

Neagle-Wilcox Team Climbing

English Star Has Played Fourteen Films With Same Director

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Consider the case of Anna Neagle, almost a junior partner in her own climb to stardom.

The guiding hand in that upward struggle has been that of Producer-Director Herbert Wilcox. The unusual and uniformly successful Neagle-Wilcox combination is one about which Hollywood loves to speculate.

"I have never worked with any other director," says the breath-taking Miss Neagle, "and I have never been considered doing a picture without Mr. Wilcox."

"We had planned," adds Wilcox, "to do two pictures a year—one in England and one here. The war has upset those plans. Anna? She's a marvel to work with."

Played Great Queen
To her fellow Britons, Anna is the cinema "Queen Victoria." The royal family, finding her personal life above reproach and her professional ability above par, approved her selection for the role of the popular queen.

The result had been a series of "Victoria" films among which "Queen of Destiny" won the 1938 award of merit, British equivalent to our academy award.

In the United States Miss Neagle is better known for "Nurse Edith Cavell," in which critics deemed her acting among the best of the year.

For their fourteenth picture together, Wilcox and Anna are making "Irene," the musical comedy which did a lot for Colleen Moore in the silent films.

Anna, who started her career as a London chorus girl, in "Irene" forsakes her sombre nurse's uniform for beautiful clothing—including the musical-famous "Alice Blue Gown"—and some 23 changes of costume.

"People were beginning to regard Anna as a character actress and were forgetting that she is very young and very pretty," says Wilcox.

"So we are withholding her fine new picture, 'Sixty Glorious Years,' from American release until after a light comedy, is in the theatres."

In contrast to Miss Neagle's vibrant, youthful beauty is the staid, undistinguished appearance of her "boss" who is also her constant companion and best friend.

Wilcox, just a little on the stout side, looks on intently, through horn-rimmed spectacles, as Anna rehearses her role.

Every now and then, as she gestures or repeats a line, Anna glances at him for his approval. He makes a suggestion, she snaps it up—and both are pleased with the result.

Anna readily admits Wilcox has been responsible for most of her best performances. She has a mind of her own, however, and is no Trilby hypnotized by a Sventail.

Their relationship is friendly but impersonal. Miss Neagle, too absorbed in acting to think about men, has never been married nor involved seriously in a romance.

Mrs. Wilcox and her grown son frequently visit the set. Once, while Wilcox ran short of funds for a picture, Anna loaned him the money and worked without pay.

She got a very good return on her investment.

Call Board

ELINORE
Today—"Rulers of the Sea" with Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Will Fyffe and Margaret Lockwood. Damon Runyon's Joe and Ethel Turp Call on the President," with Ann Sothern and Walter Brennan.
Wednesday—Kay Kyser in "That's Right, You're Wrong" with Adolphe Menjou and Mae Robinson.
Thursday—Jean Harlow and Dorothy Lovett.

GRAND
Today—"Cisco Kid and the Lady" with Cesar Romero and Marjorie Weaver.
Wednesday—"City of Chance" with Lynn Bari, Donald Woods.
Thursday—"Don Ameche, Andrea Leeds, Al Jolson in 'Swanee River'."

CAPITOL
Today—Pat O'Brien, Olympe Bradna and Roland Young in "Night of Nights."
Wednesday—Johnny Mack Brown and Fuzzy Knight in "Riders of Pasco Basin."

WEDNESDAY
Today—"The Old Maid," with Henry O'Neill and Irene Rich.

STATE
Today—"Beau Geste" with Gary Cooper, Robert Miland, Robert Preston and Susan Hayward.
Wednesday—"What a Life" with the Aldrich family, Jackie Cooper and Betty Fields.

THURSDAY
Today—"1000 a Touchdown" with Joe E. Brown and Martha Raye.
Wednesday—"Death of a Champion" with Lynne Overman and Virginia Dale.

FRIDAY
Today—"Sweepstakes Winner" with Marie Wilson, Allen Jones, Johnny Davis and Jerry Colonna.

HOLLYWOOD
Today—"Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., and Basil Rathbone in 'The Sun Never Sets'."
Wednesday—"The Saint in London" with George Sanders and Sally Gray.
Friday—"A Woman Is the Judge."

FRIDAY
Today—"The Thundering West" with the Sons of the Pioneers, John Howard and Gail Patrick in "Grand Jury Secrets."



GARY COOPER laughs at quite as the gentleman soldier of fortune in "Beau Geste" playing today through Wednesday at the State theatre.



BASIL RATHBONE and DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, Jr., are starred in "The Sun Never Sets," a story of the British civil service opening today at the Hollywood theatre.



CESAR ROMERO and Marjorie Weaver in "Cisco Kid and the Lady," at the Grand theatre.

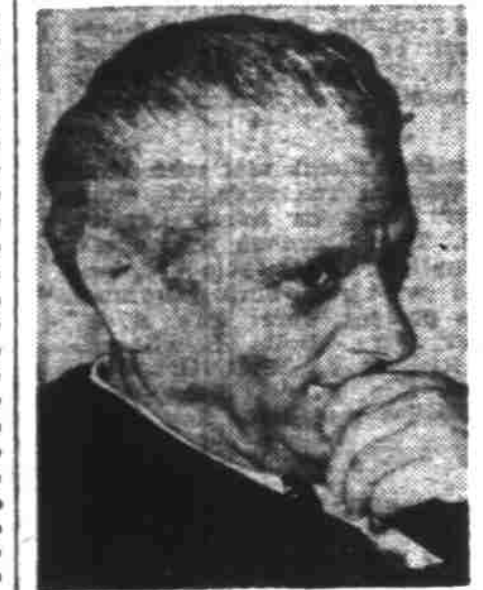
Much Glycerine Used In Making Sun Never Sets

Five gallons of rose water and glycerine were used by make-up men during production of "The Sun Never Sets," Universal drama of British colonial service, now playing at the Hollywood theatre. Because much of the action takes place in the torrid temperature of the African Gold Coast, rosewater and glycerine were sprayed on Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Basil Rathbone and others in the cast to stimulate perspiration.

Oak Grove Aid Meets

OAK GROVE—Oak Grove Ladies aid met Thursday at the home of Mrs. Frank Pickett, with joint hostesses, Mrs. Clyde Pickett and Mrs. William Knower. New officers for the year are: president, Mrs. H. Kortemeyer; vice-president, Mrs. Edna Gritton; secretary, Mrs. Frank Pickett. Visitors were Mrs. Frankie Caswell, Mrs. Delta Elmore, and Mrs. Virginia Bergman.

Awaits Citizenship



Since his escape from Nazi-occupied Austria, Max Reinhardt has described himself as "a former German producer-director," and has lived in Europe and America as a man without a country. In San Francisco recently, the famed theatrical figure announced his intention of making the US his permanent home. He has already applied for first citizenship papers in the country he feels is "the hope of the world."

English Woman Plays Sea Epic

Director Had Hard Time Convincing Lockwood To Take Role

Incredible as it may sound, it required the best persuasive powers of Producer-Director Frank Lloyd to talk Margaret Lockwood into playing the feminine lead in "Rulers of the Sea," salty, vigorous epic of the triumph of steam over sail.

When the picture opens today at the Elinore theatre, with Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., and Will Fyffe, great Scottish character actor, in co-starring roles, Miss Lockwood will be seen as the daughter of a Scottish inventor, a role played by Will Fyffe. She falls in love with the first mate of a sailing ship—Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. Although the role was coveted by many a promising young actress, Miss Lockwood was somewhat reluctant to take it. The lovely, spirited young lady has quite a mind of her own, and her reasons were quite valid. Miss Lockwood, after completing her first role in Hollywood, wanted to go home to England to her husband. Upset conditions in Europe provided her with very good reasons. However, Lloyd had made a good test of her, and after viewing it, decided that no other actress would be better for the role. Consequently, he talked her out of boarding a plane for New York, and eventually persuaded her to cancel her accommodations on the Queen Mary for a later sailing.

Vets of Foreign Legion are Rare

Wellman Finds But Two Prior to Filming of "Beau Geste"

When Producer-Director William A. Wellman announced his plans to make the exciting new version of "Beau Geste," which starts today at the State theatre, starring Gary Cooper, Ray Milland and Robert Preston as the gallant brothers "Geste," he suddenly found that Hollywood was swarming with men who purported to be actual veterans of the French Foreign Legion.

Wellman, himself a veteran of the Foreign Legion, having served as flying legionnaire throughout the world war, advised his personal staff that he wanted to give preference to former desert dandies in picking the thousand or more extras for work in the film.

His secretary duly took the names of all the applicants, and her list reached the surprising total of 132. That placed Wellman in something of a dilemma.

Obviously, Wellman couldn't interview all who claimed service in the Legion, yet he was reluctant to penalize those whose claims were legitimate by just dropping the whole business.

He solved his problem, finally, in a typically Wellman manner. Summoning Louis van den Ecker, technical adviser on "Beau Geste," and a real veteran of seven years service in the Legion, Wellman gave him these instructions:

"Call in 12 of these fellows every day for the next two weeks. Take them out on the back lot and put them through the Legion manual of arms."

The results were both chaotic and conclusive. Of the 132 "veterans," van den Ecker discovered two who had actually had Foreign Legion service, Charles Townsend and O. M. Steiger. The rest, to put it with brutal candor, were just phonies.

The supporting cast of "Beau Geste" is headed by Brian Donlevy, Susan Hayward, J. Carroll Nash, Donald O'Connor and James Stephenson. The picture is based on the novel by P. C. Wren. Robert Carson wrote the screen play.

Lebanon Dentists Move Offices

LEBANON—The newly installed dentist's office in the Booth building was occupied Friday by Dr. J. G. Gill. The office is equipped with fluorescent lights, venetian blinds, and a complete and compact laboratory. The quarters formerly occupied by Dr. N. E. Irvine will be taken over by Dr. R. Bruce Miller next week, following a complete renovation. Dr. Irvine will be installed in the newly built offices in the old bank building by next week, which Dr. Harold Whelan has already moved, and where Dr. Ralph Heron of Brownsville is expected next week. Mrs. Laney Scott will be in the new office assistant in the new office building. Dr. Joel C. Booth remains in the office which he has occupied for 26 years.

Kobows Observe 28th Wedding Anniversary

HAZEL GREEN—Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Kobow were hosts to dinner to celebrate their 28th wedding anniversary. Covers were laid for Mrs. Matilda Kobow, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Sanders, Mrs. Lillian Ward, Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McDonald and son Norman of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jahara and children Andrew and Patricia, Delmar and Barbara Kobow and hosts.



OLYMPE BRADNA and Pat O'Brien in a scene from "Night of Nights," now playing at the Capitol theatre.



DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, Jr., as captain of the first transatlantic steamship, puts down a maul in this scene from "Rulers of the Sea," now showing at the Elinore theatre.

Pythian Sisters Have Installation

SILVERTON — Installation ceremony was impressive at the Pythian Sister meeting Thursday night following the report of the audit committee composed of Ella Knight, Minnie Moser and Ida Winslow.

Gladie Downs was the installing officer assisted by Minnie Moser as grand senior; Lillian Heald as grand manager and Helen M. Wrightman as grand musician. Officers installed were past chief, Henrietta Lee; most excellent chief, Nada Grinde; excellent senior, Ella Knight; excellent junior, Essie Specht; manager, Emma Kaufman; protector, Fern Elder; guard, Elsie Nelson; mistress of records and correspondence, Olive Morley; mistress of finance, Leola Benson; musician, Helen Wrightman; trustee, Goldie Downs; captain of the degree staff, Irene Rouba.

Announcement was made of the coming visit of the grand chief, Margaret Phillips of Portland, at the January 18 meeting. A no-host supper will be served at 6:30 prior to the regular meeting and the Knights will be guests of the Sisters.

Lebanon Burls Leave for Italy

LEBANON—A carload of maple burls left Lebanon Friday to be shipped to Italy. All were taken from high land, with some from Rogers mountain near Selo, and the rest from holdings of the Ford Lumber company.

The Ray Gilbert property on Grant street was traded last week for a six-acre tract of ground near the old swimming hole, belonging to Mrs. Margaret Hudson. The Gibbels will build a home on the six acres. The exchange of property was reported by J. E. Estep, Lebanon realtor.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKinney moved into their new home on Grove and Maple streets this week. They lived previously in the Berlin community.

American Family Is Club Topic

LEBANON—The American family in a changing society will be the subject of a paper by Mrs. Cyrus McCormick at the Women's study club Tuesday. The club will meet for a 1 o'clock luncheon at the home of Mrs. John Summers, Jr. The hostesses will be Mrs. Summers, Mrs. Harold Irvine, Mrs. H. Y. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Joel C. Mayer, and Mrs. Dennis Cormier.

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Romero Dances As "Cisco Kid"

Famed as Dance Partner In Film Capitol, He Rarely Performs

It's part of the Hollywood legend that Cesar Romero, who is the film colony's favorite dancing partner and who broke into the acting profession because of his dancing ability, has thus far been unable to sell his studio the idea of displaying his fine talent on the screen.

Now, after nearly 20 roles which have brought him from obscurity to real screen fame, Romero goes into a dance for the first time in the latest film adventure of O. Henry's lovable southwestern outlaw, "The Cisco Kid and the Lady." This 20th Century-Fox picture opened yesterday at the Grand theatre.

As the new Cisco Kid—and he's sensational as the gay caballero—Romero's tango with Virginia Field is a highlight of the picture. It's one of the things to look for, along with the laughs, excitement, thrills and action that characterize the film.

Featured in the cast of "The Cisco Kid and the Lady" are Marjorie Weaver, Chris-Pin Martin, George Montgomery, Robert Barrat, Virginia Field and Harry Green.

Telephone Patrons Talk Dial System

Salem Man Buys Wooded Lot at Fruitland; Visitors Listed

FRUITLAND—A dial telephone system has been the subject of conversation among subscribers along the Fruitland road.

Mr. and Mrs. McKibbin of Arlie were recent visitors here. Negotiations are nearly completed for the transfer of the county woods adjoining Paul Silke to Leon Lambert of Salem. He intends to clear it and put it into cultivation.

Claire Strawn and family of Maclean have moved to their new home here. They purchased acreage of August Kufner and erected a house. Jenny Strawn is attending school here and another daughter Lorraine, is going to the Capital Business college.

Robin Moser spent the holidays with his parents. He is attending the University of Washington, taking graduate work.

Lawrence, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fischer, had a birthday party Saturday afternoon.

Across from the church Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Miller have moved into their new house. They came here from Cloverdale.

Silverton City Official Dies

SILVERTON—Lafayette Yates, 78, Silverton street commissioner, died Saturday morning at the Silverton hospital. Funeral services will be Sunday at 2:30 from the Ekman Memorial chapel, with interment in the Silverton cemetery. Rev. Frank Zook will have charge of services.

Yates, a city employee for 25 years, formerly served as chief of police. He was born May 21, 1861, in Illinois and came to Silverton in 1910.

Surviving are four children, neth Phillips were visitors.

The next meeting will be a costume hard-times party at the home of Mrs. W. H. Rabens January 18.

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