

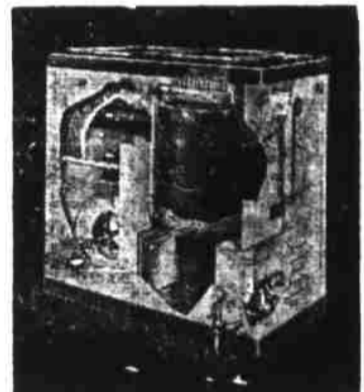
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### Powell Takes A Rest After Playing Mermaid Scene

HOLLYWOOD (UP) — William Powell wasn't kidding when he hollered, "Oh, my achin' back!" He'd just hauled 100-pound Ann Blyth and her 55-pound mermaid's tail over a 200-foot trail for the umpteenth time.

"I seriously doubt," Powell said sternly, "that all those takes were necessary. In my opinion, once was enough."

The scene for "Mr. Peabody and the Mermaid" called for Powell, Mr. Peabody, to carry Miss Blyth, the mermaid, from the portico of his Caribbean home across the garden to the pool.

Miss Blyth is ordinarily light as a feather. But she was wearing a 20-pound fish tail and 35 pounds of weights. The camera traveled alongside Powell as he staggered out of the house, down the steps and across the lawn.

After the first shot, director Irving Pichel decided on a line of dialogue.

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"Stop at the bottom of the steps," he told Powell. "Tell her you're sorry you had to get her out of your wife's bathtub."

Powell went through the scene two more times.

"Guess you better make another stop next time," Pichel said. "Shift your grip a little. And you might stagger slightly—make it look better."

The stagger was no act. And Powell spoke his line with real feeling.

"If you don't mind my saying so, my pet, you're no minnow."

Powell did it two times more that way.

"It looked perfect to me," he said.

But Pichel and cameraman Russ Mettly emerged from a whispered huddle and said they needed the whole thing over again.

"Another camera angle," they explained.

No wonder when the picture was over Powell streaked out of Universal-International for a long rest at Palm Springs.

#### BIG BANK ROBBERY—\$1

BUSHTON, Kans. (UP) — Bank burglars here got just a dollar bill—and it wasn't the bank's. Apparently frightened away by a tripped burglar alarm, the intruders left some tools behind and took only the single piece of currency, which had been found a few days earlier and had been kept in a drawer awaiting a claimant.

#### FAVORED INITIALS "H. L."

BEATRICE (UP) — Mrs. Lydia Ann Divine was consistent in giving initials to her four children. A final decree in her estate probated in county court here showed all four heirs have the same initials. H. L.—Hazel L. Reiff, Helen L. Moltzen, Hettie L. Hostetler, and H. L. Devine.

### Prime Minister Inspects Crack Indian Troops



FIRST PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru (in first jeep) inspects a crack contingent of Indian troops during a ceremonial parade in Delhi. Seventeen army units of the Western Command, including the Governor General's bodyguard, took part in the military display. Riding in the second jeep is Defense Minister Sardar Baldev Singh. Nehru is a disciple of the late Mohandas K. Gandhi. (International)

### Ads On This Area Appearing In May Issue Magazines

The State Advertising department has placed two advertisements in national publications for May, picturing the mountain area. A black and white advertisement will appear in the May issue of the National Geographic, while a four color half page will appear in the May issue of Holiday. The scene in the Holiday advertisement is of Newfound Gap, with blooming rhododendron in the background of the reading matter. The picture shows a young couple looking over the parking area at the Gap towards Haywood.

The heading on the advertisement is "Welcome Spring From the Top of the World."

Both advertisements stress sending in for the "North Carolina Variety Vacationland," a pictorial guide published by the State News Department.

#### "VISIT" BY RECORDINGS

ABERDEEN, Ida. (UP)—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ross of Aberdeen visit Ross' sister in Los Angeles each week. But they don't budge from their home here. They make recordings of their conversation, singing and piano selections and send to the sister, Mrs. T. O. Sharp, who is almost blind.

Every 38 seconds fire breaks out in the U. S. Every two minutes an American dwelling catches fire. Every 50 minutes a person dies in or because of a fire.

#### GRASS ROOTS ADVISED

DAVIS, Cal. (UP) — California farmers, beset by a record drought, may turn to Sudan grass to replenish feed for their animals. University of California agriculture experts say the grass is the best plant to supply green feed under dry-land conditions.

#### SUBSCRIBE—DON'T BORROW

IDAHO CITY, Ida. (UP)—Being neighborly has its bad points, too, according to the Idaho Mountaineer, weekly paper. The publisher, John Colley, in tag lines inserted throughout his paper pleads with readers: "Subscribe—don't borrow."

### Transactions In Real Estate

**Waynesville Township**  
Clarence White and wife to Willie E. Mehaffey and wife.  
Woodrow Troutman and wife to Robert H. Ruff and wife.  
William Medford and wife to David Felmet and wife.  
C. F. Muse and wife to James C. Arnold and wife.  
Millard Hoyle and wife to Charles Lowe and wife.  
Crawford Memorial Park, Inc. to J. A. Lowe.  
C. C. Davenport and wife to Don Allen and wife.  
Floyd Miller and wife to John L. Giles and wife.  
Dewey L. Cooper and wife to J. C. McElroy.

**Beverdam Township**  
Wendell V. Pace and wife to E. A. Pace and wife.  
W. G. Bryant and wife to Ray E. Curtis.  
Virge McClure and wife to Harry Cabe and wife.  
Pat Cable and wife to Wendell V. Pace and wife.  
Cecil B. Clontz and wife to Paul J. Gibson and wife.  
Calvin S. Sheppard and wife to V. T. Sheppard and wife.  
W. E. Williamson, et al to Hobart O. Burnett and wife.

**Cecil Township**  
Ellis Parris to W. T. Lewis.  
W. T. Lewis and wife to R. C. Ledbetter.

**Clyde Township**  
W. Garrett Reeves and wife to Joe L. Thompson and wife.

Mrs. Eliza E. Keener, et al to John C. Bryant and wife.  
Mazie Haynes et al to Herman L. Haynes, Jr.  
Mazie Haynes, et al to Evelyn Carter.  
Herman L. Haynes et al to Mazie Haynes.  
Robert L. McKinney and wife to Charles R. Hyatt and wife.

**Crabtree Township**  
Blanche Sanford Garrett and husband to Gordon Sanford.

**Ivy Hill Township**  
J. R. Marcus and wife to C. B. Hosaflook and wife.  
J. K. Marcus and wife to Wilce McGaha and wife.  
Charles F. Owen and wife to Fred H. Caldwell.

**Pigeon Township**  
Grace Chambers and Glenn Chambers and wife to Albert Messer and wife.  
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6. Today, production of petroleum products has reached an all-time record high — 61% greater than before the war and 12% greater than the peak year of war-time production!
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