

### Two More Actors To Enter New Film Club

HOLLYWOOD (UP)—Hollywood's "Life Begins at 70" club will admit two new members late this year.

Sydney Greenstreet and Lewis Stone will celebrate their 70th birthdays during the fall. Then they join the three charter members of the club—Lionel Barrymore, 70, Edmund Gwenn, 71, and Charles Coburn, 72.

The quintet of veteran actors were coincidentally all at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer at the same time, where they gave the youngsters a lesson in trouping.

Greenstreet and Barrymore worked together in "Malaya" with Spencer Tracy and Jimmy Stewart. Coburn acted with Glenn Ford and Janet Leigh in "The Doctor and the Girl." Gwenn worked with Lassié in "Challenge to Lassie." And Stone completed "Stars in My Crown" just in time to join Clark Gable and Loretta Young in "Key to the City."

The 280-pound Greenstreet is the apprentice of the group. He played his first role only eight years ago.

On Stage 41 Years "I'm still just learning the business," he admitted. But before he came to movies he appeared on the stage for 41 years.

Greenstreet performed with Sir Herbert Tree, Margaret Anglin, Julia Marlowe, Viola Allen and the Lunts. He appeared in every Shakespearean play in the production repertory of recent years. He toured every major city in America, his native British Isles, and Canada, India, Italy, France, Malta and Africa.

Only once, since he began acting at the age of 21, has Greenstreet given it up.

"I decided to become a tea planter in Ceylon," he said. "But I found tea planting boring. I sold out and went back to the stage."

And life really began, he added, at 62. That's when he came to Hollywood.

"I find it full of exhilarating discoveries that make me feel younger every day," he said.

### ALWAYS SOMETHING

WORCESTER, Mass. (UP)—Last winter Robert E. Hasselstrom lost his job. Then his home was burned down. He and his family of four lived with a relative, then borrowed a friend's vacant house. Later he lived in a tent. Recently he built a one-room house that's still incomplete. The other day his wife returned from the hospital—with twins.

### PUPPIES GO TO SCHOOL

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UP)—That story about the lamb that followed Mary to school one day is old hat. The band director at Treadwell High School had to bring two beagle puppies to school with him and feed them with an eye dropper. The pups' mother died a few hours after they were born.

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### Here's Why Van Gets Good Roles

HOLLYWOOD (UP)—Most movie stars pride themselves on being unique, but Van Johnson picked off one of the year's plum roles because he's just like anybody else.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer chose Johnson to star in "Battleground" because moviegoers say he reminds them of the boy next door.

"I'm beginning to feel like a statistic," Johnson grinned. But the bobby-sox idol proved he's still the same plain guy he always was when he went home to Newport, R. I., for the 15th annual reunion of his alma mater, Rogers High School.

One of the first things he did when he got to his father's house was to put two movie fan magazines in the kitchen window.

Signals Girl Next Door "It used to be a signal," he explained. "The girl next door and I were great movie fans. We went to shows together and swapped magazines. Putting them in the window was the signal it was time to swap."

The girl next door saw the signal, too. She rushed over and invited Johnson to lunch with her husband and three children.

At the class reunion, Johnson remembered both the first and last names of his classmates of 15 years ago.

"An elephant in size and memory," he shrugged.

One of the "bunch" had opened a small drugstore, and Johnson and his wife dropped in for lunch. They sat at counter stools basking in the breeze with the owner.

Business got its biggest boost since somebody teamed onion with hamburger.

The movie star's only concession to success was spending two hours at exclusive Bailey's Beach.

### Odd-Job Man Once

"Harder to crash than Fort Knox," he commented, remembering the days when he was happy to do odd jobs there.

Although he was picked because he typifies the average guy, Johnson was thrilled by his "Battleground" assignment.

"There really isn't any star in the picture," he said. "It's just about 12 average guys, a cross-section of America. I'm supposed to be of Swedish descent. John Hodiak's folks came from the Ukraine. Ricardo Montalban is a Mexican-American."

Others in the cast were chosen also because they could be the young men found in any of the 48 states, at home in New York or Walla Walla.

"There's no hero in the picture, either," Johnson added. "It just presents a bunch of typical Americans. What a wonderful experience playing in a picture where there's no star. Everybody plays second fiddle to everybody else."

Europe has seven midget states: Luxembourg (999 square miles), Trieste (275), Andorra (191), Liechtenstein (61), San Marino (38), Monaco (12), and Vatican City (1/16). The state of Delaware could swallow the entire lot, says the National Geographic Society.

### At The Strand Theatre



RUGGEDLY HANDSOME Robert Mitchum plays a sympathetic role in RKO Radio's action-packed drama, "The Big Steal," with Jane Greer and William Bendix sharing top honors. Mitchum's performance is a worthy successor to his portrayals in Blood on the Moon, Rachel and the Stranger, The Red Pony and Out of the Past, Opening at the Strand Theatre Wednesday.

### Women Can Be Charming At Ninety

HOLLYWOOD (UP)—A smart woman can be charming and attractive at 90, says Marjorie Main, who believes you're only as old as you think.

"There's a fountain of youth, all right," she said. "It's all in your mind. Men like George Bernard Shaw are spry and interesting at 90, and women can be, too."

"I'm no example of wit and charm, I know. But I do think too many other women give up when they get to be 40, take old age for granted and resign themselves to being blah."

For the first time in her screen career, Miss Main appears as a chic woman in Universal-International's "Ma and Pa Kettle Go to Town." One of her prizes for winning a contest is the full glamor treatment at a swank New York beauty salon. She goes in looking like a Kettle and comes out closer to Lillian Russell.

Headwork Counts More "Paint, fancy hairdos and fine clothes are only half an answer to the problem of staying young and charming after 45," she said. "What goes on inside your head counts more."

Women whose wrinkles have hidden their dimples have one advantage on their side, and that's experience.

"A girl who's lived," Miss Main said, "has something to talk about. Experience is a great weapon to keep the rest of the world interested. Men like to talk to a woman who thinks for herself and has something to say. If she has the ability to look on life as an adventure, she'll have charm."

Sex, she adds, is not everything. "Skin-deep beauty can't keep any man but the dumbest interested very long," she said. "From there on it's a battle of brains instead of bosoms."

The most important physical thing charmers after 45 have to worry about is staying neat. The rest of the recipe is reading good books, developing the arts of thought and conversation and forgetting about the birthdays.

Diamonds, coal, and the graphite used in pencils are all forms of pure carbon.

### Films Use Skid Row 'Expert'

HOLLYWOOD (UP)—Movie studios who want to take their cameras slumming call on a man named Champ Lezell, the technical advisor on the city's skid row.

Lezell, who demands that his title be spelled with capital letters, knows the ins and outs of Los Angeles' darker night life and is an expert in picking the juicier locales for film makers who want to portray the lowest aspects of society.

As an actor, Lezell specializes in rolling drunks, just as other players specialize in bosoms or German accents.

"I can go through the pockets of a gutter stew," Lezell tells any producer interested in such a scene. "In 30 seconds of screen time."

Lezell's latest job is with the Harry M. Popkin production, "Dead on Arrival." He rustled all his flop house slum-bum pals for "atmosphere people" in the skid row scenes.

His name comes from the fact that he used to be a fighter.

Once a Champion "I won a welterweight championship in 1924," he insisted. "I could have licked any man twice my size if my promoter hadn't been crooked."

Lezell fought professionally until a judge retired him to the county farm in 1930.

He got involved in movie making several years ago when George Raft did a skid row scene. Lezell said he could find better backgrounds than the one the company was shooting and offered his services as a guide.

"I'm on all the studio lists now as technical adviser on skid row scenes," Lezell said proudly.

His services include rounding up atmosphere extras from the gutters and flophouses, keeping the moochers away from the stars, sending snoopers about their business and delivering the finest collection of garbage-strewn, rat-infested alleys this side of Suez.

Radishes were so highly valued by the ancient Greeks that small replicas of them were made in gold. A German botanist in 1544 reported seeing radishes weighing 100 pounds.

### Deaths

#### MRS. LIZZIE GREEN

Funeral services for Mrs. Lizzie Green, 88, of Canton, Route 2, who died Friday at her home, after a long illness, were held Sunday afternoon at the home.

The Rev. Thomas Erwin, the Rev. Bill Sorrells, and the Rev. C. M. White officiated and interment was in Gwyn Cemetery.

Nephews were pallbearers and nieces were flower bearers.

Surviving are the husband, F. R. Green; the mother, Mrs. Ann Heatherly of Canton, Route 2; two step-sons, Robert Green of Canton, Route 2 and Hobart Green of Asheville.

Also five sisters, Mrs. Nelson Pless, Mrs. Pink Revis, Mrs. Alton Henson and Mrs. Carter Trull, all of Canton, Route 2, and Mrs. J. C. Farmer of Statesville; three brothers, John Merritt, and Bryan Heatherly of Canton, Route 2, and four step-grandchildren.

#### MRS. POLLIE CRAWFORD

Mrs. Pollie Picklesimer Crawford, 76, died Friday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Farmer, in the Dix Creek section of Haywood County, after a long illness.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in the Dix Creek Baptist Church. The Rev. Thomas Erwin and the Rev. O. L. Ledford officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were J. L. Chambers, J. M. Gray, Glenn Norris, L. L. Anderson, Arthur Sexton, and Dewey Queen.

Surviving in addition to Mrs. Farmer, are the husband, Lawson Crawford; three daughters, Mrs. Wesley Odum of Hemp, Ga., Mrs. Walter Kendall of Blairsville, Ga., and Mrs. Wayne King of Candler, Route 3; five sons, Bert and Grover of Canton, Route 2, Corbett of Morganton, Ga., Taft of Canton, and Monroe Crawford of Canton, Route 3.

Also three sisters, Mrs. Alice Adlington of Little Rock, Ark., Mrs. Ann Thomas of Young Cane, Ga., and Mrs. Ida Thomas of Minco, Okla.; two brothers, John Picklesimer of Cartersville, Ga., and Cicero Picklesimer of Young Cane, Ga.; 24 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

Garrett Funeral Home was in charge.

#### CLINTON LANNING

Funeral services for Clinton Lanning, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jules Lanning of Canton, RFD 1, who died Saturday in a hospital, were held this afternoon in Hyatt Creek Free Will Baptist Church.

The Rev. William Queen and the Rev. Houston Rich officiated, and burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are four sisters, Grace, Fay, Gladys and Wilma; two brothers, Ray and Troy of the home; and the maternal grandmother, Mrs. Hester Swonger of Hazelwood.

Wells Funeral Home was in charge.

#### RIDES THE FALLS

SANDPOINT, Ida. (UP)—Duane Davis wasn't in a barrel nor was he seeking publicity when he was swept over the pounding falls of Lighting Creek near here. Davis lost his footing on the steep bank of the creek, tumbled in and rode headfirst over one of the falls. Struggling vainly, he kept on going and was washed over the second and larger falls. He was finally near enough to shore to clamber out, very tired.

The versatile helicopter has found a new role, that of stocking remote lakes with game fish.

Old Dobbin Wasn't So Safe

30 FATALITIES PER 100 MILLION MILES

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### Foul Play Feared



FEAR that attractive film and video actress Jean Elizabeth Spangler, 27, had met with foul play was expressed by Los Angeles police when her purse was found ripped and looted in Griffith Park. She dropped from sight several days ago after leaving her Hollywood apartment for work. (International)

#### TELESCOPE NAMES

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UP)—No one can remember the last name of Howard and Everett, two brothers who founded the "However Grocery & Gin Co." The business once carried their family name, but when folks had trouble with it they just looked for "However," a combination of Howard and Everett.

#### MEN OF DISTINCTION

HILLSBORO, Tex. (UP)—Program chairman Robert Calvert introduced speaker Robert Calvert at a civic club meeting, but it wasn't a case of double duty. The program chairman was Robert W. Calvert, Hillsboro attorney, and the speaker was Robert S. Calvert, state comptroller.

#### SKUNK STOPS SHOW

FORT WORTH, Tex. (UP)—A Fort Worth lad who entered his pet skunk in an all-city pet show was forced to withdraw his entry in a hurry when "something went wrong," as the youth explained, in going home to "deodorize."

#### NEW FIRE FIGHTER

ESCONDIDO, Cal. (UP)—For the first time in 23 years the city of Escondido has a new fire engine. Back in 1926 Escondido purchased an American La France engine and it is still on duty. It will share the work with the new model which has just been delivered.

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### STATEMENT OF HOSPITAL BOND AND TAX ELECTION

The Board of Commissioners of Haywood County, having received the returns from the County Board of Elections in a special election held October 1st, 1949, on the issuance of Hospital bond, and special tax, do hereby set forth and state the results of said election as follows:

There were cast in favor of the issuance of hospital bond in the sum of \$225,000 and for tax, 247 votes, and against said hospital bonds and tax, 254 votes.

On the question of authority to levy a special tax of ten cents on the \$100 of the assessed valuation of the County for the purpose of financing the cost of operation, equipment and maintenance of the Haywood County Hospital at an election held October 1st, 1949, there were cast in favor of said tax 274 votes and there were cast against the levy of said special tax 393 votes.

At the time of said special election there were, as certified in the County Board of Elections, 29,576 qualified voters as shown on the registration books of all the precincts of Haywood County.

This 3rd day of October, 1949, George A. Brown, Jr., Clerk J. R. Hips

J. J. Noland, Member

The foregoing statement was duly signed and filed by the majority of the members of the Board of Commissioners of Haywood County, and delivered to the undersigned Clerk to be recorded in the minutes of the Board of Commissioners of Haywood County, and it was ordered that said statement be published one issue in the Waynesville Mountaineer.

This October 17th, 1949, B. D. Medford, Clerk Board of Commissioners, 1906—Oct 17

### STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, AND CIRCULATION REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912, AS AMENDED BY THE ACTS OF MARCH 3, 1932, AND JULY 2, 1946 (Title 39, United States Code, Section 2331)

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