

## Starlet Piper Laurie Nibbles On Various Flowers for Food

By BOB THOMAS

Hollywood, Mar. 3 (AP)—A rose is a rose is a rose to readers of Gertrude Stein. To starlet Piper Laurie it's a tasty tidbit. A swain would be a daffodil to send a corsage to the 18-year-old actress. She'd be likely to eat it.

Piper's flower-eating habits were uncovered during a "Louisa" scene, in which Edmund Gwenn mixes a marigold salad. The rest of the cast was surprised to hear of such a dish.

"What's so amazing about that?" the starlet asked. "I've been eating flowers for years."

I didn't put much stock in the report until I met the girl at lunch. She assured me that any man, woman, orchid would relish certain flowers.

"They're delicious," she said. "Take gardenias, for example. They're my favorite. They have a nice leafy taste, something like lettuce but much sweeter. I eat gardenias plain; most other flowers I eat in salads."

"Are you serious?" I asked. "Certainly," she answered. "What's more, a doctor told me flowers have lots of vitamins."

I asked how she got started on her bloom-nibbling jag.

"It started when I was a kid in Detroit," she replied. "I loved lilacs. One day I wondered if they tasted as nice as they smelled. So I went over to the neighbor's yard and tasted some. They were delicious."

Soon her tulips were tasting all kinds of blossoms.

"I love red roses," she rhapsodized. "They have a very delicate flavor. Violets are nice, too."

Our luncheon turned out to be a daisy, Robert Balzer, local gourmet, was there to mix us up



## Derelicts in Pershing Square May Have Roles in New Picture

By VIRGINIA MacPHERSON

Hollywood, Mar. 3 (AP)—The derelicts in downtown Pershing Square are feeling a little self-conscious these days. Every time they start to swap hard-luck stories, there's always a nosy guy in a grey overcoat listening in.

He drifts from bench to bench in the "skid-row" hangout, sometimes taking notes, sometimes making sketches, sometimes just listening.

The nosy guy is producer William Trenk. If the down-and-outers knew what he was snooping around for, they'd be mighty flattered.

Trenk is working on a \$150,000 musical stage show version of "Columnist Matt Weinstock's book, 'My L. A.'" and his "Pershing Square" scene, he says, is going to be the hit of the show.

"I've been going down there every afternoon," he explained. "I've found characters I would never have dreamed of putting into the show. They're fantastic and weird and pathetic—but anyone who's ever walked through Pershing Square will recognize the types."

They might even recognize a

smokes burned way down we're heading for a depression.

"Same way with another bum who was an 'aristocratic' down-and-outer. He's on salary now and then driving a garbage truck. When he collects champagne bottles he knows times are good enough to keep him working steady."

The trend, as of yesterday, according to Trenk, is for good times. Long cigarette butts and champagne empties are plentiful these days.

### Lucky Seven Guests

Ballston—The 4-H Lucky Seven Cooking club met at the home of Miss Elsie Taylor their leader. Valentines were exchanged and each member was given a candy treat by Miss Taylor. Alice Kaltenbach was chosen song leader, Barbara Gould and Violet Syron yell leaders, Miss Elsie Taylor and Roberta Patty program committee.



**Ford Begins Pensions**—Several hundred old-timers whose gnarled hands turned out model-Ts for the famous \$5-a-day wage years ago punched the time clock at the Ford Motor company for the last time. Shown are Edward Ogden (left), and William Swanson as they watched the minutes of Ogden's watch tick by, ending their long stay with company in Detroit. They will receive \$100-a-month. (AP Wirephoto)

## Fear of Arctic Has Given Way To Something Like Respect

(Editor's Note: Following is the third and last story in a series by Charles Corddry, United Press aviation writer, who has just returned from the joint U. S.-Canadian Arctic maneuvers.)

By CHARLES CORDDRY

Washington, Mar. 3 (AP)—Fear of the Arctic has given way to something more like deep respect after the stiffest peacetime military tests ever staged in the north.

Generals of both the United States and Canada know now that their troops can live, work and fight for extended periods in temperatures ranging down to 40 below zero in some of the most rugged country anywhere.

But they also have learned that improved tactics and the toughest indoctrination that can be devised are essential to successful combat operations in the vast reaches of Alaska and northwest Canada.

The value of special training both for survival in extreme cold and for Arctic combat was demonstrated vividly in the recently completed "exercise Sweetbriar."

Troops of the U. S. regimental combat team, Camp Carson, Col., and the Princess Patricia's Canadian light infantry were outnumbered on several occasions by the "aggressor" force from the U. S. 4th Infantry, stationed in Alaska. Yet the "aggressor" always was outnumbered.

The 4th infantry troops appeared in excellent condition at the end of the war games, despite the fact that some had been in the field since late January and had encountered lower temperatures than the "allied" force. In some spots their thermometers registered 60 below.

While the maneuvers showed that combat can be conducted in the Arctic, commanders of both Canadian and American forces were convinced that only small units, probably of battalion or regimental size are likely to be engaged.

Summing up, U. S. Brig. Gen. George C. Stewart, Sweetbriar field commander, said:

1. With air superiority, troops can be moved over the Alcan

highway the year round. Without it, they probably cannot move at all.

2. Supply is not a limiting factor. What will govern combat operations in the Arctic is the number of troops that can be deployed. He thought combat teams of 5,000 men would be ideal units.

3. More than the usual complement of maintenance would be required to prevent a breakdown of transport.

4. Soldiers fighting in the Arctic should be pulled out of combat frequently for rest and recreation in heated buildings.

### Women Offer Dinner

Woodburn — The women of the Immanuel Lutheran church at Woodburn will hold a smorgasbord at the Lutheran hall Saturday from 5 to 8 p.m. Scandinavian dishes will be featured and American dishes will also be served.

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