



Dodging Stagnation—Robert Donat plays with ship model.

Donat, Veteran Actor, Scorns Security for Ups and Downs

By ED L. CAMPBELL (AP Newsfeature)

London—Security, said the man, is stagnation. He sounded like he knew what he was talking about.

Certainly Robert Donat, for he was that veteran British actor doing the talking, can say at the age of 44 that his own life has been neither secure nor stagnant.

Currently the outlook is bright. Donat's newest picture, "The Winslow Boy," from the smash stage hit by Terence Rattigan, played to big houses in London's West End.

But it has been a long time since he scored his last film hit. And a lot longer since he did anything outstanding on the stage.

He started with a big film winner in "The Count of Monte Cristo." Then, after several mediocre efforts, he rang the theatrical bell in James Bridie's "Sleeping Clergyman."

On the debt side went another string of efforts until Hollywood skyrocketed him to the 1940 star of the year award in "Goodbye, Mr. Chips."

The war and Donat's own Lancashire stubbornness brought on the next "low."

Donat sent his wife and three children to the United States in order to protect them from Hitler's bombing, but he refused to leave London himself. Arguments with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer over this finally ended in mutual agreement to dissolve his connection with the American company.

The result was a return to the stage and little success.

His wife returned after the war but only to obtain an uncontested divorce.

Donat tried out and missed the part of Bill Sykes in "Oliver Twist." He got a bit part—hardly three minutes—in Stewart Granger's "Captain Boycott." Then came "The Winslow Boy." Sir Alexander Korda, who always has liked Donat's work, gave him the difficult role made famous by the stage star, Emyln Williams.

Donat explains his checkered career by acknowledging that "people call me difficult."

He is apt to receive guests dressed in unpressed tweeds, an old sweater, a shirt with rumpled collar and tie awry. He will sprawl on the floor to demonstrate the construction of a model ship he and his oldest son, John, are building together. John and Brian and daughter Joanna divide their school holidays between their parents.

Try to steer the conversation into personally prying channels, and Donat is off like a deer, talking of other things. "The creative artist must preserve his freedom if only to preserve the element of uncertainty," he declared. "If the only thing you get out of life is security, the result is stagnation."

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Dallas Bear Eater Club Has Dinner Minus Bruin

Dallas, Dec. 16—Bear dishes were scarce at the annual feast of the unique Bear Eater Nimrods club in Dallas but the menu did have one course of bear meat (Royal Roast of Bear with Porcupine Sauté), and all kinds of other wild game made up for the shortage.

Attendance at the 18th annual feed was 100 per cent but for Taft Hamrick of Anchorage, Alaska, who sent a telegram that he was unable to be present and notified the club members that he had been unable to kill a brown bear for the occasion. The members unanimously voted to excuse him.

Linza Dennis, the Hornblower, sounded the call for the feast which annually marks the close of the hunting season. The invitation follows:

Greetings: To all you rip-roaring, Bear-eating, Bobcat-chewing, lying, shooting Sons of the Old West. The leaves have fallen, the snow has tipped the high summits, boot blisters and bedroll bruises have healed and it is again time that we should meet to renew our strength for the coming winter, spin our tales and gloss over our misses in congenial fellowship. So gather at the Dale (Dennis' home in Oakdale district) at sundown fully prepared to follow through with all the time-honored rituals of our organization. Mountain music by the master, Allen Dunn, at the official opening by the Hornblower. Poems by Tennis (Curt Tennis of Corvallis) the Terrible, and sundry music and mirth by the group (All meats submitted must bear the approval of Doc Peterson and all bear meat must have passed his running test).

"To be followed by a period of recuperation and relaxation before blazing fireplace, song, story and mountain music as the spirit moves.

"For recognition: The red chapeau. (Signed) The Hornblower."

Most unusual menu of this most unusual dinner was as follows:

Elk milk; rump roast of Yukon Lamb (by Wiley Gardner); Moose's Caboose; Mule Deer's Ears, Panther Dew; Royal Roast of Bear with Porcupine Sauté; Bobcat Salad; Cougar Steak; Elk Milk; Cow Elk Ribs, a la Linza; Snow Flakes by Wiley. (Numerous condiments of the meal will be added).

Owing to the circumstances under which the bear meat was procured, Doc Peterson had ruled after giving it the test that it be cooked for eight hours over an open fire of buffalo chips. This rule was complied with, Cooks Gardner and Dennis averted. The grizzly bear and the polar bear of the 1948 feed were missing, but in their stead was a haunch of mountain sheep

Farmers Chosen In PMA Groups

Fifty-five of the county's farmers were elected by their neighbors last week to serve as community production administration committee members for the coming year.

These are the men who will be responsible during 1950 for local administration of such federal farm programs as agricultural conservation, price supports, acreage allotments and marketing quotas.

The successful candidates and the communities they represent are as follows:

Gervala—B. J. Miller, Robert Pence, George Andrea, Oren Stursis, Edward Janicki.
Howell Prairie—John Lauderback, Wm. Hattberg, Elton Watts, Silas Torvend, Conrad Gunderson.
Jefferson—Max Schulz, George Wilkinson, Henry Hess, George Kila, Robert Terhune.
Mt. Angel—Volva White, Albert Diehl, George Vols, George Willis, Ed Zach.
St. Paul—Fred Dentel, James Gooding, Walter Smith, William Frith, Pat McCarthy.
Salem—W. A. Jones, E. G. Clark, Herman Kren, Harry Martin, George Bahnsen.
North Silverton—Lawson Hadley, Lloyd Heinz, H. B. Jorgenson, James Bonner, Alois Imper.
South Silverton—Paul Jaquet, Adam Herach, Alvin Krue, Walter VonFlu, Bob Allen.
Stanton—P. J. Eisel, Verne D. Scott, Edward Zimmerman, Harry Stewart, Elmer Taylor.
Turner—Cliff Booth, Floyd Bates, J. W. Schifferer, David Bloom, Henry Ahrens.
Woodburn—Wm. Robert, Albert Wenzel, Percy Seely, Earl Winsler, A. L. Larson.

from the far north, cougar steaks from the Polk county hills, moose from British Columbia and Oregon elk.

The feast was officially concluded at noon, Linza reported, but some of the more conventional minded of the Bear Eaters took their leave at the midnight hour.

Members present were Dennis, Allen Dunn, Hubert Dunn, Homer Bevens, Jack Roberts, Doc Peterson, Wiley Gardner, Jack Hayes, Curt Tennis, Jack Francis, Earle Richardson, Ed Hamilton, Jim Hubbard and Ted Cooper. Hubert Dunn, Francis, Hubbard and Cooper are of Portland, Tennis of Corvallis, and the others of Dallas.

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The special fare, averaging 5 cents a mile, would apply only to daily round-trip DC-4 overnight flights on which, contrary to other schedules, cargo would be cabin-loaded. The designated flights would be the overnights between Chicago-Omaha-Salt Lake City-Boise-Portland-Seattle and Los Angeles-San Francisco-Portland-Seattle. In addition to the reduced basic fare, family plan, round-trip and children's discounts would be offered.

While fares would be lower, due to proposed cabin loading of front seats, service would remain on a first-class level. The DC-4's used would be equipped with standard number of 44 seats. Meals would be served and each plane also would carry its normal complement of two stewardesses.

Proposed fares for the new service would be approximately 17 per cent below standard rates. Fares listed include the following between Portland and the cities shown below.

Chicago \$96.50, Omaha \$75.30, Denver \$51.05, Salt Lake \$32.05, Boise \$17.45, San Francisco \$27.60.

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Nine Paroled In Morals Case

Coquille, Dec. 16 (AP)—Nine young men were placed on a year's probation Thursday after pleading guilty to contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Assistant District Attorney John Pickett said the men were accused of illicit relation last February with an unmarried 15-year-old Powers girl, who has since given birth to a child.

Circuit Judge Dal M. King sentenced the nine to six months in jail, but then suspended the sentence and placed them on a year's probation.

The judge said warrants were out for the arrest of several other men also accused.

The men sentenced today were Joseph Vondell, Coos Bay; Austin Brotman, Harold Raymond Smith, Gerald B. Lemmon, Marvin Madison Ford, Richard A. Wood, Daniel W. E. Wood, Frank Butcher and Don Amos, all of Powers.

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