

GARBO CARELESS ABOUT COSTUME, RABBIT BREEDERS GREET SECRETARY AT SPECIAL MEET

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 23.—(Sp.)—Can you imagine a woman standing on one spot from early evening to 3 a. m. while frantic fitters work in relays to adjust a single seam of a new gown to the position she desires?

Whether you can or not, that's the fact about Greta Garbo, the most fastidious woman in Hollywood where clothes are concerned. Not once in a several 11 m. she has kept fitters working for six or seven hours on a stretch until her costume is perfect to the most minute detail, says Lola Shimley, who reveals some of the secrets that lie between movie stars and their dressmakers, in the current issue of Photoplay Magazine.

"Excepting Jeta, Mary Pickford gives more thought and attention to her screen clothes than any other star," she says. "She has a theory that if one starts from the worst possible angle, the best possible results will be attained. She has herself photographed in plain muslin underwear, standing in the most awkward positions, and gives the photographer to Howard Green, her costumer, as a working base for his design.

"They're all more difficult when they are selecting screen clothes than when it's a personal wardrobe, they want," continues Miss Shirley, and she offers these intimate glimpses of the stars at their favorite pastimes.

"Garbo prefers to talk to Greer rather than select clothes. She is essentially simple in her tastes and will buy nothing that smacks of the theatrical.

"Poll Negri becomes her real self in the fitting room. Gone was the princess and in her stead was a peasant girl who laughed loudly and was completely natural.

"To Marion Davies clothes are of secondary importance. She must have them smart for pictures—for herself it doesn't matter.

"Bebe Daniels goes behind the scenes and parades out with the mannequins," the Photoplay writer continues, "but there is very little left to her Norma Shearer is fitted. She arrives in the evening and brings her mother—and she is always definite and precise in her selections."

PHOENIX, Ore., Dec. 23.—(Sp.)—Harold Colker, Andrew Stevens, and Roy Coffman left here Friday for southern California and Mexico, visiting places of interest. They expect to be gone several weeks.

Dr. J. B. Webster, local real estate agent and his wife, left Friday evening for Berkeley, Cal., where they will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Mrs. Malmeren and Mrs. Blackwood left Thursday morning for California. They expect to be gone about two weeks.

Mr. Mort, one of the teachers in the high school left Friday evening to spend his Christmas vacation at his home in Goldendale, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Purdy entertained a number of their friends at a dinner on Wednesday evening.

Winston Hotel is spending a few days with relatives in San Francisco. During his absence Raymond Brownrigg is delivering his papers.

Mr. Silman who has been operating a hamburger stand and gas station during the past summer and winter, has closed the stand until spring.

The special meeting of the Southern Oregon Rabbit Breeders' Association held last week at 117 North Peach street, on the occasion of Mrs. Catherine Hayes stopping off here en route to Portland from attending the convention and show of the American Rabbit Breeders' association at Fort Worth, Texas, was well attended by local rabbit breeders.

Mrs. Hayes, secretary of the Oregon Poultry and Pet Stock association, was delegate to the Texas convention from this state. She is very well informed on rabbits and the needs of the industry, which latter she presented very forcibly.

"The commercial side has been neglected for that of the fancy," she said, among other things, in a barrage of short comments charged to rabbit breeders.

She told about the doings of the convention and of its problems, and how it will meet them and take the infant industry out of its cradle and put it on its feet; why it lags so far behind Europe.

Mrs. Hayes paid a visit to the government rabbit experiment station at Fontana, Cal., where experiments are being conducted contemplated to find a ration that will give a maximum of meat and fur quality at a minimum expense of time, labor and money. Here she saw the interesting hybrids, the color-rex rabbits, sent by Dr. Castle of the Carnegie foundation.

These rabbits are a cross between the Mutation and the Cantorrex and other rabbits having guard hairs. American breeders are now importing color-rex rabbits from Europe. A number were on exhibition at the convention show and they attracted a lot of attention, she said. Fontana will help the industry a lot in the opinion of Mrs. Hayes.

INVITE MEDFORD HIGH TO ENTER DRAMA TOURNEY

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 23.—(Sp.)—Medford high school and high schools all over the state, are being invited to take part in a drama tourney to be held at the University of Oregon, April 3, 4 and 5, according to Mrs. Opelle Seybold, director of dramatics at the university, who is in charge of the event.

The first 10 high schools applying for entrance will come to the campus to compete with one-act plays of their own selection. Real talent is brought out in the tournament, which is a great stimulus to the presenting of worthwhile plays in the high schools of Oregon. It is believed by those in charge. No play may take longer than 35 minutes to present, and the registration fee and the name of the plays to be given must reach the tournament committee before February 15.

Milwaukie Union high school last year received the Guild Theater cup for its presentation of "The Valiant," while Eugene high took honorable mention with "Op-o'-Me-Thumb," and Henley high school, second, with "Joint Owners in Spain." Dean Collins, dramatic editor of the Portland Telegram, presented a cup for the best individual acting in the tournament, which was won by Wilma Dawson of Henley high.

TALENT, Ore., Dec. 23.—(Sp.)—Grandma Arthur, mother of Mrs. W. R. Lamb is ill at the home of her daughters near this city, due to a fall she received recently. Mrs. Arthur is 83 years of age.

Dr. Cleveland and wife are guests of their daughter, Mrs. Lester Newby, for the week end. Dr. and Mrs. Cleveland are on their way home to Spokane.

Kirk McGrew and Collier Leung were business callers at Yreka last week.

Miss Loretta Hayman of Medford is spending the week end with her grandmother, Mrs. Hayman, of this city.

The local Girl Scouts met at the home of Ely Estes Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Sarah Seyforth of Kirby is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Meeta Fox of Talent.

Mr. Parkinson has moved from the auto park to the cottage owned by the late Mrs. Crosby. Mr. Parkinson took refuge in the auto park when their home was recently destroyed by fire.

The Secret of Mohawk Pond

By Natalie Sumner Lincoln

Chapter 31. THE TWIN BROTHERS

Obadiah found Phillander Chase standing in front of the south window of the parlor, examining a china bowl on a quaint old mahogany candlestand.

"One doesn't often see a Japanese garden in a New England farmhouse," he said, as Obadiah joined him.

"Jim sent it to Dobby, my housekeeper," Obadiah answered, producing a clear which Chase declined.

"She thinks a heap of the little houses and bridges," pointing to the tiny Japanese toys and wooden miniature men and women.

"You keep it in too much sunshine," commented Chase; then, stooping over to examine the plant in the center of the bowl more carefully: "In fact, this Tree of Life should be potted; it's overgrown the bowl." He looked up suddenly: "Who were you talking with just now?"

"The Bill Beach, the sheriff of Lincoln county."

Out of the corner of his eye, Obadiah noted Chase's sudden nervous fiddling with his watch fob. "Want you all down? Supper will be ready 'most any time."

"I don't know that I can wait," Chase compared his watch with the grandfather clock. He detected for a second longer. "It is imperative that I go my brother tonight. Is it possible to get to Stone Tower other than by going back to Goshen?"

Obadiah shook his head. "No. The road from East Cornwell end up the pass is too rough, except for a Ford car; I tried it once and broke a spring. Dobby 'most always gets messages right, an' she said your brother was coming back here tonight. I'll be glad to put you both up."

"Want that inconvenience you?" "Not a bit," and the heartiness of his answer carried conviction.

"That's very kind of you; I'll gladly stay," and Chase picked up the rejected cigar. His fingers sought his vest pocket, then the other, and his expression grew startled.

"Want a match?" Obadiah tossed him a box which he caught. "Thanks."

Chase puffed at the cigar with nervous rapidity until he had it going in his satisfaction.

"You say supper isn't ready?" "Not quite; in about half an hour, Dobby said." Obadiah moved toward the door. "If you're hungry I'll go hurry her."

"No, no; please don't," objected Chase. He gained the hall door first. "I left a most important slip of paper with Miss Prescott, and the half hour will give me time to get it. But don't wait for me if I'm detained."

HAVE CHRISTMAS SERVICE SUNDAY PHOENIX CHURCH

PHOENIX, Ore., Dec. 23.—(Sp.)—The Christmas season was appropriately recognized Sunday at the Presbyterian church in both the morning and the evening services. At the morning service the choir rendered several very beautiful Christmas hymns, and the pastor brought a short Christmas message.

At the evening service a Christmas program was given which was very different from those given in the past few years and which was the result of long hours of practice and work.

Mrs. J. O. N. Poling acted as chairman of the program announcing the various numbers. Christmas hymns were sung by the congregation and Christmas greetings were given by the pastor, Rev. Fred F. Schell.

Christmas carols were sung by the choir; special numbers were also given by the young people's quartet, Mildred Coats, Eunice Coats, Joe Hartley and Harold Fish; a solo was given by June Purdy; special number was given by the ladies of the choir, Mrs. Solie, Mrs. Sloan, Mildred Coats, Eunice Coats, Mrs. Franklin, Mrs. Carpenter and Thelma Lons.

The recitations, "Christmas a Secret," "Three Stockings in a Row," were given by Marjorie Poling and Carol Purdy.

Two plays, "The Starlight Time" and "No Room at the Inn," were given by members of the Sunday school and were a great success.

The cast in "The Starlight Time" included Rebecca Ross, June Roberts, Mildred Poling, Doris Rose and Edna Reiser. This play brought out vividly the different attitudes displayed on the part of individuals at Christmas time, one the spirit of giving at Christmas just to be giving and because someone else does, the other of giving because of love and service, to those who need.

At the close of the play the men of the choir, M. F. Sheets, H. W. Frame, D. Sloan, Joe Hartley and Harold Fish gave a Christmas selection.

The other play, "No Room at the Inn," depicted the story of the first Christmas eve. The setting was in the home of a lamp maker and his family at Bethlehem, the parts being taken by Mr. Poling, Mrs. Maust and Marjorie Poling. The part of the innkeeper was taken by Harold Fish; the second part of the play, the setting was beside the manger in which the Christ child was born. The parts of the angels were taken by Mary Jean Barnes and June Roberts. Mary, the mother of Jesus, by Jean Ross. The parts of the three wise men by Theodore C. Adreanoff, Joe Hartley and Harold Fish.

The play was closed by the playing of soft piano music by Mrs. H. W. Frame, pianist.

At the close of the program a treat furnished by members of the Sunday school was given to all the children present.

ITALY GAINS FAST IN FIGHT AGAINST IMPORTED WHEAT

ROME—Italy is winning "The Battle of Grain." Annually she fights this battle, and once a year she decides who has won the struggle.

"The Battle of Grain," as Mussolini calls it, is the struggle of wheat growers in Italy against foreign farmers. In a nutshell, it is the battle of Benito Mussolini to make Italy independent of the wheat fields in the United States, Argentina, Canada and Australia.

The annual day of reckoning this year yielded these figures: In October, 1929, Italy imported 277,750 hundredweight of grain. In the same month of the preceding year she imported 1,944,753 hundredweight. This is a gain of 1,704,923 hundredweight. In the four months from July to October, Italy brought in 2,616,720 hundredweight. Last year, for the same period, she imported 7,972,697. This registered the trade balance by \$28,000,000.



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With a producing staff thoroughly conversant with its subject and a notable cast of players carefully chosen for their ability to portray their own lives on the speaking screen, "Nix on Dames" is at once a realistic and authentic picture and an excellent piece of comedy.

Mrs. Clarke, the heroine of Fox Movietone's recent "The Time" Robert Ames, William Harrigan, and the noted vaudeville team of Wallace and McCormack enact the leading roles.

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TALENT SCHOOL STARTS TWO WEEKS' VACATION

TALENT, Ore., Dec. 23.—(Sp.)—Friday afternoon the Talent school began its holiday season. Each room had a Christmas tree and the children exchanged presents in the evening.

A very interesting and well rendered program was given at the school auditorium by the different grades. The houses were crowded by parents and friends. A beautiful Christmas tree was loaded with bags of candy for all the kiddies.

There will be a two weeks' vacation and the teachers have gone to their homes. Mrs. Jewcker and son Everett left Saturday morning for Salem; Miss Helen Shrinley and brother Bill left for their home in Corvallis; Miss Edna Wiley will be at home in Medford, and Miss Esther Spangenberg will spend Christmas at her home in Central Point.

Miss Thelma a Mason, accompanied by her brother, Floyd Lamb and wife of Chiloquin, went to San Francisco for the holidays.

SALVATION ARMY TO PROVIDE YULE CHEER

The local Salvation Army corps, under the command of Ensign and Mrs. Pack, are busy compiling the names of the needy ones for Christmas dinners. The kettle has been on the street corners during the past week, but anyone wishing to assist in helping to fill the baskets may do so by the donation of canned or fresh vegetables, canned fruit, coffee, canned milk, sugar, butter and such like, which can be delivered to Salvation Army hall or phone 344 and they will be called for.

The poor children's tree will be held Thursday night at 7:30 p. m., and nuts, apples and oranges are needed.

TALENT METHODISTS TO HAVE PROGRAM TUESDAY

TALENT, Ore., Dec. 23.—(Sp.)—Another Christmas program will be held at the Methodist church Tuesday evening which promises to be very interesting as much time and practice has been given over to the arrangement which is different to usual Christmas programs. Every one is invited to enjoy these programs.

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