

Expert Texan Teaches Birds To Whistle

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CHICAGO (UP)—Fred Lowery doesn't exactly whistle while he works. He whistles while he whistles. And he earns up to \$35,000 a year at the job.

"Pretty good for a man who's practically blind, huh?" he asks in a Texas drawl.

Fred is so good at whistling that he's teaching the birds how to do it.

In a few weeks he's bringing out a record entitled "Fred Lowery Whistles for the Birds." People with pet parakeets, mockingbirds, cardinals and parrots can use it to teach the birds simple melodies and to "talk" by varying the pitch and tone of their whistles.

Fred is best-known right now as the man who did the whistling for the M-G-M recording of "The High and Mighty." But he doesn't expect its popularity to beat the recording he did for Columbia of "Indian Love Call."

"That sold more than two million records," he said.

Husky, ruddy-faced and 45 years old, Lowery is a native of Palestine, Tex. An affliction at the age of two caused removal of one eye. The other is virtually sightless.

Started Whistling

It was because of his blindness that Fred started whistling.

"While I was at the Texas School for the Blind in Austin, I studied violin, piano and voice," he said. "But because you can't read music, a blind musician just about has to be a genius—like Alec Templeton or Art Tatum—to make good."

"One day a professional whistler gave a whistling contest. I won and my prize was two lessons."

From then on, Fred practiced whistling six hours a day and, at 22, made his first professional "concert" over Dallas radio station WFAA. Shortly afterwards he appeared on the old Rudy Vallee Show and then landed a job whistling with Vincent Lopez's band for four years. Later he was with Horace Heidt for almost eight years.

Now he owns his own recording company with studios in New York which press 50 sides a year. He also appears in night clubs, on television, and for charity besides teaching others to whistle.

"My pupils have included Mary Martin and actress Joan Barton," he said. On March 22, he'll appear on Steve Allen's TV show, "Tonight."

Fred moved his permanent residence here recently, installing his attractive wife, Grace, and 13-year-old son, Scooter, in a northside apartment.

Throat Whistling

Because he specializes in "throat whistling," Fred doesn't have to pucker his lips.

"That's handy in case someone's eating persimmons while I'm trying to whistle," he said.

He can even whistle a duet, and, during frequent woodland walks, he "talks" with the wild birds. A six-inch chest expansion gives him volume.

Fred whistles "by ear" and admits he has a poor "musical memory."

Last week, MGM recording director Leroy Holmes flew in the theme record of a new movie, "Unchained," just so Fred could dub in eight bars. Today, Fred couldn't remember the melody.

He also has one other source of embarrassment.

"I never learned to whistle on my fingers," he said. "So I can't whistle real loud. I always have to ask someone else to whistle me up a taxi cab."

Ships Must Give 24-Hour Notice Before Arrival

WASHINGTON (UP)—Beginning Saturday, all ships must give 24 hour advance notice before entering U. S. seaports, the Coast Guard announced.

A Coast Guard spokesman said the new order, part of the port security program, was not prompted by any emergency situation.

He said most ships already give the 24 hour notice voluntarily and that the new order is designed to improve the security program's operation.

Ships already must clear with the Coast Guard when entering the United States under the 4 year old security program. The advance notice, the spokesman said, will help avoid delay in clearing ships when they appear at the harbor entrance.

Failure to give the notice may result in fines or imprisonment for a ship's master or its agents, or could lead to seizure of the ship. The order does not apply to vessels operating in the Great Lakes.

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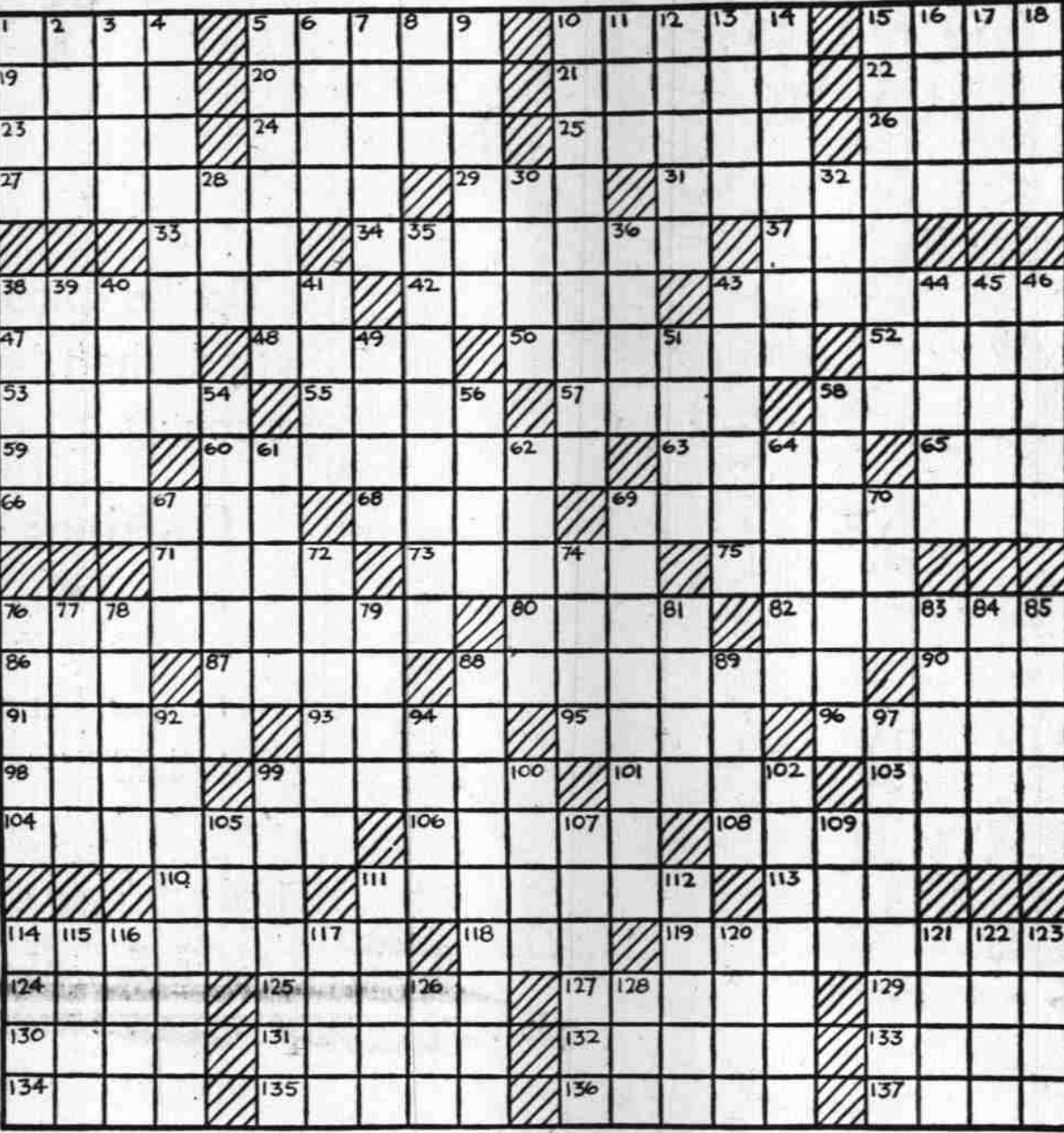
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1—Rod	50—Force	98—Speck	1—District	38—Scrutinizer	84—Consumer
10—Of the foot	52—Soft palate	99—Glean	2—Tropical plant	38—Narrow gradually	85—Clothe
15—County in North Carolina	53—Potency	101—Deposit of fine earth from water	3—Trim	39—Aloft	88—Adorns
19—On shielded side	55—Guard against intrusion	103—Applies	4—Detract	40—Staircase post	89—Vain
20—Herb of California	57—Persia	104—Preener	5—Breast-work	41—Plexus	92—Guard
21—Agreeable odor	58—Refrain	106—Course	6—Skip	42—Akin	94—Wax
22—Puffed	59—Twilight	108—Rubbish	7—Admirer	43—Ware-house	97—Having most parasitic fungi (Bot.)
23—Boom	60—Living in solitude	110—Small bird	8—English rural festival	44—Cut off syllable	99—Decides
24—Headed pin or bolt	63—Step	111—Execute	9—Narrate again	46—Sounder	100—Clump
25—Stream	65—Poem	113—Cereal grass	10—Retarding	49—Directs	102—Jogger
26—Scarce	66—Rekindle	114—Minimize	11—Assam silk	51—Herb of the mustard family	105—Outfit
27—Explode with loud noise	68—Juncture	115—Luzon	12—Capital of Delaware	54—Releases a claim to	107—Browns in Switzerland
28—Age	69—With-draw	119—Constrict	13—Word of conclusion	56—Peary's point of departure	111—Dark blue
29—One who marks with incisions	71—Cleft	123—Black tool	14—To a great extent	58—Whirling	112—Of the cheek
30—Breach	73—Outline	125—Dor-mouse	15—Tending to wear away	61—Likeness	114—Inclination
31—Teller	75—Wrig-gling	127—Crack	16—A European	62—Doctrines	115—Central American
32—Godess of dawn	76—Passing wind	129—Merit by labor	17—In this place	67—Footed vase	116—Broad-topped hill
33—Bird of finch family	78—Strongly	130—Province of modern Greece	18—Jug	69—Liberator	117—Smooth
34—Mixture of metals	80—Ate sparingly	131—Result	19—Scold	70—Affirmative	120—Flank
35—Hercules	82—Ate sparingly	132—Business	20—Chest	72—Proffer	121—Chevrolet
36—Sanction	84—Europe's highest volcano	133—Garden tool	21—Mythical bird	74—Cloy	122—Worm-like larva
37—Rend	86—Floor covering	134—Fresh-water duck	22—Soo-nest	76—Walk	123—Limits
	87—Europe's highest volcano	135—Diviners		77—Hearsay	128—Of us
	88—Obliteration	136—More painful		78—Pea-tree	
	89—Sense organ	137—Clumsy boats		79—Fastening	
	90—Cut into small cubes			81—Work-box	
	91—Praise			83—Plague	
	92—Rasp				



Answers to Crossword Puzzle on Page 13, Sec. 2

Irish Honor Grace Kelly

HOLLYWOOD (UP)—Sure, and it was a great day for the Irish when actress Grace Kelly, granddaughter of a County Mayo emigrant, came on the Hollywood scene, according to the Los Angeles chapter of the Ancient Order of the Hibernians.

The group today named Miss Kelly its 1953 "Star of the Year," and planned a St. Patrick's Day ball for Thursday to honor the Philadelphia Colleen who also was nominated for an Academy Award.

Corvallis High Paper Wins

NEW YORK (AP)—The Corvallis High School newspaper won a first-place award for senior high schools in the 751-1,000 enrollment group in the annual contest of Columbia University's Scholastic Press Assn.

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Burmese Girl Finishes First U.S. Film Role

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
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WASHINGTON (UP)—A lovely girl dipped a fork into her fruit cocktail, looked up and said: "I wonder if you can find some body who could give me a massage?" She said, "I've been on a train all night and I'm tired. I think a masseuse might relax me."

If Win Min Than, a 22-year-old Burmese lovely who has just finished her first movie, was tucked under her chin, she would have been a native green longyi (a toe-length skirt) and sported a pawa (or quilted shawl) to match her white nylon blouse. Her lips were properly tinted and her coal black hair stood up in a twisted top-knot.

Her Aching Back

Mere man looked at the starlet and said the only masseuses he knew were what might loosely be called masseurs, the burly characters who rub down the box fighters in training camps.

"I'll try, though," I said.

It was Sunday, and apparently every expert at the massage in our town was taking time out. In 20 calls I got only one answer, and it was a man.

"No thank you," Win said, easing back in her chair.

So far as I know she went to bed that night wearing a still-aching back.

The young lady, who speaks good English, was selected to play the role of a Burmese girl opposite Gregory Peck in a drama called "The Purple Plain."

She was discovered by the movie people at her home in Pegu, 50 miles from Rangoon, Burma. All she knew about the dramatic was dancing with her husband U-Aung Than, who operates a Burmese tin mine. That and a couple of amateur theatricals.

"I was scared to death," she said. "For one thing, I didn't like the idea of being away from home for over six months. Half of the picture was made in London and the other half in Ceylon. Maybe I won't make another one. We'll see. I don't know how they ever picked me, anyhow. I'm all arms and legs."

Win is an unofficial ambassador for her homeland and she resents people who misinterpret Burmese customs and manners. Like the time she was quoted as saying: "I love you with all my heart is never said in Burma. We say 'I love you with all my liver.' That is true, but folks over here don't understand and laugh at it, and it is embarrassing."

Lots of Holidays

The five-foot, six-inch girl (tall for a Burmese lady) is proud of her country.

"We have no caste system in Burma," she said. "Some people

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By CLAY R. POLLAN

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