

# English Actor is 'Stunned' By Hollywood Gossip Mills

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HOLLYWOOD (UP)—English actor Michael Wilding admitted today he's "stunned" by the old Hollywood practice—the gossip mills

## Story Told

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Irrigation Co. conceived the idea of establishing a desert town, located on the main irrigation ditch leading south from the Deschutes river at Bend.

That town would be in the heart of the largest single bodies of irrigable land in the northwest at that time.

**Chance Dictates Site**  
The exact location of the new town of Redmond was by chance. There happened to be in the area a vacant section of school land not included with the tract that was segregated for reclamation under terms of the Carey act.

It also happened that this school section adjoined the Redmond farm, established in 1905. As an appropriate tribute to the pioneering qualities of the teachers from North Dakota, the desert town that was a mere tent in 1905 was named Redmond.

Central Oregon Irrigation Co. leaders organized the Redmond Townsite Co.

When news of the possibilities of the newly opened land that was to be watered from the Deschutes began to spread homesteaders were attracted. Soon there was a demand for a trading place. Redmond, being in the center of the reclaimed acreage in western Crook county became the logical place.

**Town Platted**  
The new town was platted, and in the summer and early fall of 1906 the first buildings were erected. They consisted of a general merchandise store, a hotel, a hardware store and the Townsite company's office.

In 1907, a well was drilled and a pump installed that supplied water for the city. However, only a few pipe lines were laid and most of the people came to the well with pails to get their water.

By 1910, the ones who had looked forward to seeing Redmond an organized factor in the development of Central Oregon saw their dream come true—Redmond the City of Redmond was incorporated in 1905.

However, the 216 people were of the progressive, energetic type. They conceived of a town that was not only to serve their part of a big irrigation district, but would be developed into a city serving a large region.

**DIVORCES SOUGHT**  
Two divorce suits were filed at the circuit court last week. They are: Victor Brown vs. Beatrice Brown and Leigh Rice vs. Harold W. Rice.

whispering about his marriage. As is usual in the film colony, columnists have been speculating whether the marriage of the suave actor to one of Hollywood's most beautiful women, Elizabeth Taylor, is on solid ground. Items have filtered from luscious Liz, set of "Giant" at Warner Studio that all is not well with the Wildings' love nest.

But the tall, sophisticated Wilding insisted "the marriage is fine, thank you, just fine." "If you have a good marriage you ignore the gossip columns and just enjoy the marriage, make the most of it," he said in his clipped, fast-talking British way. "We've been married three years now, and they still say if our marriage catches on —"

**Tired of Gossip**  
Wilding sat in the living room of the couple's hilltop home in Bend. The house, of extreme modern design, features a long living room with one wall of stone and another of glass. The actor presided over a pin-and-pony surrounded by three cats, three dogs, a rook and assorted secretaries. He was surprisingly informal and friendly—so informal, in fact, he prefers to walk over his coffee table and couch instead of around them.

"These fan magazines!" he went on. "I see titles on the covers like, 'Will Liz' Baby Save the Marriage?' or, 'Will Liz Lose Her Looks?' I have to buy the magazines so I can read them and find out."

"Actually, I find those gossip stories immensely dull. They write about the same people—going to get a divorce, going to get married, or going to stay that way. I am tired of reading about Tony getting out of bed and Janet dressing him."

When he and Liz traveled to Europe two years ago, Wilding said, he read that "friends said the Wildings were having a bad time." One picture showed her arriving alone in one city.

"Our friends never said that—and I was on the plane with Liz but they cut me out of the picture," he laughed.

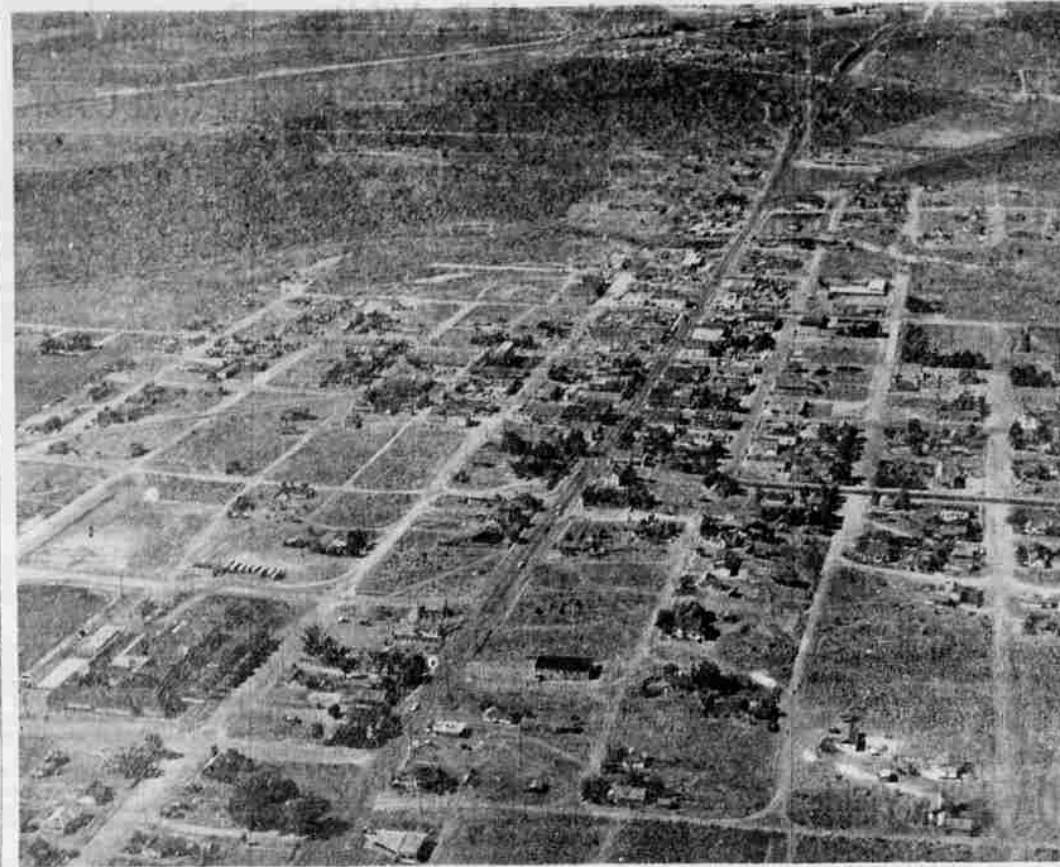
**Marriage Comes First**  
"Liz gets upset over these things but I feel quite a kick out of it. One columnist said Liz was a bore and couldn't grow up. Nothing could be further from the truth. It's a bit of a run, y'know, to say that kind of thing, or to say she's behaving badly on the set of 'Giant'. She's fine."

Wilding also regarded with detached amusement the cry of "May-December". He is 41, Liz 23.

"I'm mentally retarded so we come to the same age," he grinned. Wilding was signed by MGM after he and the MGM star were wed. Recently, after three pictures, he left the studio "because they had no good roles for me."

"I would like to do some light comedies," he said. "Noel Coward also wants me to do a play in London but I don't think it's good for a marriage to be apart."

"And my marriage comes first," he said. "Acting comes second."



NAME THIS MID-OREGON TOWN — Old timers would have some difficulty in naming this Central Oregon town, as viewed from an airplane. It is Madras, "Green Spot" of Jefferson county. The view is north, and the black "street" down the center is the route of U. S. Highway 97. The Madras High School can be seen in the lower left corner. (Bend Bulletin Picture)

# Mau Mau Group Slowly Being Beaten Down

By DUDLEY HAWKINS  
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NAIROBI, Kenya (UP)—The primitive rebellion into which the African cult of Mau Mau has plunged this once-idyllic British colony for three bloody years is near its end.

Slowly but inexorably brains and bullets are beating the rebels. Today there are a few thousand hunted, desperate outlaws hiding in the dense mountain jungles.

To them now, food is far more important than killing white settlers or the African natives who cling to Christianity and loyalty in the face of savagery almost unbelievable.

Over 11,000 men, women and children have been killed. More than one hundred million dollars have been spent to prevent mass murder. Magnificent mountain lodges, serene farm homes have been burned, cattle by the thousands butchered. Hatreds have been inflamed that will take decades to cool.

Mau Mau began almost unnoticed 10 years ago. Kikuyu tribesmen and their cousins in the Meru and Embu reserves disappeared mysteriously. Then, in isolated places, African families were found butchered in their huts. They had refused to join Mau Mau.

The terrorists were encouraged by the still-necked complacency of British colonial administration

These civil servants still lived in the rosy glow of hunting, incoming motion picture safaris and whiskey and soda.

**Trail of Death**  
By 1952 the well-armed terrorist gangs, made brave by moonshine liquor, blood oaths and promises of taking land from the whites, had left a ghastly trail of death through the reserves.

Razor-sharp pangas cut down anyone who refused to cooperate. Oath-taking ceremonies—incredibly filthy orgies of sex and superstition to initiate recruits—were held openly just outside Nairobi.

In October, 1952, British paratroopers landed by air and a state of emergency was declared. But the barn door was being shut after the horse was gone. On a pre-arranged plan, Mau Mau leaders fled the city, leaving a few unimportant "generals" behind to face the music and leave the impression the crisis had ended.

In the dense jungles and mountain country, the Mau Mau organized an intricate, efficient system of "cells" on Communist lines which stretched to every Kikuyu, Embu and Meru tribesman.

Among the whites, guns appeared on every hip and in every woman's handbag. On the farm the settlers' homes became fortresses, some with watchtowers and machineguns.

But it was not enough. The Mau Mau were sworn to kill the whites and they did.

James MacDougall, who came to Kenya in 1906, trusted his native

servants. He never locked his doors and windows. Nine killers broke in and surrounded him in his wheelchair. Arthritis prevented his moving. In cold blood, they hacked him and burned his body.

**Family Killed**  
The Meloncellis, an Italian family, lived in a house surrounded by bush country. Meloncelli was at the saw mill one morning when 20 Mau Mau attacked the house. His wife was shot and chopped to pieces. The terrorists searched the house and killed their 15-year-old daughter and 10-year-old son. The children had arrived only 10 days before.

Only this April, two schoolboys, Geoffrey Daby and Christopher Twohey, innocently but foolishly strolled through the veld on the outskirts of Nairobi hunting pigeons. Their airgun attracted the Mau Mau. The boys were surrounded and butchered.



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# County Fair Plans Shaped By Veterans

A veteran board will again be in charge of Deschutes county's 1955 fair in Redmond on Aug. 26, 27 and 28, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

R. J. Carpenter, Redmond banker, is again chairman of the 11-member Deschutes County fair association, and Roy Newell and George McKinnon are co-managers of the fair.

M. A. Lynch, who in earlier years was "head man" of the county fair, still remains as a member of the association and is not a mere "elder statesman." He is one of the busiest members of the group as fair days near.

Howard Mayfield, board member who will head up the rodeo program, is not only a member of the Deschutes fair board. He was active in the presentation of the Crooked River roundup and of a western show on the other side of the Cascades.

# Optimists

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north, across Crooked river, a \$12,000,000 federal irrigation project would bring 50,000 acres of land under water.

The Redmond pioneers were confident that their new town would adequately be served by days realized that two arterial roads, but few in those distant routes, U.S. 126 and U.S. 97, would cross in the center of town.

Possibly some of the early day residents who watched the first flimsy planes of a new age circle in the mid-Oregon sky dreamed of the time when the city could serve those planes with a "landing field"—but certainly none pictured a multi-million dollar airport near Redmond's city limits.

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