

Star Dust

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By Virginia Vale

FOR the first time in a lifetime during which she has shown deep interest in motion pictures, the Dowager Queen Mary of Great Britain recently visited a motion picture studio. She was shown around her studios by Alexander Korda, and watched a group recording war songs for the picture, "Four Feathers." She also saw two reels of the picture.

Some years ago Myrna Loy rebelled against playing siren roles. She showed what she could do in the part of a delightful wife in "The Thin Man," and since then she's been playing delightful wives until she's sick unto death of them, too.

So now she'll turn siren again, as "Lady Esketh," in "The Ruins of Carne," the picture version of that



MYRNA LOY

very good book that everybody was reading a year or so ago. After that she'll play another young woman who is something less than perfect when she is co-starred with Spencer Tracy in "Sea of Grass," in a role that will have to be considerably rewritten if the censors are to approve of it.

A picture based on the life of Raphael Valentini is to reach the screen at last. It is one of the five productions to be released through United Artists in 1939-40 by Edward Small Productions, Inc. And various old newspaper men are waiting for it with considerable interest, wondering how certain parts of the biography will be fixed up so that they are fit for the screen.

Two Texas cities, Fort Worth and San Antonio, took particular interest when two recent R. K. O. pictures were released. One was Douglas Corrigan's "The Flying Fishman," because it was in San Antonio that Corrigan worked as a newsboy to support his mother after his father deserted the family. Fort Worth wanted to see "The Story of Vaman Castle," with Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire, because it was at Benbrook field, Fort Worth, that Castle crashed his plane to avoid colliding in mid-air with another.

Incidentally, Mrs. Castle, who acted as technical director for the picture, is very much pleased with Astaire's portrayal of her famous husband. She wasn't so well satisfied with the agile Ginger's performance as his wife, because, as she said, she couldn't imagine herself as a blonde.

Casting Henry Fonda in a leading role in "The Story of Alexander Graham Bell" was what's known as a natural. Fonda himself was delighted. For when he was in high school he decided that his career in life would have something to do with the telephone business, if he had anything to say about it.

During his last two years in high school he worked as a "trouble shooter," and when he got his degree from the University of Minnesota his thesis was on communication systems, especially the telephone and telegraph. It was just by accident that he worked with a Little Theater group and finally landed in the movies.

The first radio program to arrange for an exhibit at the New York World's fair is Dave Eiman's "Hobby Lobby." A special building is being erected, and thousands of specimens of hobbies will be on display. In addition, Eiman has arranged for hobbyists who have been on his programs to appear at the exhibit and explain their hobbies.

ODDS AND ENDS—Hollywood's glamorous girls who appear as guest stars on "The Circle" broadcasts usually demand that Cary Grant play opposite them. . . . Isabel Sheridan, stand-in for Joan Bennett in "The Man in the Iron Mask," is Mary Pickford's cousin. . . . A perfect piece of casting seems to be that of Ronald Colman for the hero in "The Light That Failed." . . . Warner Brothers won't screen "John Dillinger, Outlaw" after all—no many people didn't like the idea. . . . "Big Crosby" going to work with 15 children in "The Star Makers"—probably at least one of them will become a star.

In The WEEK'S NEWS



DRAFT DODGER BERGDOLL TO RETURN—Mrs. Bertha Bergdoll announced that her husband, Grover Bergdoll, who dodged the draft during the World War, will return home from Germany and face prosecution. Mrs. Bergdoll is shown with her attorney and four of her five children.



PENDERGAST FREED—Thomas J. Pendergast, nationally-known political boss of Kansas City, Mo., indicted on charges of evading Federal income taxes of \$315,000, is shown signing the \$10,000 bond on which he was freed.



NEW FLY CASTING GAME—Tony Accetta, U. S. professional all around bait and fly casting champion and star of "Let's Go Fishing," new 2-reel sound motion picture being distributed by the Fisher Body Division of General Motors, explains fundamentals of popular new fly casting game "Fish-O" to Dr. C. A. Wilson, President of the American Camping Association, and to Larry Long.



WORLD'S ONLY WOMAN CLOWN—Lulu Adams and her husband Albertino take a breather of coffee and a bun before making their debut with Ringling Bros.-Barnum & Bailey circus in New York. She is the first woman to don a clown's greasepaint, and scored a great success last season on the continent.



SPORT FROCK FOR SPRING—Irene Dunne, picture star, is decked out in a white crepe sports frock for Spring. The pockets are lined and bound with blue crepe, an effect repeated in the box pleats of the skirt. Buttons are stylized flowers in glass.



CONGRATULATES NEGRO SINGER—Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes as he congratulated Marian Anderson, world-famed Negro contralto, after her concert from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, Washington.

Bunch Grapes Need Bordeaux Spray

Bunch grapes, such as the Concord and Niagara varieties, should be sprayed with Bordeaux mixture to control black rot disease which causes the berries to dry up and drop from the bunches, says H. R. Niswonger, horticulturist of the State College Extension service.

The first application should be made when the second or third leaf is showing, he recommends. The next spray is before the blossoms are open and the third application should come when the berries are about the size of B-B shot. This will suffice if a two-penny paper sack is immediately slipped over each bunch with the top folded over and secured with a pin. The grapes will continue to develop and color within the bag and be protected from infection, as well done, the grapes should be sprayed as birds and insects. If this is not done, the grapes should be sprayed two weeks after they reach the B-B shot stage. If there are periods of wet weather before the grapes are ripe, additional applications of Bordeaux may be necessary.

Niswonger gives the following advice on preparing Bordeaux mixture: Dissolve one pound of bluestone in 12 gallons of water. Mix one pound of hydrated lime (plaster's finishing lime) in a little water to make a thin paste. Stir this slowly through a sieve into the bluestone water. When spraying, agitate the liquid frequently to prevent settling of the materials.

When chewing insects are present, two ounces of arsenate of lead should be added to the 10 gallons of Bordeaux mixture, the specialist said. Leaf hoppers can be controlled by spraying the underside of the leaves with 40 percent nicotine sulphate (black leaf 40) at the rate of one tablespoonful to one gallon of water to which is added a small quantity of soap about the size of a small walnut.

Household Hint

Here is a smart way to put screws in plaster walls that are thin or easily cracked. This idea won a cash award for Mrs. Alfred Burnham of Pittsburgh, Pa., in one of the regular monthly contests conducted by WIN Magazine. Make a hole in the wall nearly as deep as the screw is long, using an icepick for small screws, a drill for larger ones. Then put in the screw as far as it will go, to get the hole big enough. Here comes the secret! Remove the screw, then stuff the hole securely with steel wool. Now you'll find that the screws hold in the wall, and you'll be surprised at how much weight they'll support.

Packing Plant To Locate In N. C.

Raleigh, April 10.—Construction of a large meat packing plant in North Carolina to serve a number of southern states is expected to be announced in the near future by one of the nationally known packing companies, according to Director R. Bruce Etheridge of the Department of Conservation and Development. For more than a year the Industrial Division of the Department has been in consultation with packing company officials and has assisted in making surveys of several prospective locations, Mr. Etheridge said.

For a number of years packing plants in other states have been buying more and more hogs from North Carolina farmers, especially in the eastern part of the state, with the result that North Carolina has now become one of the foremost hog-producing states in the south, Mr. Etheridge pointed out. To facilitate the purchase of hogs and their shipment to finishing plants, several buying stations have already been established by out-of-state packers.

"The successful operation of these hog-buying stations, along with the cooperation of the farmers in increasing both the quality and quantity of their hog crops the last few years, has convinced agricultural authorities, the Department of Conservation and Development, and several meat packing companies that North Carolina is an ideal place for the location and growth of a thriving meat packing industry," Director Etheridge said.

"The heavy reduction of the cotton acreage, both in the Piedmont area and in the eastern portion of the state, has turned the attention of more and more farmers to the raising of livestock. As a result, packers would have no difficulty in finding sufficient cattle as well as hogs to supply their needs. The fact that North Carolina is within 600 miles of half the population of the United States, especially the large centers of population in the east, is another factor that is interesting the packers."

The fact that North Carolinians are now spending more than \$50,000,000 a year for meat packed in other states, together with the steadily increasing supply of hogs, is proving of decided interest, Mr. Etheridge said.

Beef In Anson

Adam Lockhart and U. B. Blacklock are leading the procession in growing pure bred Hereford beef cattle on Anson farms. Henry Martin, Jr., and Fred Coude recently purchased two beef calves from Mr. Lockhart to start a 4-H beef calf project.



by VICTOR MEEKINS

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At 16 I heard of his death, gone before his time at the age of 54, an uncomplaining victim of his long days and nights of service to his people, who little knew or understood the great strain under which his life work was done. I recall how I sneaked away beyond the sight of man to shed a silent tear when I heard he was gone. We all loved him. We remembered as a child the rock candy he dispensed; we recalled his breezy words of encouragement. He seemed to know more than ordinary folks. We marvelled upon hearing that he while in college, had actually learned three languages, all unknown to us. We always wanted to hear him speak them. He no doubt, like all of us, had long since grown rusty on the things he learned in school. But he never forgot to write in a neat and beautiful hand and he could write printing something good.

Gone But Not Forgotten

Later, when grown to manhood, I lived for several years in the town where rest his mortal remains. My unconscious affection often led me to his grave. I can always recall as distinctly as though it stood before me now, the massive dignity of the gray granite cross, fashioned fairly from the rough hewn rock, and standing manhigh in the quaint Episcopal cemetery in the old home town. As he stood alone and far apart from the throng in his home community, so stands his tomb, beneath the shadows of gaunt, scraggly cedar limbs. A slender dogwood, that blossoms in purest white in spring, had sprung from the foot of his grave. I see so plainly the wreath carved on the cross, with its flowing granite ribbons, and its simple inscription in silent eloquence.

Nothing else is there; nothing more is needed. It mutely tells its solemn story. Here his remains have found their final rest.

Time passes by or wings that are swift. Life's cares and joys leave their marks upon us with heavy hand, for better or for worse. New responsibilities bring new duties that supplant the interests of days

Record

Cherry, an 8-year-old shorthorn cow, owned in England, recently set a new world's record for a year's milk production. She produced 41,644 1-2 pounds, or an average of 57 quarts a day.

long fled before us. I mention the old family doctor as an example of the warm affection he had bided in our simple trusting hearts. No doubt all others loved him as much. No one figures more in the joys and sorrows of a lifetime than the old country doctor, the faithful friend from childhood, the constant companion in the midst of misfortune; the rock of strength to lean upon when gripped in the nameless fear and terror of dread and unknown disease.

Hair Raising Yarns

We took comfort from his reassuring demeanor and saw no more gigantic and frightful imaginary monsters of trouble after he had diagnosed our case, left his soothing powders and pills, and a cheerful story. I recall the awe with which I watched him prepare to stitch a boyhood wound, how twice with seeming unconcern but ready skill, he set a broken bone. How we used to hang on his parting words of advice for our future care and comfort.

Time was when our unformed superstitious minds marvelled at the gruesome ghostly yarns he unraveled to give us something else to think about. Mature minds of course knew what to think, but open-mouthed childhood listened in wonder and in awe.

Was A Versatile Man

The intense interest that he could pack into his ghost stories, was easily transferred into light and cheerful things that he would tell his patients. The versatility of the man was incredible, particularly to a young mind. It was hard to understand how he knew so much, if one understood little of human nature. He was ready for all and occasion. He could move his audience as quickly to laughter as to tears. It might be a Sunday School picnic that suddenly thrust him on the platform to say a few words, which he could do with amazing ease and grace. He could with his modest oratory, lead everyone into a land of promise, or arouse the most serious reflections among those who heard him, depending on the mood and occasion.

He could launch into politics with complete abandon of the most seasoned veteran of political battles, bringing about unparalleled enthusiasm for the cause he sponsored. He often got into disputes amid his victories but with all he was simply a very human unaccustomed attainments and his sort of person who, despite his superior gifts, knew how to live the life and speak the language of those who surrounded him.

Typical of Many Others
This brief sketch is intended not so much for a recital of the life

activities of an individual so much as it is an illustration of the activities of a country doctor. It is interesting to contemplate the tremendous grip the kind and loyal country doctor who is a good citizen to begin with, can exercise on his community. What our old friend of whom I write meant to his community and to his patients is true of doctors we have today in your county or mine. They even more so than the preachers, hold a place closer to the hearts of the people. Particularly, is this true where they live many years in a community, long enough to see their patient's children born, and their grand-children, etc.

If you want to make people really and truly mad, go into any community, like Carteret county, for instance, and make some facetious remark about Dr. Maxwell, Dr. Moore, Dr. Hyde, Dr. Chadwick, Dr. Royal, or Dr. Thompson, or refer to anything uncomplimentary to them and find out what a first class kettle of hot water you can set into. It is quite true that they disagree with their doctors and abuse them themselves, but don't you ever be the one to abuse anybody's doctor. You might as well jump into a family row and try to protect a woman whose husband is beating her, for you will soon find husband and wife turned upon you both hollering murder.

Truly it seems nothing short of marvellous the strong faith and affection the country doctor can develop in the hearts of his patients. He is so close to their lives. How I resented it when some slight remark was once made about the good old doctor. It was inconceivable; it was blasphemy; and I was, in this case willing to expound the premises that the King can do no wrong.

There is no worthier ambition a man could have, than to be able to leave his sons a heritage so rich as the country doctor. I could not hope to desire to leave by boys enough money or land that should

anywhere near equal in value the love and esteem a country doctor can pass on to his children. Truly, they should be able to travel a long way on the good name and prestige of one so well enshrined in the hearts of his people. If I could leave near so much, it would be plenty, what more could be needed?

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