

Difficulties Found In Making Film On Life Of Enrico Caruso

By BOB THOMAS
HOLLYWOOD — (AP) — The movie makers have found one trouble in filming the life of Enrico Caruso — no one can agree on what kind of a man the great singer was.

"The man has been dead only 30 years," said Joe Pasternak, who is producing the picture. "But nobody can agree on him. Take four people, all of them who knew him intimately, and each will have a different idea of what kind of a person he was."

"We are not going to try to show his whole life. To do that would take 74 hours on the screen; we have only two. We are filming a story based on his career. It will be a story of a young Italian boy who found fame and wealth in the United States. I think it should be a film that will help tell the American way of life throughout the world."

The film, said the producer, will not try to "crum opera down the public's throat."

Will Have Lots of Singing
"We are not in competition with the Met," he said. "We will have a lot of singing, but it will be familiar and melodic — like the sextette from 'Lucia' and the quartet from 'Rigoletto.' And we will have some pop stuff, too. One of Caruso's biggest selling records was 'Because.'"

Some of the more famous aspects of the tenor's life will not be touched, Pasternak indicated. Mario Lanza, who will play the lead and has a luscious appetite himself, will not be seen eating one of the tremendous meals Caruso used to consume.

Caruso will have only two loves, his Italian sweetheart as a boy, and his wife, played by Ann

Blyth. His death (in 1921 at the age of 48) will be suggested but not actually pictured.

Here are some of the facts studio researchers uncovered about Caruso:

He Was Friend of Cops
He was a great friend of cops and always sang at police benefits. He sometimes sang in the streets from his carriage for the people who couldn't raise the money to see him in opera houses. He had dozens of old friends on his payroll as a means of saving them charity. He never would let anyone else pick up the check when he dined out.

Caruso was not acclimated on his first appearance in this country. He received lukewarm notices from the critics when he made his debut at the Metropolitan opera house in "Aida." He wanted to return to Italy and only the urging of friends kept him here.

Before each performance, he inhaled a quantity of tepid salt water, took a drink of whiskey, another of sparkling water and ate a quarter of an apple. He believed this put his voice in the best working condition. He loved to see his clippings and pasted them in a scrap book himself.

He liked to wear fancy clothes and had many dozens of suits. For some strange reason, he was fond of buying garden tools, although he never used them. He was a good cartoonist and caricaturist. He said that his last name meant "a dear use," and he firmly believed that applied to his voice. He felt that it was God-given and that it was more important than anything else in his life. That will be the theme of the movie to be called "The Great Caruso."

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HELD TO FACE CHARGE
Florence Ann Wright, 49, of Elko, Nev., is being held in the county jail with bail set at \$250 on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, reported Sheriff O. T. Carter.

VFW Campaign Starts To Cut Misery, Want

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Veterans of Foreign Wars opened a campaign to fight communism by reducing want and misery.

It has offered \$5,000 as awards to VFW posts with the best programs of "positive action against communism" in line with the goals of the drive.

Charles C. Ralls of Seattle, VFW commander-in-chief, announced the campaign and arranged to see President Truman to tell him about it.

Ralls said the VFW posts will do their "utmost to see that there are no hungry children or impoverished families in this nation and squalor," he added in a statement.

"We know that communism breeds in the soil of poverty statement."

"We are spending billions in foreign countries to combat hunger and want as a means of halting the spread of communism, but at the same time we are neglecting these same conditions here at home."

Ralls said 10,000 VFW posts and women's auxiliary groups will take part.

The post with the best and most successful program will receive \$5,000 and \$1,000.

Speedier Handling On Freight Cars Ordered By ICC

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Speedier handling of railway freight traffic "to promote the national defense" was ordered yesterday by the Interstate Commerce commission.

The new spur to defense mobilization sets a 24-hour limit to the turn around of freight cars ready to move.

One section of the order called for a stiff increase in "demurrage" rates paid by shippers for keeping freight cars idle beyond the 48-hour free time period allowed for loading and unloading.

The charges were set at \$5 a car per day for the first and second days after free time, \$10 a car for the third and fourth days, and \$20 for each succeeding day.

The present rate is \$3 a day for four days and \$6 a day thereafter.

Another section of the order directed railroads to have loaded cars in a position for unloading within 24 hours after arrival at a terminal point. Then, when the cars are unloaded and perhaps reloaded with new consignments of goods, the railroads must get them rolling within 24 hours.

In issuing the order, the ICC said that slow handling of cars is causing a shortage of badly needed equipment.

Plant breeders use a hypodermic needle to transfer the pollen of male pecan flowers.

Society and Clubs

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FORSYTHE GUILD TO MEET AT P. U.
Forsythe Guild of the First Presbyterian church will hold a potluck supper Thursday night at 6:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. W. M. Campbell, 949 Winchester street. All members are invited.

DILLARD PTA TO MEET ON FRIDAY EVENING
The Dillard PTA will meet Friday, Sept. 15, at the new school, at which time a teacher's reception and the election of a new president will be held. All parents are urged to attend.

MELROSE HOME ECONOMICS CLUB TO MEET FRIDAY
Melrose Home Economics club will meet at the home of Mrs. J. B. Bailey, 430 N. Rose street, Friday, Sept. 15, at 1 o'clock for a potluck luncheon. All members are asked to be present.

JAY-C-ETTES TO MEET THIS EVENING
Jay-C-ettes will meet tonight, Sept. 13, at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Glen Scott, 1152 W. Third avenue N., with Mrs. Irvin Pugh and Mrs. Rod Dotson assisting hostesses. All members are urged to be present.

PYTHIAN SISTERS CANCEL MEETING
The Thursday night meeting set by Pythian Sisters for this week has been canceled. The next regular meeting will be held at 8 o'clock the evening of Sept. 25, at the K. of P. hall.

DEGREE OF HONOR TO MEET THURSDAY NIGHT
Degree of Honor will hold a meeting Thursday night at 8 o'clock downstairs in the Eagles hall. All members are asked to be present.

AUXILIARY TO L. C. TO MEET AT POTLUCK
The ladies auxiliary to Letter Carriers will hold a potluck supper at 6:30 o'clock tonight, Sept. 13, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bailey, 430 N. Rose street. The state president, Mrs. Ivan Hadley, of Albany and her husband will be present. All members are urged to attend.

BETA SIGMA PHI CITY COUNCIL TO MEET
Beta Sigma Phi city council will meet Wednesday at a 1 o'clock no-hostess luncheon at the Umpqua hotel. All members are requested to be present.

RIVERSDALE GRANGE TO MEET FRIDAY NIGHT
Riversdale Grange will meet at 8:15 o'clock Friday night, Sept. 15, at the hall. A Back to School program will be held and everyone attending is asked to bring a sack lunch. All members are requested to be present.

ANNUAL HARVEST BALL TO BE HELD SATURDAY
Annual harvest ball of South Deer Creek Grange will be an event of Saturday night, Sept. 16, at 9 o'clock at the hall. Refreshments will be sold during the evening. The public is invited to attend.

FIRST FALL MEETING OF CLUB IS DATED
The first business meeting of the year for the Nonpareil Community club is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 15, at 8 p.m. at the school building.

Mrs. Homer Swindler, president, urges all those interested in the school and its children to attend this meeting. Help is needed to get the club reorganized for the coming year and to continue the playground equipment project started last year.

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Leipzig Becomes Roman Catholic Bishop Of Baker

PORTLAND — (AP) — The Very Rev. Francis P. Leipzig of Eugene Tuesday became the Roman Catholic bishop of Baker City.

Robes of the higher ecclesiastics gave a touch of brilliant color to consecration mass at St. Mary's cathedral.

Bishop Leipzig was elevated by the Most Rev. Edward D. Howard, archbishop of Portland, assisted by Bishop Edwin V. O'Hara of Kansas City and Bishop Edward J. Kelly of Boise. The last two co-consecrators are close friends of the new bishop.

Another friend and classmate of seminarian days, Bishop Duane G. Hunt of Salt Lake City, preached the sermon.

Bishop Leipzig arranged a pause in the procession through the cathedral after his enthronement, to give a special blessing to his sister, Mrs. Bert McGuigan of Portland, his only immediate relative.

The new bishop was for 22 years pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church, Eugene. Before that, for seven years, he was pastor at Corvallis.

Belluschi Considering Massachusetts Position

PORTLAND — (AP) — Pietro Belluschi, exponent of contemporary design in architecture, is debating whether to accept a deanship at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Belluschi, who designed the Equitable and Oregonian buildings in Portland, said he was seriously considering acceptance. He said the post at the head of the school of architecture would afford opportunities to "steer young students into a more contemporary outlook" in the profession.

He was undecided, he explained, because of pending projects and problems related to his staff organization here.

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