

HE-BEAUTIES OF FILMS LOSE OUT TO VIRILE TYPES

Cagney's Entrance Dealt Death Blow to Matinee Idol — Character Work Best Bet Now Says Cooper

By LEICESTER WAGNER United Press Staff Correspondent HOLLYWOOD, June 22.—(UP)—James Cagney may not be aware of it, but his entrance in motion pictures dealt a death blow to the matinee idol type of actor.

It is a fact that what roughly are termed "leading men" in Hollywood may be counted on the fingers of one hand. The rest have become character actors.

Gone is the "profile actor," of the type made famous by Francis X. Bushman and John Barrymore. John switched to character roles and can play the swashbuckler, the hard-boiled business man or the home-loving husband with equal ease.

It's one of the inexplicable mysteries of Hollywood why the leading man type suddenly faded from popularity, but his disappearance dated roughly from Cagney's debut as the hard-loving, fighting, virile he-man.

"The public doesn't give a hang for leading men any more," in Gary Cooper's opinion. His advice to young juveniles just getting a break in films is to "go immediately into character work." A matinee idol, he pointed out, must combine every virtue in every role he plays.

There's an extreme dearth of utility leading men. The late Robert Ames was one of the best of this type. He was one of the few who could play opposite the seasoned actress, Gloria Swanson, Helen Hayes, Ann Harding, Joel McCrea, for instance, would be lost with his offense of virtue, opposite women older than himself.

No, real masculine beauty, with dimples, slick hair and a nice profile, definitely has disappeared. In place of this type, the studios are importing dozens of young juveniles to groom for utility leading roles, and none of them was picked for his beauty. Practically without exception, they have three or four years of stock company experience under their hats.

In recent weeks more than a dozen juveniles have been brought to Hollywood under contract. One, John Eldridge, was cast in four pictures at one time, so acute was the shortage of men actors on his lot.

It will be interesting to watch the climb of the following neophytes: Russell Hardie, Nelson Eddy, Henry Wadsworth and George Wolcott, at M-G-M; Ray Milland and Kent Taylor, at Paramount; Eldridge, Donald Woods, Ross Alexander, Mervyn Light and Glen Boles at Warners' and Roger Pryor at Universal.

Maybe they'll develop into character actors as did Dick Arlen, Clark Gable and Cooper. Maybe they'll even disprove the statement that a leading man is good for only three or four years on the screen.

JUBILEE MOVIES IN MUCH DEMAND

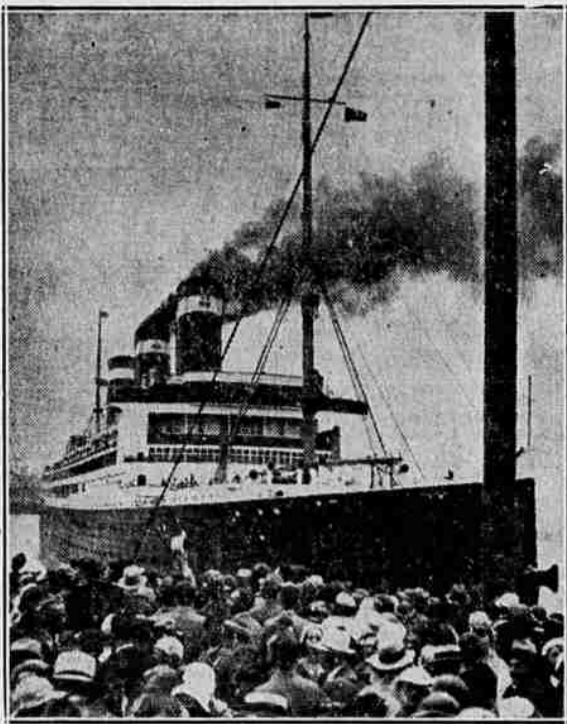
Moving pictures of the Oregon Diamond Jubilee celebration which were received last week by the publicity department of the California Oregon Power company are proving much in demand. Tuesday noon the Copco films were shown at a meeting of the Medford Rotary club, Wednesday noon to the local Lions' club and several other programs are scheduled for next week.

The films present an interesting pictorial review of the main features of the Jubilee program, including the colorful pioneer parade in its entirety, the rodeo, the agricultural and industrial parade and other novel sidelights of southern Oregon's greatest celebration.

In response to many requests plans are being considered by the Jubilee committee to put on a public showing of the Copco films, in order to give everyone an opportunity to see these interesting pictures.

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THE LEVIATHAN SAILS AGAIN



Proud and mighty again, the liner Leviathan, largest of the American passenger ships, went back into trans-Atlantic service, entering a new phase of her checkered 20-year career. She had been tied up for a year and recently was reconditioned. Here she is shown backing away from her pier in the Hudson river at Hoboken, N. J. (Associated Press Photo)

FARLEY URGED TO ATTEND CONCLAVE POSTAL WORKERS

Requesting the presence of Postmaster General James A. Farley at the state of Oregon postoffice clerks' and carriers' convention here July 14, a novel invitation was mailed last night to Washington, D. C., by Postmaster Frank DeSouza. It is not the ordinary type of invitation, but consists of a water color painting of Crater Lake and a fisherman with rod and line decorating a 14x16-inch placard on which a suitable inscription is printed by hand. The work was done by Leslie Van Doren.

Following is the message: "Medford, Oregon, June 21, 1934. Hon James G. Farley, Postmaster General, Washington, D. C.

"Dear Sir:—Oregon postoffice clerks and carriers will meet in joint state convention in Medford, Ore., Saturday, July 14, 1934, and cordially invite you to be their guest. "Especially worth your while would be a visit to Crater Lake and the Oregon Caves. Rogue river offers you its wonderful steelhead fishing. "On behalf of the clerks and carriers of our office, I urgently request acceptance of this invitation. "Respectfully, "FRANK DESOUZA, Acting Postmaster."

An invitation will also be sent to Postmaster General Farley by the city of Medford and the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. It was announced yesterday. Letters will also be sent to Senators Fred W. Steiwer and Charles L. McNary, and Congressman James W. Mott, Walter M. Pierce and Charles H. Martin.

Members of the National Association of Letter Carriers and the Federation of Postal Clerks and their auxiliaries will gather here for the convention from nearly every office in Oregon. A special car of delegates is expected from Portland. The convention will require but one day, and headquarters will be the Hotel Medford, with a banquet and program at the hotel at 7:30 p. m., followed by a dance.

JAP TRAINING VESSEL WILL VISIT PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., June 22.—(AP)—Coming direct from Yokohama, the auxiliary sailing ship Taisei Maru, training vessel operated by the Japanese marine officers, will visit Portland again this year. The Japanese consul here said the ship will arrive July 22. Portland is the only coast port to be visited.

DARWIN'S THEORY CHALLENGED BY MODERN SCIENCE

Chemical Reactions Within Individuals May Be Factor Directing Evolution Is New Scientific Idea Advanced

By H. Wendell Burch (United Press Staff Correspondent) BERKELEY, Calif., June 22.—(UP)—Charles Darwin's theory of how men developed from lower animals was challenged in part today by modern scientists who presented a new theory of evolution and its operation—advancing chemical laws as directors of evolutionary trends.

Dr. Harold F. Blum, University of California, told the American Association for the Advancement of Science that all observers are not satisfied change variation and natural selection are the only forces directing development of complex life forms.

Relatively simple chemical reactions within individuals, acting under natural laws involving large losses of free energy, may be the true factors directing evolution, Dr. Blum held.

"In all evolutionary processes," said Dr. Blum, "natural selection must have played an important part. The present thesis is thus not at all antagonistic to the concept of natural selection, although it may suggest some modifications."

Disagreement with majority opinion concerning the exact processes of evolution also was expressed by John Thomas Howell of the California Academy of Sciences.

Howell studied plants from the Galapagos Islands, where Darwin is said to have been inspired to advance the theory of evolution. The modern researcher said he became convinced that environment to some degree had changed the hereditary nature of plants.

The conviction opposes accepted theories that environment can influence evolutionary trends only by killing off individuals whose hereditary character is unsuited to the environment.

Howell also remarked that he believed study would show environmental influences might be explained in terms of chemistry and physics.

Southern Oregon Boys Pass Final Navy Examination

Navy recruiting officer, A. P. Walker, C. M. M., U. S. N., has notified that the three southern Oregon boys selected by him for enlistment in the navy this month have all passed the final examinations at the main station in Portland, Ore.



SALLY'S FAN DANCE IS BANNED IN SYRACUSE

SYRACUSE, N. Y., June 22.—(AP)—Cancellation of the Loew's State theater engagement of Sally Rand, fan dancer, scheduled to start tomorrow, was announced today. Withdrawal of the review from the next State program followed criticism of the dancer and the Loew management, voiced by the Most Rev. John A. Duffy, bishop of Syracuse.

At Rochester, N. Y., Miss Rand said she herself cancelled the Syracuse engagement because she was ordered to report for her appearance at the World fair in Chicago next Monday.

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Sherwood Burr and his orchestra are famous throughout the northwest for their high-class dance music. They have been hailed as the Caricia band because of their programs featuring the New South American dance rhythms.

There are ten pieces in the orchestra led by Sherwood Burr, that exquisite maestro who gets red-hot rhythm from his sumptuous banjo. These boys and their high-class music were synonomous at the University of Oregon, where they were in great demand during the past winter social season.

The dance will be held in the partial open-air startit pavilion at the Twin Plunges, where all may dance to the alluring Caricia under the full moon on June 23.

As a special feature dance guests are invited to join in a special midnight swimming party as guests of the management.

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Homesick Pigeon Files Home BOSTON (UP)—Pigeons get homesick, too. "Tillie," a carrier pigeon, was sold by Richard Davis of Boston to W. S. Skinner of San Antonio, Texas. One day, not long afterward, "Tillie" reappeared at the Davis home here. It had flown some 1800 miles.

Engineer Had "Rat" Trouble VANCOUVER, Wash. (UP)—County Clerk Oral Cain had "rat trouble" in her automobile motor. Her car behaved peculiarly on several occasions and after a second visit to a garage



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