cost on the picture.

Two new social dances will be introduced when Warners' "Go Into Your Dance" and "Caliente" are released. In the first picture, Ruby Keeler and Klayton Kirby dance a new rumba variation, the "Cuban Son." Dolores Del Rio has had a special dance devised for her by the name of her picture, "Caliente."

A fan letter from the Fiji Islands brings Bing Crosby a belated prophecy. Mary Addis, who has just seen "The Big Broadcast" (released several years ago), has written Bing from one of the Fiji towns that she wants to be one of the first to ask for his screen autograph, as she feels sure he is going to be a big star when the picture gets around.

Late Flashes— Mae West is being schooled in the spaghetti style for her opera number from "Sam and Delilah," by Armando Agnini, Italian octave expert. With his own slice of the flu over and Mrs. Brisson back from the hospital, Carl is taking her to Palm Springs for a rest. Una O'Connor models her friends in clay. Dr. Lee Jewell, father of Isabel, arrives here for a visit, his eyesight greatly improved. Bob Montgomery recklessly starts a new fad by buying ice skates and departing for Yosemite with the missus. Mrs. Clark Gable and her daughter, Georgianna, leave for Houston, Tex., where Georgianna is to be maid of honor at a chum's wedding. But not before they bought a load of presents for Clark's birthday. Hugh Walpole, the British novelist, is out of the hospital after two operations for his neuralgia. He is better and leaves London for Hollywood again sometime this year. Bob Armstrong keeps up his campus associations by attending the annual Delta Tau Delta dinner here. When Eddie Sutherland developed toothache at the Dunes the other day, Al Wertheimer had a dentist come right in to the dinner table and stop the misery for him. Tommy Conlin, whom you've been pigeonholing as a child actor, is back after a year's personal appearances, 18 years old but looking 19.



Una O'Connor

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TO START PLATTE SURVEY Washington.—Dr. Elwood Mead, director of the U. S. bureau of reclamation, said Friday that a field force soon would be assigned to Nebraska to make a survey of the proposed North Platte river irrigation project. The survey will be financed by \$50,000 allotted by Public Works Administrator Ickes.

Work on the survey will start in the very near future," Mead said, "and a report on the North Platte project will be made to PWA and reclamation officials as soon as possible." Mead said he could not estimate the length of time there will be required to study the North Platte territory and possible plans for impounding and diverting the water of the stream.

Home Loans are Being Repaid All Over the Nation

Only Ten Deliberate Defaults Have Been Found in Thousands of Loans Over the Country.

The Home Owners' Loan Corporation reports that of the 58 foreclosure suits which it has so far instituted throughout the United States, only ten have resulted from deliberate default by home owners who apparently believed that no action to force payment would be taken by the corporation, the remainder being due to abandonment, resulting from death of the owner or similar misfortune.

Referring to the ten cases of willful delinquency, John H. Fahey, chairman of the corporation, said: "The public interest calls for general recognition that individual loans from this corporation are valid obligations, and that no compromise can be made with borrowers who deliberately refuse to live up to their contracts on the mistaken assumption that they can do so without penalty. The great majority of our borrowers are making their payments to us promptly, just as they pay their household bills and other private obligations. Our record of collections to date compares favorably with that of private lending institutions. Our delinquencies are confined mainly to the relatively small number of people who are in genuine difficulty, resulting from unemployment or other causes beyond their control. They are entitled to co-operation from their creditors in getting back on their feet. The corporation intends to keep on giving helpful consideration to every home owner borrower whose past credit standing is favorable and who proves to be in such acute financial distress that he is utterly unable to make his contractual payments at this time.

On the other hand, the corporation cannot tolerate the refusal of any of its borrowers to live up to their obligations, in cases where they are obviously able to do so. A number of our borrowers now face the loss of their properties through foreclosure because they willfully defaulted on their payments.

It is to be regretted that an irresponsible element has spread the impression that this corporation does not insist upon collection of payments due. Any such suggestion implies that swindlers and deliberate defaulters are entitled to encouragement in their bad faith at the cost of the entire public, which this corporation represents.

I am glad to say that only a small number of people are so far threatened with the loss of their homes in foreclosure by following such misleading advice. The number is bound to increase, however, if more of our borrowers are deluded into neglecting their promissory obligations which unquestionably they are able to meet. Every such case of willful default is subject to immediate foreclosure action.

The eleven regional offices, which supervise the servicing of the corporation's loans, are now in operation. They have materially reduced the amount of past-due interest and principal and the number of delinquents, by emphasizing the necessity of punctual payment.

In this way, the regional offices have corrected misunderstanding in many quarters, and have effected payment in a number of cases which would otherwise have resulted in foreclosure proceedings. They report that, with very few exceptions, the borrowers recognize that this corporation has helped them to save their homes by making new loans, which require only a very moderate monthly payment to bring them into ultimate debt-free ownership of their properties, and they are making every effort to repay the obligation.

Sheffield, England.—Henry Ross, 69, was committed to trial on a charge of kidnaping a child in England thirty-one years ago and taking him to New Jersey. The prosecutor charged that in 1904 Ross obtained permission to take John William Whitnear, 4, on a fishing trip. Instead, the prosecutor said, they boarded a ship for the United States and settled in Newark. Authorities quoted Ross as saying the boy's mother "told me I was the father of her son and on several occasions had told me to take John away." This was denied by the mother, who has since remarried.

FACES KIDNAPING TRIAL Sheffield, England.—Henry Ross, 69, was committed to trial on a charge of kidnaping a child in England thirty-one years ago and taking him to New Jersey.

Your home town merchant will do more to accommodate you than any big city store, mail order house or radio station peddler. Isn't he entitled to your trade?

MANLEY NEWS

Mrs. R. C. Meler, of Louisville, was visiting for a few days during the past week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mockenhaupt. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rau were in Louisville last Saturday, where they were looking after some shopping and as well meeting with friends.

Harold Krecklow, who has been visiting with friends and relatives at Hartington for the past few days, returned home late last week after having had a very fine visit while he was away.

Adolph Steinkamp, who has been sick for so long is reported as getting along very nicely now and is able to be up and about the home, which is very well, considering the condition he has been in for some time past.

Harry Williams and wife are expected to remove to their home in Elmwood shortly after the first of March and the farm will be farmed this summer by Henry Knaupe, who has been farming on his father's place near the Wabash cemetery. Henry's father, who has been living on the town line road east of the Rock Island tracks, will move to his farm, being vacated by the son.

Make Change of Priest Monsignor Manville, who has been stationed at Auburn, has been transferred to a charge at York. Father P. Harte, pastor of the Manley church, was called to Auburn last Wednesday to deliver an address to the church at that place.

Men Serve to Perfection The men of the St. Patrick's parish of the Catholic church, were sponsors of a Tango party which was held at the Manley town hall on last Tuesday evening. The arrangements, which are generally in the hands of the women of the church, were transferred to the men this time, and they surely proved themselves worthy of the trust. Not alone did they handle the preliminary arrangements, but prepared the cats and served them in most perfect manner. As a result of their enterprise a neat sum of money was realized for the use of the church. Here's to you, boys!

Elevator Board Elects The new board of directors of the Manley Grain company held their first meeting a few evenings ago and after proceeding to organize by the election of Frank Bergman as president and Oris Schliefert as secretary, re-elected Harry Haws as manager for the coming year. Their business last year was very satisfactory as shown by the auditor's balance sheet, recently published in this paper. They are anticipating even better business the coming year. A satisfactory dividend has been declared.

Sad Accident in the West Mrs. Richard Pickard, who was a resident of Manley some years ago, and who removed from here to Falls City, later going from there to the Pacific coast, was killed instantly last Saturday when a car in which she was riding at San Diego, Calif., collided with another car.

According to the information we have received, Mrs. Pickard and her husband, together with their son, Maynard Pickard and wife and two other persons figured in the accident, suffering injuries of varying degrees. The husband of the deceased fared the best of the sextette, as he sustained no serious injuries, while his wife was killed instantly.

Celebrated 15th Anniversary February 4, 1920, witnessed a number of weddings, including those of Eddie Stander and wife, John Mockenhaupt and wife and Aaron Rauth and wife, this latter couple now residing in the vicinity of York.

On last Sunday the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Stander gathered at their home for a right merry celebration of the anniversary so near at hand. A grand time was had by all, the celebration lasting throughout the day and evening. Those present included Frank Stander and wife, of Omaha, the parents of Eddie; Walter O'Brien and family, Mrs. James Kelly, Susan Reichart, of Elmwood, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Honor and family, John P. Stander and family, of Omaha, and Father Patrick Harte, of Manley. Numerous remembrances and tokens of esteem were presented to the happy couple.

That same evening a large crowd of the friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Mockenhaupt gathered at their home to help them celebrate in a fitting and proper manner. Among those present were a number from Louisville and Greenwood, the bride having resided in that vicinity prior to her marriage.

No report has been received from

Heads Liquor Probe



Herbert B. Cohen

An investigation was ordered of New York state liquor store administration after Gov. George Earle charged that the state board had purchased a large quantity of "unknown and unsalable" brands of whisky which would require 124 years to sell. Herbert B. Cohen, above, was named chairman of the legislative investigating committee.

INDIVIDUAL EFFORT FIRST Dayton, O.—Social security was declared by Senator L. J. Dickinson, Iowa republican, to be the "product of individual effort and not of government planning" in an address before the Dayton Women's Republican club here.

"History warns us," said the new deal critic, "that whenever social reforms are attempted the future of the individual is insecure. The freest people have always been the richest and generally the happiest and the healthiest. When individual initiative is curbed; when rugged individualism becomes a crime; when planned economy curtails the effort of the individual, our people are less secure."

Dickinson said social security is the product of plenty and not scarcity and ridiculed crop curtailment. He also criticized the NRA, asserting that "all of the promises, all of the ballyhoo, all of the headlines, all of the publicity with reference to the NRA, are just so many promises with no benefits forthcoming."

The Tennessee valley authority was criticized by the senator as an expensive socialistic experiment. He said the proposed nearly 5 billion dollar federal works bill represented the most flagrant demand ever made in peace time for congress to abdicate its control of national expenditures.

The Rauth home at York as to how they celebrated the anniversary. Congratulations to all the parties, and may you live to enjoy many more years of happy married life together.

TEXAS SHERIFF ARRESTED Post, Texas, Febr. 8.—Sheriff Cato of Garza county made bond of \$5,000 on a state murder charge in connection with the machine gun slaying of Spencer Stafford, a federal narcotic agent, but was taken into custody almost immediately afterward on a federal murder charge.

"See it before you buy it."

Arrest Organizer



Ward H. Rogers

An attempt to unionize southern tenant farmers was broken up when Ward H. Rogers, ousted federal relief instructor, recently convicted on charges of anarchy, was arrested at Marked Tree, Ark., for disturbing the peace.



INVESTMENTS—pictures, books J. P. Morgan sold half a dozen paintings from his collection the other day for \$1,500,000. He did not state how much he or his father had paid for them, but there is little doubt that he made a very handsome profit.

For anyone who has capital that he can afford to tie up for a period of years there is probably no more profitable investment than in rare pictures and rare books. Of course it is not easy to acquire the necessary expert knowledge to make such investments intelligently, but I know of many instances in which men have taken out several hundred times what they put in after only a few years.

One friend of mine who died a number of years ago had the walls of his house, even the stair walls, covered with paintings by George Innes, which he bought at low prices while Innes was alive, figuring that after the artist's death they would command high prices. He also spent several years and about \$50,000 buying autographed presentation copies of first editions of the famous New England authors of the 19th century.

On my friend's death this collection of books was bought by J. P. Morgan for \$350,000 and the Innes paintings, into which he had put about \$100,000, were ultimately sold by his estate for nearly a million.

BOOKS—sometimes live Nothing is more true than that a good book never dies. I have a friend who is at the head of the circulation department of one of the branches of the New York public library. He tells me that they cannot supply the demand for the standard English classics, Dickens, Thackeray and other old favorites and that Mark Twain's books are in greater demand than ever. Mark Twain's publishers told me not long ago that they pay his daughter, Mrs. Ossip Gabrilowitch, more money in royalties every year than her father ever got when he was alive.

My friend, Charles H. Compton of the St. Louis public library, has lately been checking up on the kind of people who read the so-called "high brow" books and finds that they circulate among people of every walk of life and every degree of education.

We hear more about the popular books of the day that sell 100,000 copies or more; these are often quickly forgotten while the old stand-bys, which really reveal people to themselves because their authors had a deep understanding of human nature, live forever.

TROLLEYS—their span The other day they ran the last trolley car on the world's oldest street car line. Modern buses replaced the trolleys on the Fourth and Madison avenue line in New York. I saw the trolley cars begin and I am seeing them end. Interurban lines are rapidly giving place to bus lines and now the city trolleys are quitting. Less than 50 years ago, when I was a boy in Washington, the Richmond & Danville railroad used to run cheap Sunday round trip excursions from Washington to Richmond so that the people could go down to the capital of Virginia and see the first electric railway ever built. It was the eight wonder of the world, and the man who built it, whom I later got to know very well, Frank J. Sprague, died in New York just a few weeks ago, just as his great invention had come to the end of its life also.

A world can make a great many revolutions in one man's life-time.

STAMPS—for collectors To folks who are not familiar with the tremendous prices which stamp collectors pay for rare or unique specimens, it may sound absurd when the newspapers talk about half a million dollars as the value of certain unguessed, unperfected stamps which Postmaster General Farley is reported to have given some of his friends. It is easily possible that a single small block of such stamps may have a collector's value of \$50,000 or more.

Few people realize that a large source of profit to the government for many years has been from the sale of first issues of new stamps in sheets to collectors and dealers. Mr. Farley has done more in this line than any of his predecessors. Soviet Russia is said to make a profit of over \$2,000,000 a year from the sale of collec-

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GOSSARD

stamps and one of the smaller Latin-American nations, for several years, paid nearly all of its government expenses by getting out limited issues of special stamps at frequent intervals.

CIGARETTES—they grow Twenty years ago, in 1915, there was just one respectable restaurant in New York in which women were permitted to smoke. In the mezzanine gallery of the old Cafe Martin, at 26th street and Broadway, a lady might light a cigarette but she would be thrown out of any other restaurant or hotel in New York if she dared to light one. To smoke a cigarette in public was regarded as a public confession of immortality. Respectable women just didn't do it.

I saw some figures the other day indicating that as a result of the spread of cigarette smoking among women the United States is now consuming eight times as many cigarettes as twenty years ago and only half as many cigars. We smoke 2.8 cigarettes per person per day. We also drink 2.8 cups of coffee per person per day. Whether there is any relation between the consumption of coffee and of cigarettes I am not sure, but I am inclined to think that the stimulating effect of coffee breeds a desire for the sedative effect of cigarettes.

I have not seen any recent figures on chewing tobacco, but that is one use of the weed to which the ladies never did take kindly, although in my youth it was far more widespread than smoking either cigars, cigarettes or pipes.

NO SUNDAY HORSE RACES

A provision in S. F. 14, the Ak-Sar-Ben parti-mutuel bill, which would have prohibited dog racing from coming within scope of the act, was stricken by the state senate Thursday afternoon.

The motion to strike the clause from the bill was offered by Senator O'Brien of Grand Island, who has pending a bill which would bring dog racing under supervision of the commission established by S. F. 14.

Previously the senate had defeated a motion by Neumann, which would have permitted horse races on Sunday.

A motion to indefinitely postpone, made by McGowan, was defeated without a record vote, and the bill advanced to third reading.

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