

# Temptress Bacall, Villian Bogart Just Ordinary Parents

(Editor's Note: There's no tougher villain on the screen than Humphrey Bogart and no more glamorous temptress than his wife, Lauren Bacall. Catch them at home, however, and they're a curiously watered down version of this type of casting. Here's the story of what lies behind the makeup of two famous stars who happen also to be married and parents of two children)

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**HOLLYWOOD**—"I don't think you can beat the life out here—most of the time," said Lauren Bacall, sitting down to a tray on the dining room table and looking at a bacon and tomato sandwich without enthusiasm.

"When both Bogey and I are working, it's great. It's fine when he's working and I'm not. It gets a little grim, though, when I'm working and Bogey isn't. He gets restless, hanging around..."

Times, however, when Humphrey Bogart isn't working have become increasingly rare in recent years. His friend, Cary Grant, recently complained with mock bitterness that Bogart "keeps all of us older fellows out of work."

"He gets hold of all the good stuff first," Grant said wryly. "He keeps saying 'I can play this.' 'I'd be right for that.' The worst of it is that he can and would be. He's an old pro."

Success, professional and private was late in arriving. Bogey was 35 and had been an actor for 15 years before he caught popular fancy as killer Duke Mantee in "The Petrified Forest" on Broadway.

**In Movie Version**

He hadn't made much of a dent in Hollywood until he played Duke in the movie version later on.

He was 45 (maybe 46—there's a little confusion about his birth year) when he married his fourth and, from the looks of things, final wife, Miss Bacall, rather pointedly called Betty, never Baby.

He was close to 50 when his first child, Stephen, was born. He was 52 when he won his first Academy Award Oscar, for his liquor-loving vagabond in "African Queen."

Today Bogey, around 55 and Betty, 29, are among Hollywood's first film families, with two handsome children, a beautiful home, and—as free lance stars—a bountiful selection of roles among which to pick and choose.

**Slim Resemblance**

They bear a curiously watered down resemblance to the craggy faced, tough mannered menace and the siren, throaty voiced "Baby" of motion picture fame.

Bogart, lest this honey scene appears too saccharine, conscientiously cultivates his reputation for four letter Anglo Saxon words and brutal frankness in the course of intelligent conversation.

Otherwise this Andover graduate who converted a slight lisp into a chilling asset conforms pretty rigidly to the Hollywood success code: A fashionable Holmby Hills address, backyard swimming pool and pool house, twin Jaguars, a yacht.

Hollywood has good reason to be proud of the Bogarts. They are among the community's staunchest defenders as well as occasional critics. They preserve considerable independence of thought and freedom from press agent domination.

**Easy Elegance**

And their private lives are conducted with a certain easy elegance and casual good manners particularly notable in a land of the nouveau riche and stiff formal homes that scream the name of their expensive decorators.

Betty and Bogey are what might be called writers' stars, productive of good copy, expressing fresh viewpoints and available for opinions on controversial subjects.

Bogey, as a matter of fact, loves to be controversial. For example, he, practically alone among the post-30 actors, confesses to fighting the battle of the receding hair line with a "rug," and refuses to wear either hat or cap when sans toupee.

Such action requires vanity be low and courage above that of the average star.

The Bogart residence—a beautiful house of white washed brick with fine, old landscaping, is on a popular street close to Judge Garland, Lana Turner and a double handful of other illustrious neighbors.

The two principal downstairs rooms are a white marble solarium with a glass facade which opens onto the terrace, and a huge pine paneled study with a big working fireplace, bookshelves filled to the ceiling with well worn books, an equally well worn bar, plenty of comfortable chairs and a big divan.

**Oscar on Mantel**

On the mantel is Bogey's Oscar. On the floor in front of the fireplace is a rug which looks amazingly like an unstuffed panda.

Scattered around the walls of all rooms is good original art they've picked up, around the world. Bogart—whose mother was illustrator Maud Humphrey—has a

## Late Diners Really Late

JA JOLLA, Calif. (AP)—Waitress Mary Pullock served the third cup of coffee to her last table and then made the six-mile trip to her home.

As she reached in her purse for the house key she discovered the shell had the dinner check, uncollected, of the dining guests.

Mrs. Pullock raced back. The late diners sat just as she left them. As she approached them expecting to apologize for the delay, one of the diners murmured to her.

"More coffee, please."

## Reclamation Official Dies

SEATTLE (AP)—Floyd O. Hagie, 63, former secretary-manager of the National Reclamation Assn., died of a heart attack Wednesday while working in his garden at suburban Bellevue.

Hagie came to Seattle in 1946 from Washington, D. C., after 10 years with the Reclamation Association. He was vice president and general manager of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce until 1949, when failing health forced him to retire.

Prior to his work with the national association he was manager of chambers of commerce at Yakima and Walla Walla, Wash., and Sandpoint, Idaho. He also had been a school teacher and coach at Sandpoint.

His widow, Florence B. Hagie, and daughter, Mrs. O. W. Simpson, are in Bellevue and a son, Bradford F. Hagie, lives in Los Angeles.

Private funeral services will be held Friday in Bellevue.

## GENLEMEN BELLHOPS

**NEW YORK**—The traditional bellhop's uniform may be on the way out. One New York hotel has just spent \$10,000 on executive-type clothes for their employees. Elevator operators, doormen and bellmen are now wearing custom-tailored black tweed jackets, charcoal grey trousers, plaid jackets and black string ties.

## New Stamp



**FRANCONIA, N.H.**—The sequel-entennial of the discovery of New Hampshire's famous landmark, "The Old Man of the Mountains," will be observed in part by the issuance of this new three cent postage stamp. It will be placed on sale first at Franconia, N.H., June 21, 1955. This view of the mountain rock formation is as seen from Franconia Notch, N.H. (AP Wirephoto.)

On the basis of their March 1 intentions, Canadian farmers plan substantial increases over 1954 in the acreage of oats, barley and flaxseed this year.

## Laws Covering Alien Ownership Of Property Vary

**WASHINGTON**—(UP)—Twenty-six states and the District of Columbia have no restrictions on aliens purchasing real property in the United States, according to a survey by the Philippine-American Chamber of Commerce.

Connecticut, Iowa, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Wisconsin have restrictions on non-resident aliens only. Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and South Carolina place time or acreage restrictions on all aliens.

Eleven states which have other restrictions or apply common law are Missouri, Nebraska, Texas, Washington, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming.

Thirty states and the District of Columbia do not restrict alien inheritance of real property, devise or descent. But 18 states still restrict aliens' inheritance of real property in regard to tenure or outright prohibition.

Americans used 445 million pounds of potato chips worth 263 million dollars in 1954.

## U.S. Baptist Pastors May Get Chance to Preach in Russia

**PENDLETON**—Four Baptist ministers from the United States may have a chance to preach in Russian pulpits before the summer is over.

Dr. V. Carney Hargroves of Germantown, Pa., said in a talk before the Oregon Baptist convention at Pendleton that such a plan has approval of the Soviet Union. Dr. Hargroves is president of the American Baptist Convention. The U.S. State Department has not given an opinion on the project.

Baptists in Russia have been given approval by their government, Dr. Hargroves said, to invite four American ministers to speak in as many Russian churches as they find possible during the

summer. It is estimated, he said, that 5,000 Baptist churches in the Soviet Union have approximately a half-million members.

Some 300 attending the Oregon Baptist convention heard Dr. Hargroves speak. At a business session, the group elected the Rev. Graydon Lore, Coos Bay, president; the Rev. Charles W. More, Eugene, vice-president, and the Rev. Scott Ryan, Cottage Grove, secretary-treasurer. The Rev. Glenn E. Camper of Portland is the retiring president.

## Weather Beats Peach Grower

**LYNCHBURG, Va.**—Rowland Lea, one of central Virginia's oldest orchardists, has quit trying to raise peaches.

His 1955 crop killed by a late freeze, Lea said the weather had beaten him. He cited two years of extreme drought, a hail storm which seriously damaged another crop and Hurricane Hazel last fall which damaged the orchard. The freeze was the last straw and hereafter he will confine his attention to apples.

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