

Shirley Temple Enjoys First Film Freedom Since Age Four

By BOB THOMAS

Hollywood, June 21 (AP)—The long film career of 22-year-old Shirley Temple has passed another milestone. She is now her own boss.

The former screen moppet ended her contract with Producer David O. Selznick and now will make her own decisions. It is the first time she has been able to decide her film fate and she says she's enjoying it immensely.

"I've read six scripts in two weeks," she crowed. "I'm having a lot of fun."

From the age of four, Shirley has always had her scripts picked for her. She reigned as the crown princess of 20th Fox for nine years and brought in millions for the studio by doing what she was told to do.

Her box office pull began to drop when she outgrew the "cute little girl" roles and in 1941 she parted with the studio. After a couple of pictures for MGM and Edward Small she signed with Selznick.

The producer brought her back to popularity, not as a moppet but as a shapely young woman. Unlike Ingrid Bergman, Joan Fontaine and some of the other rebellious Selznick stars, Shirley seemed contented under the producer's control. There were never any public arguments and the parting, said Shirley was a friendly one.

I asked her what kind of pictures she wants, now that she is a free agent.

"Anything with a good story," she answered. "I have found two that I like. One is on the 'Rebecca' side and the other is about a young movie star. Both are for major studios. And there is a chance that I may play a Japanese girl in a picture for an independent producer."

She disclosed that she had an offer to sign a term contract with Warners. She turned it down. "It's more fun to make your own decisions—if they are good ones," she remarked.

Shirley appeared to be enjoying her romantic independence as well. Her boy friend from Hawaii, Charles Black, is in town and they are still dating.

"I'm very happy," she commented, without elaboration.

Dallas Tax Levy Passes Easily

Dallas—A \$113,791.89 tax levy above the six per cent limitation for Dallas school district No. 2 for 1950-51 was approved by a wide margin at the school election Monday.

Of 137 votes cast, only 22 were in opposition to the levy. William B. Young, present board chairman, was re-elected to the school board by virtually unanimous vote. Only three ballots carried write-in names. Young was the only candidate who had filed. Election is for a five-year term.

Hamshorn Herd Wins Award

For distinguished success as a breeder of Ayrshire dairy cattle, Stephen Hamshorn estate, Mt. Angel, has been presented the "Constructive Breeder Award" by the Ayrshire Breeders' association.

In order to qualify for this honor, which is considered the most coveted prize in dairy cattle circles, it is necessary for the herd to excel in production and type, and in addition, a high percentage of the herd must have been bred and developed by the owner.

The herd has been given an official classification score of .843 which places it among the top 10 of the breed on type characteristics. Ten members of the

herd were designated as "Very Good", which is the second highest score given any Ayrshire.

On a strictly twice-a-day milking schedule, the entire milking herd of 20 head averaged 10,194 pounds of 4 per cent milk. No less than 100 per cent of the herd has been bred and owned by the Stephen Hamshorn estate for at least four years. This is the third award of this kind won by this herd.

William Walsh Loses School Board Race

Coos Bay, Ore., June 21 (AP)—John W. Nelson, Coos Bay insurance man, defeated State Senate President William E. Walsh for a position on the Coos Bay school board in an election Monday night.

Nelson got 163 votes to 112 for Walsh.

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Insurance Firm In the Pentagon

Washington, June 20 (AP)—House investigators received testimony today that a private insurance group was organized at the Pentagon and operated from there, making use of government telephones.

The witness, former Maj. Gen. William H. Kasten, said the group was founded in 1946 with the approval of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, then army chief of staff.

Kasten retired army chief of finance, is now the \$12,000-a-year secretary-treasurer of the insurance organization, known as the Armed Forces Mutual Benefit Association.

The association's membership is limited to army officers. It is now a \$44,300,000 concern.

Kasten testified before a house armed forces subcommittee checking into the organization and operation of the association as part of its investigation of alleged irregularities at the army finance center in St. Louis.

Kasten has been criticized previously by a house civil service committee on grounds that he managed an insurance business for two years before he left the army.

He told the armed forces committee that the association, with high ranking army officers as directors, was organized on Dec. 5, 1946 "with the knowledge and approval of the chief of staff."

Kasten said the association was assigned one room and use of government telephone, first in the finance section's quarters near the Pentagon and then in the Pentagon itself after the section moved there.

He denied he used his regular duty time for its management, but said he did work at nights and over week-ends. He said the association paid for stationary and postage and for secretarial help.

The association moved from the Pentagon to its own offices in a Washington office building in Jan. 1949, he said. It now has an office staff of six.

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