Actor Larry Parks Putting Away Nestegg In Case Stardom Fizzles

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK — (AP) —Film star Larry Parks says there "should be a law to make actors live sensibly — for their own good."

"It's almost an industry-wide practice now to encourage an actor to live over his head and beyond his means," he said.

"There is always pressure to buy a bigger house — to do this, to do that.

"But if he plays the game that way the actor finds he is never really economically stable. He can't afford to turn down a bad picture, because he is always in need of money.

"The only way he can beat the game is not to play it."

Larry, who just finished "That Bedside Manner" for Columbia pictures, passed through here on the way to a four-week stage tour of Great Britain with his wife, Betty Garrett, the musical comedy star.

"When we get back we're going to do a picture together on our own," he said. It'll be a three-partner enterprise — Larry, Betty and their lawyer, Lou Mandel.

"If the picture isn't any good, at least we won't be able to blame anyone else," said Parks. "When you're using your own money, you have to do as well as you can. If you lose it, you're dead on the first one."

Larry and his wife saved a nest-egg for their venture by living as simply as possible.

"We don't have the drain of keeping up a $100,000 home," he said. "We probably have the smallest house in Hollywood. We can turn the key in the lock when we leave, and it won't cost us more than $32 a month while we're away — including taxes."

"You just have to decide what kind of life you want," remarked Betty, who shares her husband's views.

Larry has had a wry interest in the financial rewards of acting ever since his first movie role. It was a biblical picture. Larry got $2.50 a day for playing a Roman soldier — and then learned that a camel on the set was getting $50 a day for playing a camel.

Parks, who has appeared in 40 pictures in 9 years, served a rough apprenticeship in 28 B-graders before catching the public eye in "The Jolson story."

His years of struggling for recognition have made Parks, as he amiably says himself, "kind of hipped on the subject of security for actors."

He gave these figures:

"There are 7,500 members of the Screen Actors guild, and they average less than $2,000 a year.

"Ninty percent of the people who come out to Hollywood under contract are gone within a year. And most of these people have had some kind of background in their business. Isn't that a frightening statistic?

"I don't know how to avoid this dreadfully high mortality rate. I really don't. But actors ought to know what they are up against—and plan their futures more sensibly if they are lucky. Otherwise the big incomes that come to some in Hollywood are just fools' gold."

Larry still has three years to go on his picture-a-year contract with Columbia. But he and Betty are gambling for real security as a husband-and-wife team under their own setup.

"It is very difficult to have a happy life if you're working apart," Larry said. "So we've decided, come hell or high water, we're going to work together."

The Gold Coast of Africa produces more than half a million ounces of gold per year.

GIRLS TRIPLE TRIO from Roseburg high school provided several vocal selections at the installation of officers for Roseburg Woman's club Tuesday at the Methodist church. Accompanist for the group was Ann Mellis. In the first row, left to right, are Carol Sue Barns, Ernestine Rowley, Joan Rose, Bertha Carter. In the second row, left to right, are Pearl Hawkins, Lois Kiss, Maxine Wilson and Gloria Lowman. Picture by Paul Jenkins.

Jury Acquits Father In 'Mercy Killing' Case

DETROIT, May 23—(AP)—A jury of nine women and three men yesterday acquitted Eugene Braunsdorf of murder in the "mercy killing" of his crippled daughter.

The jurors, who deliberated two hours, found the 52-year-old former symphony musician innocent by reason of insanity.

Braunsdorf shot and killed his daughter Virginia, 29, a year ago. Court testimony indicated that Virginia, a spastic, was hopelessly crippled and could never enjoy normal life.

Braunsdorf, a bass fiddler in the Detroit symphony, pleaded temporary insanity from worry over the girl's future, partly because of the loss of his job in the orchestra. The orchestra had folded some time before.

Murder Charge Filed In Columbia County Tragedy

ST. HELENS, Ore., May 23—(AP) A first-degree murder charge was on file here today against Nyle Amazon Battin, 55, following a shooting fray in which two men were killed last week.

The trouble began Wednesday at Delena, five miles from Clatskanie. There George Devine of Seattle, who was visiting his wife and three children, got into an argument over access to a bridge near the Devine home.

Walden W. Dillard, district attorney, said a number of shots were exchanged and Devine, firing from his house, killed George McCollam. Dillard accused Battin of then firing from the brush and fatally wounding Devine, who died Friday.

New Mix Boon To Baking Fans

By GAYNOR MADDOX
(NEA Staff Writer)

Pastry, cream puffs, biscuits and desserts are just a few of the 77 baked products you can make from one basic homemade mix. It will be introduced tomorrow. You make it in advance, store it in a closed canister or fruit jar on the pantry shel. No refrigeration necessary. It stores well.

Here's the know-how: The jobs of measuring shortening and sifted flour, so disliked by the homemaker, are all done at once in advance. The versatile fresh basic ingredients are then ready for quick transformation into a main dish, hot bread or one of dozens of desserts to add new interest to menus and to complete the meal.

Make-Your-Own-Mix
(Yield: About 13 Cups)

Two cups rich shortening, 9 cups sifted all-purpose flour, ¾ cup (4 tablespoons) double-acting baking powder, 1 tablespoon salt.

Combine sifted flour, baking powder and salt. Stir well. Sift into a large bowl or large pan or onto heavy paper. Add shortening. Use finger tips or pastry blender to distribute shortening throughout dry ingredients until the mixture resembles coarse cornmeal. The Make-Your-Own-Mix is now ready to use or store in a closed canister on your pantry shelf.

Tender-Quick Pastry
(Yield: Two 8-inch Crusts)

Two cups Make-Your-Own-Mix (do not pack), ¼ cup butter or fortified margarine, ¼ cup hot water (scant).

Heat butter or margarine in water until melted. Sprinkle over the Mix, blending with a spatula or fork. Turn dough out on waxed paper. Shape into a ball and cover with the paper. Chill at least 30 minutes in refrigerator. Roll out for pastry as needed.

Cream Puffs
(Yield: 5 Large Puffs)

One cup Make-Your-Own-Mix (do not pack), ¾ cup boiling water, 2 eggs.

Add Mix to boiling water in a saucepan. Stir over low heat about 1 minute until dough is smooth, follows the spoon and forms in a ball. Remove from heat immediately. Add eggs, one at a time, stirring and beating. Beat vigorously. Drop by spoonfuls on baking sheet.

Bake in a hot even (400 degrees F.) for 15 minutes. Then reduce heat and bake in a moderat oven (350 degrees F.) 20 minutes more. Let stand in warm oven (with door open) out 10 minutes to dry out. Note: 5 medium puffs use ½ cup Mix, 1/3 cup water and 1 egg.

The origin of chololate is said to date from the day a thirsty Artec was quenching his thirst by sucking the pulp which surrounds the seeds in the cacao pod. He accidently threw some cacao seeds into the fire and was surprised at the spicy odor which arose. He tasted it—the full flavor of the bean as we now know it.

Alleged Abductor Of Kin's Wife Jailed In Portland

PORTLAND, May 23 —(AP)— Wayne Wallace, 31, accused of abducting his cousin's wife, was returned from Spokane to Portland Monday.

He is being held for the federal grand jury with bond set at $4,000.

He was accused on a federal charge of taking Mrs. Virginia Wallace from the home of her brother here, and carrying her away into Washington. Three days later he was arrested at Ritzville, Wash.

The woman said she hoped to leave for Fort Leavenworth, Kas., this week, to meet her husband when he is paroled there next Monday after serving 20 months for being AWOL from the army.

TRACTOR MISHAP FATAL

THE DALLES, May 23 —(AP)— Kenneth Paul Walker, 36, a Sherman county rancher, was killed Sunday when a tractor shovel fell upon him.

Walker's body was found pinned across the tractor, beneath the heavy shovel. He had been repairing the mechanism.

Chinese Envoy Urges U. S. Aid To Save Formosa

DETROIT—(AP)—Ambassador V. K. Wellington Koo says Nationalist China could maintain Formosa as a bastion against Communism with $10,000,000 a month in U. S. military and economic aid.

Unless the close cooperation of the Nationalist government is enlisted, he said, the task of saving Asia from the comunists "will be costly, difficult and uncertain of results."

It would be a mistake, he said in a talk to the Economic club of Detroit, not to include Nationalist China in any plans for an all-embracing united front in Asia to offset communism.

"Her sacrifices for the cause of the free world have been great and her brave and determined fight against the recognized common menace merits aid and assistance."

The ambassador likened the present situation confronting the Nationalist government to that which confronted France when the Maginot line collapsed.

"The government and people of free China, finding themselves in the situation of the European democracies in 1940, are no less imbued with such firm resolve to fight on against communist aggression," he continued.

Nationalist China, he said, wants both military and economic aid.

"By military aid I do not mean American soldiers, sailors and airmen to help in fighting, but only lights arms and ammunition, replacement parts and technical assistance."

Indiana is the 37th state in area.

Prisoners Facing Treat Of Chicken—Very Tough

SAN JOSE, Calif.,—(AP)—Santa Clara county prisoners aren't sure they'll enjoy this chicken feast—if they get it.

The chickens are tough game cocks—52 of them, seized in a raid.

Game cocks are roosters; and roosters crow early in the morning.

The fighting birds were dumped into empty cells, right near the prisoners.

Sheriff Howard Hornbuckle said the birds will be fed to the prisoners if the court approves.

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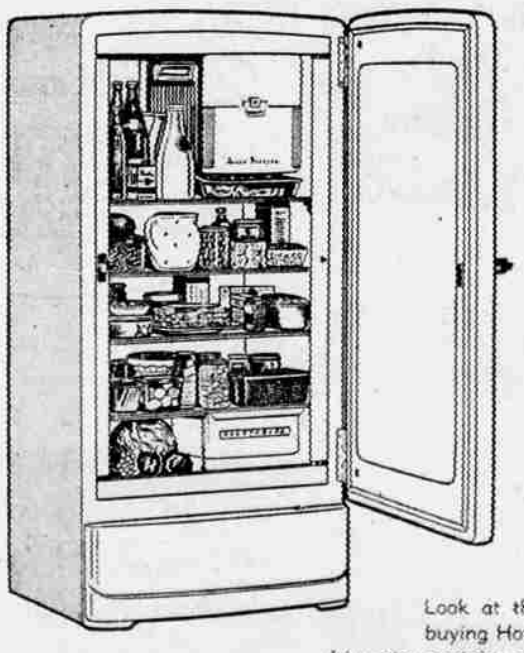

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