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Of Interest to Women

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Alabama Girl, London Stage Star, Will Return to America



Tallulah Bankhead, Dixie girl who became a star on the London stage, is coming back to America to live—and make talkies.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Tallulah Bankhead of Huntsville, Ala., and Mayfair is packing up to go home for keeps—and she jolly well likes the idea. Home, however, means New York and the talkie studios. She was just another actress of Broadway eight years ago when she set out for London—plenty of ambition but hardly known away from Times square.

Real Living Room Should Be Livable For Whole Family Says Expert

Strange as it may seem, there are still many living rooms in this country's homes in which the family is unable to live. And yet it isn't difficult to arrange a room in which seven people of different ages can be entirely happy.

"I once asked a famous New York decorator—a man—to make me a living room plan for a typical American family of moderate means. He produced a scheme for a formal Queen Anne drawing room. When I tried to explain my objections by saying that I couldn't imagine a mother keeping her sewing basket there, he raised horrified eyebrows. 'My dear lady,' he exclaimed, 'surely you don't mean that you think a living room is the place for a work basket.' 'I did, and I do.

"After all, a living room should encourage each member of the family to use it, and in accomplishing this the beauty, for which we all long, need not be sacrificed. Here's how the comfort of seven persons of varying ages and tastes can be provided for in a living room.

"It is not a period room. The rough printed linen and sturdy fabrics give it a faint English flavor but this would not outlaw it from a place in any modern American house.

"A love seat and a chair with an ottoman (which supplies the comfort of a chaise longue) make up a fireplace group, and are balanced in scale by a table, lamp and two armchairs arranged against the wall opposite. Balance can also be achieved by placing the secretary opposite the fireplace. However, the reading and conversational group is much more charming in the other position and the desk offers more seclusion than it would in the central position.

"The chairs selected for such a room must have particular merit. Each one has a personality of its own. There is no mistaking father's generous wing chair; mother's is smaller and on the other side of the table. The chaise longue cozily placed by the fireplace goes to grandmother, or Aunt Jane. Sister likes the curves of a chair in the corner and the boys can divide a comfortable sofa between them.

"The youngest member of the family is protected from an inferiority complex by a whole corner expressly planned for youthful activity. There is desk room for study; books handily placed if someone is inclined to read aloud; and, most important of all, an easy chair which is scaled to meet the needs of tender years.

"In the corner by the entrance door is a card table which can be quickly requisitioned for a game. The four side chairs, a necessary part of every living room, are conveniently disposed of one at the desk, two flanking the drop table on the side wall and one by the card table.

"The lower portion of the bookcases may be converted into cupboards and files in which magazines, letter portfolios and all sorts of odds and ends can be kept conveniently close at hand, and out of sight. One section accommodates a radio with its loud speaker concealed behind a grill in the lowest shelf. The same space on the opposite side of the fireplace is occupied by the child's desk."

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Florida Preen for Influx Of Tourists, Record Year Aim



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MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 27.—(AP)—This shrine of sun and pleasure seekers expects a winter season this year that will rival the record-breaking winter of 1928-29.

Miami and her environs, Miami Beach, Coral Gables and other nearby resorts, expect cash registers to jingle at a faster pace than last year.

Housing facilities have been expanded and it is estimated that Miami has 25 per cent more houses, rooms and apartments available than in any previous year.

A municipally operated board to assist newcomers in finding ac-

commodations will function in Miami again this year. Apartment house owners have continued their organization of a year ago to cooperate with the city in locating visitors.

Entertainment facilities will be on a similar scale to those of last year and the year before.

Horse racing during a 45-day meet has been assured by officials of the Miami Jockey club. Two greyhound racing plants will be in process of construction.

Golf courses are being dressed up for a winter influx of professional and amateur shotmakers, and new ones are being laid out.

Miniature courses have sprung up overnight through the area and on some of Miami's highest-priced lots.

Bathing beaches and clubs anticipate a record crowd.

Fight and wrestling match promoters have scheduled a busy season, to be climaxed by the third annual "battle of the palms."

Night clubs and theaters are re-gilded and redecorated for seekers for night time pleasure.

Girls Step Into Hostess Roles Once Held Only by Older Women

By SUE McNAMARA WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Girl hostesses, stepping into social positions once claimed only by mature women, now range in age from 19 to 24 years.

With ease they thread their way through the red tape of officialdom and preside gracefully at the most important functions.

The latest to assume the role is Cynthia Davis, 19-year-old daughter of Dwight F. Davis, governor general of the Philippines. A Washington debutante last year, Miss Davis will be head of her father's executive mansion in Manila this winter.

Miss Alice Davis, 22, who has been acting in that capacity for a year past, will spend the winter with her mother in France, where Mrs. Davis has been for some time for her health.

Horseback riding, swimming and tennis take up much of the time of the governor general's daughters when they are not presiding at his state dinners or informal teas.

Miss Sue Pollard, daughter of the governor of Virginia, is another example of the modern girl who efficiently assumes social command when her mother is unable to do so.

Mrs. Pollard has been an invalid for some time, but the vivacious dark haired Sue has successfully dispensed the Virginia brand of hospitality at the governor's mansion in Richmond.

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An American In Paris

By Hazel Reavis PARIS—Six weeks of loafing in Europe was all that Maurice Chevalier could stand.

He's back on the legitimate stage singing and dancing for a brief period. Daytimes, when he has no matinee performance he works at the moving picture studio at Joinville.

Hollywood is a real place to live and full of friends whom he will be glad to see again. Chevalier tells his French friends, He's due to return there before so very long.

The Bois de Boulogne, glorified playground and city sunbator, inspires a whole new set of rules which police hope will make it a neater, sweeter and safer place for Parisians.

It is now absolutely defensible—French equivalent for forbidden—to commit suicide in the Bois; to park cars after dark except in front of occupied and lighted buildings; to pick flowers, chase birds, play musical instruments or carve your initials or anyone's else on trees or benches.

The police also have put a stop to the practice of bringing the family wash to the Bois lake for free washing and fresh air drying.

No fishing is permitted, either, in the pretty artificial waterways. It is now forbidden to chase, snare or otherwise annoy the ducks and swans who live on the lakes.

Swimming in the lakes has long been against the law and still is. On top of the new rules the city of Paris announces its intention to light up the main highways which criss-cross the wooded area—that to discourage over bold bandits.

No Fooling. Pessimists please note: The percentage of wormy chestnuts is particularly high in France, say vendors of the roasted delicacy. Their trade is curtailed by customers' loud voiced dissatisfaction with the fall crop of nuts.

Persistent heavy rains drive worms inside the chestnuts. That's the vendors' explanation.

Anyway Paris is operating its corner chestnut roasters on a strict "no chestnuts exchanged" basis. And that means no chestnut exchanged.

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Courtiers Contrive on Waistline

NEW YORK—Will women have to take lessons in deportment in order to wear the new Paris clothes?

This question is raised by Marguerite Howard, Paris fashion editor for Harper's Bazar, who reports in the October issue of the magazine that the new models displayed at the recent Paris openings are delightful from the artistic standpoint, but they will probably prove difficult to wear.

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Chinese Actress Runs Gauntlet of Languages

By Lorena Hickok NEW YORK (AP)—Two jobs will be waiting for Anna May Wong across the Atlantic when she finishes the role of the half-caste Chinese girl in Edgar Wallace's "On The Spot" here in New York. One is to tour Germany playing "Turandot" and "East Is West" in German—a language of which less than three years ago she knew not one word.

The other is to make two talking pictures in Poland.

Miss Wong, whose real name is Wong Liu Tsong, hopes they won't expect her to do them in Polish. For Polish looks to her like a "language in which they pick up all the letters in the alphabet and throw them at each other."

But if they do want her to speak Polish in the talkies Miss Wong will make a stab at it. For her linguistic record so far is as courageous as it is unique.

Two years ago last spring she left her native Hollywood, where she had been in pictures, and went to Germany to do silent films. Then the talkies came.

In about two months Anna May Wong learned her part in "The Flame of Love" in the German language, though they changed the script on her three times.

Last summer she was directed to do "The Flame of Love" in French, so Anna May Wong looked herself to Paris, got a tutor, refused to let anyone speak a word of English to her, and in three weeks was ready to play the part.

Then she went to Vienna and sang in German the leading role in an operetta.

In addition to English, American, French, German and a few words of Polish, Miss Wong speaks Chinese, which she says is the hardest of the lot.

"My people speak Cantonese, fourth dialect. The difficult thing about Chinese is that a mere inflection will entirely change the meaning of a word. Take my own name—Wong Liu Tsong.

"Wong, of course, is my family name. 'Tsong' and 'Liu,' merely by a change of inflection, can mean two entirely different things. 'Say it one way and it means 'second of a pair.' That's how I got the name. But it can also mean 'frosted yellow willow,' which is much prettier, I think."



ANNA MAY WONG

Chicken Raising Outdoor Sport To Secretary of Labor's Wife



Mrs. William Doak, wife of the new secretary of labor, likes her job of feeding 300 chickens at the Doak country home. But her family (upper right) objects to her new place in the limelight.

By SUE McNAMARA WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Raising chickens is the hobby of Mrs. William Doak, wife of the new secretary of labor.

High on a sunny, wind-swept hill where "Notre Nid," the Doak home perches, Mrs. Doak dons an old sweater, romps with the white collies and feeds 300 chickens.

Almost an invalid 10 years ago, Mrs. Doak now ascribes her health to tending chickens, carrying rocks for steps and walls and enjoying her leisurely hilltop.

The Doaks will not give up their country home even though he is in the cabinet. They like "Our Nest," English version of "Notre Nid," so named by Mrs. Doak.

"The white house with its terraces and gardens is set in the midst of ascending hills. Surrounding cliffs are a mass of grey winter woodland.

"We will probably take a suite at a hotel where we can entertain our friends this winter," says Mrs. Doak. "But every night we will come back out here. This is home."

And it is indeed a home. One feels it in the welcoming hallway of Pete, the white poodle.

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New Slippers Shy at Metals, Expose More of Heel and Toe

By DIANA MERWIN (Associated Press Fashion Editor) PARIS, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Evening slippers are shying away from metals.

The gold and silver kids and tissues which have been popular so long because they were so practical are gradually being discarded for fallies, crepes and broadcated laces which can be dyed to match any gown.

As a result fashionable Parisiennes are buying more evening slippers than they did before, for a colored slipper can be worn with fewer gowns than a silver one.

The metal slippers which are worn show less and more and more of the foot.

Several of the models have no toes at all—just two molded straps across the top of the foot, exposing silk-stockinged toes to the gaze of all.

Others are cut out at the back, leaving the heel exposed.

Silver and gold, however, are often seen in combination with the dyed fabrics. Opera pumps of figured silk in bright colors are often ornamented with a narrow stitching of gold or silver.

By day it seems the fashionable shoe groves plainer and plainer. Plain suede opera pumps with buckles, strap-suedes finished at the toe and heel with calf of the same shade, and brown kids with a soft suede crush about the instep are among the smartest models.

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Some of the season's millinery shows French Revolutionary influences. The tulle hat here is worn over one eyebrow by Carole Lombard. It is trimmed with braided ribbons of red, white and blue.

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Household Recipe Service



THEY do things in a big way in Hawaii. A forest was planted there by airplane last year, according to a report just received by the Forest Service of the United States Department of Agriculture. A United States Army plane broadcast 1,689 pounds of seeds over a large, eroded area from an elevation of 2,000 feet.

Hawaii has also done big things in cultivating the world's largest pineapple plantations. And recently one canning company has devised a new method of marking pineapple cans for the convenience and economy of the housewife—by stamping the grades—1 or 2 or 3—on the tops of the cans so that the proper grade of fruit may be used for the proper purpose.

Pineapple stamped Grade 2 makes an excellent Speed Pineapple, tasty with duck, game or other meats. To one cup vinegar, add one cup sugar, one-half teaspoon cinnamon, three-fourths teaspoon cloves, four cups crushed Hawaiian pineapple. Cook slowly one-half hour.

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