

"Gone with the Wind" Instituted Greatest Talent Hunt In History

Just before Christmas a year ago a huge ten-foot replica of "Gone with the Wind" tied up with a blue ribbon was delivered to the Hollywood home of David O. Selznick. It bore a placard reading, "Open at once."

The puzzled young producer lifted the massive cover, and stared down at a strange girl, dressed in a green dress of the Civil War period. She smiled and said, "I am Scarlett O'Hara from the pages of 'Gone with the Wind.'"

No, it was not Vivien Leigh, who won the role. That would have been more unbelievable than the way in which Selznick really found Miss Leigh. The girl in the ten-foot book was just one of the thousands who attempted to secure the role of Scarlett. Hers

was the most novel effort during the long search, and it was one of the few laughs Selznick got out of that hunt. Most of the time, the talent chase brought a series of headaches to the persistent producer, who admits, however, that he would do it all over again if it were necessary.

An Expensive Search
Few chapters out of Hollywood's history have paralleled that search for Scarlett. It cost a pretty penny—\$92,000 to be exact. This is \$12,000 more than Selznick paid for the screen rights to Margaret Mitchell's best-selling book. It also is more than nine times the \$10,000 spent on tests to cast all of the other thirty-nine leading roles in the picture, but Selznick feels it was the most successful talent search

in all Hollywood's history. The search did not actually unearth a Scarlett but it covered the field thoroughly and paved the way for the actual casting. Along the way, it also made possible the discovery of a number of other girls who blossomed into screen favorites all over Hollywood as a result of testing for the "Gone with the Wind" part.

The search for Scarlett was actually the public's idea, Selznick reveals. When "Gone with the Wind" became a sudden sensation, readers started sending in unsolicited selections as to the casting, and Selznick decided to find out the trend of opinion. He openly invited more suggestions. For nearly two years a staff of girls had to compile votes, and aid in answering letters.

The first year of the search, Miriam Hopkins was the favorite with Margaret Sullivan second. The second year the lead was taken by Bette Davis. But as many letters were received urging a new girl be given the role as the total for all other actresses combined. This confirmed Selznick's opinion that a newcomer should play the role.

149,000 Feet of Tests
Margaret Mitchell had described Scarlett minutely, and Selznick's hope was to find an actress who looked like the heroine and could still give a good performance. Thousands of readings were given. Every girl whose letter showed intelligent seriousness in seeking the role, or who sent a photo resembling Scarlett was interviewed, despite the fact that the mail was staggering. For this purpose, three centers were set up, one in New York, one in the South, the third in Hollywood. Tests alone consumed 149,000 feet of black and white, and 13,000 feet of Technicolor film.

The fact that the Scarlett O'Hara role is the longest ever created for a picture did not make Selznick's job easier. This fact is shown in the finished production, which contains eighty-five sequences with Miss Leigh appearing in ninety per cent of all scenes.

The picture actually started without a Scarlett. The first big scene was the burning of munition storehouses in Atlanta, re-created on the studio's "back lot" of Forty Acres. Atlanta had to be burned thoroughly at the beginning of the picture.

A pronounced power farming trend of recent years has been the great increase in the number of so-called garden tractors sold to American farmers.

Important Names At P.-T. Meeting

PTA, with its 70,000 members, has definite drawing power for important speakers. When delegates assemble in High Point this month for their 21st annual convention, they will be greeted and addressed by as important a list of State names as ever seen in print.

Governor Clyde R. Hoey will bring greetings to the banquet session on Thursday evening, April 18. The Honorable J. H. Rose, state commander of American Legion, will make the address on "The Function of Our Schools in Maintaining our Democratic Institutions." Honorable Rose is superintendent of the Greenville city schools and a member of the Governor's commission on education.

Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the Greater University of North Carolina, will be the featured speaker at Thursday morning's meeting. He will talk on "Federal Aid to Education" and Dr. Ralph McDonald and Dr. Howard Dawson will lead a forum on the subject. Dr. McDonald is state forum counselor for UNC and Dr. Dawson of Washington, D. C. is director of rural service for the National Education Association. Mr. Lloyd Griffin of Raleigh, secretary to the School Text Book Commission will also appear on this forum. Mr. Griffin's topic will be, "The Practical Side of Allocating Federal Funds for Equalizing Educational Opportunities."

R. Mayne Albright, director North Carolina State Employment Service, will address the Thursday afternoon session. A panel discussion will follow, led by S. Marion Justice, state supervisor of Occupational Information and Guidance. H. E. Stacey, president North Carolina School Board Association and Guy B. Phillips, secretary of the Governor's commission on education, will discuss legislation on the same day.

Mrs. W. T. Post, commissioner of N. C. State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, speaks on Wednesday afternoon the 17th on "Meeting Some Child Welfare Needs." On Friday, Dr. W. D. Perry, secretary Mental Hygiene Society will present "Mental Hygiene for Parents—A Next Step in Education." Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will address the congress assembly and summarize the convention findings at the final meeting that afternoon.

Junius Allison, past president Classroom Teachers Association; Ronald Hocutt, director Safety Division of North Carolina State Highway Department; R. M. Grumman, director Extension Department UNC; Dean J. D. Messick of Elon College, and Mr. Charles Spencer of the Health Division of North Carolina Educational Association, will assist with group conferences throughout the convention.

Miss Grace Van Dyke More of Greensboro, national chairman of Mothersingers for the PTA will direct the state parent-teacher chorus of Mothersingers as a social feature on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Doyle D. Alley of Waynesville, state president of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers will preside at all sessions. Mrs. Alley will also present the Convention theme, "The Next Steps in Education," on Wednesday afternoon.

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NOTICE OF RE-SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Under and by virtue of power vested in the undersigned by a certain deed of trust executed by Claude Pearson and wife, Chessie Pearson, same being of record in the office of Register of Deeds for Wilkes County, in book 179, page 200, to the undersigned as trustee to secure the payment of a certain note and default having been made in the payment of said note and as in said deed of trust prescribed, and the hereinafter described lands having been sold at public sale on March 29, 1940, and an upset bid having been filed within the time prescribed by law;

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Headlight Glare To Be Reduced

Bombarded with requests to "do something" about the menace of glaring headlights on the highways of this State, Ronald Hocutt, Director of the Highway Safety Division, this week appealed to enforcement officials of the state and individual drivers to cooperate in stamping out this wide-spread traffic hazard.

"Glaring headlights are a menace to the safety of all who ride and walk upon the highways at night," said Hocutt. "The driver who is blinded by the headlights of an approaching car may swerve that car, run off the road, strike a bridge abutment, or run down a pedestrian whom he cannot see. And the really serious aspect of the matter is the fact that so few drivers regard glaring headlights as dangerous and attach no importance to dimming their lights when meeting another car."

"I'd like to see every North Carolina driver practice headlight-dimming as a matter of commonsense and courtesy, because that is all it is essentially. But if the drivers refuse to cooperate, then I hope the enforcement officials and courts of the State will wage an unrelenting campaign against glaring headlights," Hocutt said.

Three Important 4-H Announcements Made

L. R. Harrill, State 4-H Club leader, comes forward this week with three important announcements regarding the 4-H program in North Carolina. The first is that 4-H Church Sunday will be observed on April 28; another is that a Dairy Foods Demonstration Contest will be conducted for 4-H members of the State this year; and the third is that loans of as much as \$75 are available to club members through the Farm Security Administration's Rural Rehabilitation program.

The 4-H Church Sunday is an annual event, and last year Harrill says he received reports at the State College office of 39 organized programs presented by county and community groups. These ranged from the preparation and distribution of the church bulletin, to the presentation of special music, giving inspirational talks, acting as ushers, taking up the collection, conduct-

ing Vesper services, placing flowers in the church, and beautifying the church grounds.

Miss Mary E. Thomas, Extension nutritionist, is in charge of the Dairy Foods Demonstration Contest. County winners will be selected, and these teams will compete at the State 4-H Short Course at State College July 22-27 for the right to compete in the National contest at the National Dairy Show in Harrisburg, Penn., October 12-19. Gold watches will be awarded members of the winning team from each of the four sections of the United States.

The FSA loans will be made to 800 and daughters of FSA clients for the purpose of buying calves, pigs, chickens, and other livestock, and they may be made for the purpose of buying seed, plants, fertilizer, and the like for club projects.

Extension farm and home agents in the counties will gladly furnish additional information on any of these subjects, Harrill said.

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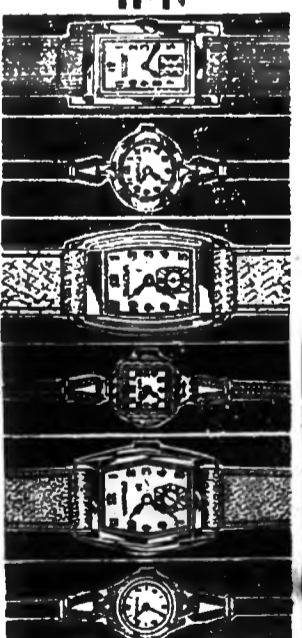
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