

.... AROUND HOLLYWOOD

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Hollywood, Feb. 15—(U.P.)—Hollywood lost a million early-bird customers, Dancer Yvette Dare declared today, when it cut down on movie beauties dunking their curves in bubble baths.

A few more bare shoulders draped in bath towels, she said, and the powers that be could stop fretting about those lonely clinks a lot of movie theater cash registers are making these days.

Miss Dare is what you might call an expert on bare shoulders and things. She makes her living at Larry Potter's supper club with her "fowl strip tease." A parrot peels her down to the limits prescribed by law.

It's a technique that'd work wonders for battered box offices, too, to hear Miss Dare tell it. All these covered-up heroines are driving away the gents who work nights.

The boys have time on their hands in the mornings," Yvette says. "They go for the quick fade-outs with screen sirens step-

ping into showers or dropping shoulder straps.

"Nowadays the girls keep too many clothes on.

Passing Up Movies

"All the night watchmen, salesmen, restaurant workers, and night-shift laborers are passing up the movies for pool rooms, penny arcades, and live girl shows."

Miss Dare wants it understood right here that she's not really a strip-teaser herself. The way her parrot flies off with her costume—veil by veil—she says, is art.

And she thinks Hollywood could get away with the same thing—with a little practice.

"Katherine Hepburn almost did it in 'Adam's Rib,'" she said. "She wrapped herself in a towel and then whirled around. I saw the movie one morning and the theater was packed with men."

Word Gets Around

Word gets around about a thing like that, Yvette said. Why is "Samson and Delilah" smashing records? Because of Hedy Lamarr's biblical scanties, she said.

Yvette says the big day of all will be the day Greta Garbo does a little subtle peeling for the camera.

"She has the mysticism, the

Shale Deposits Seen As Source Of Oil Supply

New York, Feb. 15—(U.P.)—Shale deposits in three western states may in time produce 500 billion gallons of oil as well as profitable chemical by-products, the nation's top mining and metallurgical engineers were told today.

The report came from J. B. Mull, of the U. S. department of interior, assigned to the bureau of mines oil-shale demonstration plant, Rifle, Colo.

Already Proven

He told the annual meeting of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers here that the operations in the oil-shale area in Colorado already have proved that commercial motor fuels, diesel fuels and light and heavy burner oils can

MOTHER INSTINCT

Monmouth, Ill. (U.P.)—Patsy, a year-old colt, should be a wonderful mother when she has pups according to her owner, farmer LeRoy Carlson. She already has adopted a kitten and a 10-week-old pig, he said.

be produced from a raw material that is in effect low-grade crude oil.

"Laboratory and pilot plant investigations indicate a promising possibility of production of still higher quality fuels than is possible with plant-scale equipment now available," he said.

The oil-shale deposits which are found in the Green river beds of Utah, Colorado, and Wyoming are believed to date back to the last ice age, but just now are being tapped on an experimental scale. The scientists have not yet determined just which method of distilling or synthetic manufacture is the most practical, but experimental pilot plants have been set up, Mull said.

Interest Revived

In a 1,000 square-mile area, Mull estimated that at least 494,000,000,000 gallons of oil may be retrieved once the operation is full time and when the oil is needed by this country.

Because of the oil shortage during the last war, interest was revived in the oil shale deposits and after two years of experimentation "no insurmountable problems have developed," Mull said.

There are only two glamour gals who do as well with their clothes on as they would otherwise. Miss Dare says: Lana Turner and Paulette Goddard.

"They pack theaters just by turning their backs to the camera," she said.

Youthful Killer Of Child Gets Life Term

Burley, Ida., Feb. 15—(U.P.)—Neal Butterfield, 17-year-old "hot rod" driver, yesterday was sentenced to life imprisonment for the brutal sex murder of little Gena Joyce Brisbois, 7, last November.

The state had demanded death. The sentence was the most severe Judge Hugh A. Baker could impose short of death.

The tall, imperturbable youth previously had pleaded guilty to

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the slaying. He admitted striking the child over the head with an automobile jack, "because I wanted to see someone die." He tossed her unconscious into an irrigation ditch, where she drowned.

Knoxville (U.P.)—Military authorities may see possibilities in some of the moonshine whisky around here. When police investigated the explosion of an automobile, they found it was caused by a supply of overheated liquor under the hood.

DREAMS UP FIRE

Owosso, Mich. (U.P.)—A 14-year-old girl dreamed that her Christmas tree was on fire, and called the fire department. Firemen could find neither fire nor tree.

Knoxville, (U.P.)—Frank Lee, 20, lost confidence in the bootleggers of this "dry" city. From a hospital bed he told police that what he bought for whisky had turned out to be disinfectant.

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