

Fans Kind To Character Actors

HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—A character actor never has his tie torn off by ardent fans. Strangers never call him by his first name. His dinner never gets cold while he signs autographs.

"And our pay checks are just as negotiable," says Henry O'Neill, a character actor since before some stars were born. "Who wants to be a star anyway?"

Movie fans are kinder, probably unintentionally, to character actors than they are to leading men. O'Neill observed.

"For some 200 movie fans consider the stars their personal property," he said. "I prefer to be my own property."

O'Neill and Morris Carnovsky top the character actors in Harry M. Hopkins' "Here Lies Love." Robert Young and Betsy Drake are the stars, poor things.

"It is my theory," Carnovsky said, "that people idolize the screen star because he offers an escape from humdrum existence. The fan identifies himself with the star, making love to Clark Gable or Hedy Lamarr, or the case may be, No Glamour."

"Nobody wants to identify himself with a character actor. The character actor is just like the man next door or the family doctor. That is exactly what he is supposed to be—a believable character, not a figure of glamour."

"Merely the glue that holds the glamour together, that's all."

And neither O'Neill nor Carnovsky enjoys the stars' their heavens. The stars belong to the public they belong to themselves.

"I have more fun for myself," O'Neill said.

"I have more fun for reading," Carnovsky said.

A character actor's career is more secure than a star's. O'Neill added. "A character actor once he's established, can get parts until he dies."

"He doesn't have to worry about losing his hair or a sag in his profile."

KINKAJOU HELPS STUDENT PAY WAY IN COLLEGE

AMHERST, Mass. (UPI)—A kinkajou named Karl is helping to pay John Berens' tuition at Amherst College.

Berens' kinkajou is described by Webster's dictionary as a "nocturnal arboreal carnivorous mammal inhabiting Mexico and Central and South America."

Other Amherst students pay Berens 25 cents per visit to watch the furry kinkajou hang by its long tail from the molding of his fraternity's lounge room.

Death Rate

There has been a great shift in the causes of death from diseases of youth toward diseases of later years. In 1940, 27 per cent of America was over 45 years of age. This group used to be the half of America's medical attention and services. By 1940, 45 per cent of the population and they will require much more service. In 1900, one person in 25 was 65 years of age or older; in 1940 the proportion will be one in 10.

Showing Mon. and Tues. at The Park



Douglas Dick and Lloyd Bridges appearing in "Home of the Brave" Monday and Tuesday at the Park Theatre.

Is TV Good For Horses? Star Says No

HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—We all know by now what the horse operas on television do to the nation's children. Now we take up the question of what they do to the horses.

They ruin 'em, that's what cowboy Tex Ritter says. Horses who get on television too much get as spooked as the kids who see them too much.

"My horse had a beautiful character," Ritter said sadly, "until he found out about spotlights and cameras. He won a contest as the most telegenic horse in Chicago and now I can't do a thing with him."

"He acts up all over the place. He hogs the spotlight. He upstages me. He shows off for himself. And when somebody else gets in front of the camera, he switches his tail in their face."

Ritter says he can't understand the change. White Flash was just a country bumpkin when Ritter spotted him bounding across the hills of Skull Valley, Ariz. He had no pose, no poise, no training.

"Well Educated."

"I made him what he is today," Ritter said. "I bought him and had him shipped to my ranch in California. I gave him the best of education—the same trainer that Truett has. I spent a small fortune on him."

At first White Flash seemed grateful. He appreciated the opportunity to be a movie star, to get his picture in the papers and his name on theatre marquee. He galloped through Ritter's pictures at Columbia, Universal and Monogram with never a whinny of complaint.

But that television, Ritter said, "has done something to him."

Now White Flash snorts at the mention of Roy Rogers' Truett or

MAGNIFYING A TOOTHACHE

NEW YORK (AP)—A magnifying glass, set so that children can look into their own mouths, stops their fears of the dentist, says Charles A. Levinson of Brookline, Mass. He uses the glass when children fear even to have their teeth examined.

"Do you want to see television or movies right in your own mouth?" he asks. Invariably he says the children reply "Yes." And they permit the checkup.

HUNT FOR \$5 ENDS IN A TIE

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (AP)—Carmen Garcia, 23, might still be digging if the cops hadn't showed up. Officers spotted him in a railroad yard anxiously scratching dirt from under ties.

Garcia explained that a switch engine fireman had left him a \$5 loan under one of the ties, but neglected to say which one. He was jailed on a vagrancy charge.

Handy Gadget

Here's a bit of ironing advice from a Missouri housemaker. She says, "Make a muslin pocket and tuck it on the back of your ironing board. Keep two pressing cloths there and use one for dark clothes and one for light clothes to avoid soiling freshly washed clothes in ironing."

Gene Anny's Champion, according to Ritter. He arches vainly while he's being powdered with white talcum for the cameras. He always nuzzles up to his press agent.

"I got him a new blanket with his name in rhinestones and a certain ostrich plume on top," Ritter said. "Next I suppose he'll be wanting script approval."

"When that happens, he is through. I tell you, through!"

Deaths

W. T. CUNNINGHAM

Funeral services for Wid Thomas Cunningham, 59, of Waynesville, RFD 1, who died Friday night in the Haywood County hospital, were held Sunday at 3:30 p.m. in the home.

The Rev. C. L. Allen officiated and burial was in Buchanan Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ernest Medford, Scott Cunningham, Elmer and Ralph Hendrix, Riley and Albert Mills.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Edna Williams Cunningham; five sons, Ned, Joseph, Tillman, Glenn and Garrett of Allens Creek; one daughter, Miss Mildred Cunningham of Waynesville, RFD; and three grandchildren.

Crawford Funeral Home was in charge.

MRS. ENLOE MEDFORD

Mrs. Ola Scates Medford, 44, wife of Enloe Medford, died at her home on Platt Creek Road, Friday night following a long illness.

She was a native of Haywood County, the daughter of Mrs. Annie Gibney Scates and the late Ellis Scates, and spent her entire life here.

Funeral services were held in the Hazelwood Baptist Church, Sunday afternoon with the Rev. George McHaffey and the Rev. A. E. Peak officiating. Burial was in Green Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Gordon Raines, Dave Hyatt, Boone Medford, Kenneth Medford, Glenn Medford, and Carl Cunningham.

Surviving in addition to the husband and mother are three sons, Claude, Bobby and Jimmy of Hazelwood; two daughters, Mrs. James H. Cunningham of Hazelwood and Mrs. Hugh Price of Waynesville, Route 2; two sisters, Mrs. Lora Mull of Waynesville and Mrs. Bonnie Treadway of Gastonia; one brother, Charles Scates of Waynesville; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of Garrett Funeral Home.

MRS. DAISY LYLE

Funeral services were held Saturday in the home in the Allen's Creek section for Mrs. Daisy Queen Lyle, 69, widow of John Lyle, who died Thursday morning after a brief illness.

The Rev. Thomas Erwin and the Rev. C. L. Allen officiated and burial was in Green Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Clyde, Jack, and Wayne Lyle, Phillip Queen, Jr., and Charles Queen.

Mrs. Lyle was a native of Haywood County and the daughter of the late Jim and Dora Shelton Queen.

Surviving are one son, Floyd Lyle of Gaffney, S. C.; three daughters, Miss Annie Mae Lyle of Atlanta, Mrs. Roy Cogdill and Mrs. Wilburn Ledford of Waynesville, Route 1.

Also surviving are three brothers, Rufus and Tom Queen of Hazelwood and Claude Queen of

Hollywood Villain Is One Of Leading Religious People

By GENE HANDSAKER (AP Newsfeatures)

HOLLYWOOD—One of Hollywood's most despicable villains is also one of its most religious men. And Porter Hall sees the beginning of a spiritual awakening in the movie capital. "Those of us who are church members are speaking to people," he says, "and finding a response."

You know Porter—the mustached, seared rascal of many movies in the last 15 years. He shot Gary Cooper in the back and smoked "cigarettes," as he called them, in "The Plainsman." Sundays, he is an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood. In "You Gotta Stay Happy," he absconded with \$50,000 and a blond secretary. For three years, at church, he was president of the adult Bible class. He goes to prayer meeting on Wednesday nights.

People meeting him usually chuckle over the marked difference between his private and professional lives. "It just happened," Porter explains. "I'd been a light comedian on Broadway. Then in my first picture, the first 'Thin Man,' they wanted a villain with a light touch—one that the audience wouldn't know was the killer. The picture was a big hit, so they've been thinking of me as a bad man ever since."

Porter said the prayer at a bus-

Gaffney, S. C.; two sisters, Mrs. Walter Bryson and Mrs. Hester Queen of Waynesville; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Garrett Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MRS. V. A. TURPIN

Funeral services for Mrs. V. A. Turpin, 88, who died early Friday morning at her home on Dellwood Road, Waynesville, after a short illness, were held Saturday at 2:30 P. M. in Maple Grove Methodist Church.

The Rev. Paul Taylor and the Rev. L. G. Elliott officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Turpin was a lifelong resident of Haywood County.

Surviving are one son, Alden of Waynesville; three sisters, Mrs. C. R. Limer of Waynesville and Mrs. Fannie Turpin and Mrs. G. W. Moody of Knoxville, Tenn.; two brothers, Kansas and York Howell of Whittier.

Wells Funeral Home, Canton, was in charge.

At The Strand



Beau Bridges plays with some of his animal friends in this scene from "Zamba," a jungle drama starring Jon Hall, June Vincent and Jane Nigh are in the supporting cast. Coming to the Strand Theatre Thursday and Friday.

Planes Spot Poachers

WASHINGTON (AP)—Federal game officials are using aerial photographs as evidence against commercial fishermen operating illegally in certain waters.

The idea is showing special promise in Alaska, where rough waters sometimes make it impossible for a patrol plane to land.

Albert M. Day, director of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, says the plane has replaced the dog sled in Alaskan patrol to the extent that only 13 miles were covered by sled last year against 124,329 by plane, 300 by helicopter and about 100,000 by other means.

movie business. The screen legend says: "There's something in relying on the other fellow giving you a square break. Sometimes you'll get the dirty end of things, but in the long run it pays."

His Nose Knows

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The nose of the B. B. Bridgman was lost last night in a Los Angeles gas station. The B. B. Bridgman is a dog.

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