

Around Hollywood

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Editor's Note: This is the second in a series on the colorful life of Lionel Barrymore.

Hollywood—(U.P.)—A legend happily nourished down the years was that the appearance of Lionel, John and Ethel Barrymore in a film turned into a scenery-chewing "Battle of the Barrymores."

Lionel always insisted that any feuds were "feeble-brained nonsense," but still the making of their film, "Rasputin and the Empress," furnished colorful Barrymore stories.

The elder Barrymore had retired from the stage in the early '20s and began a film career, followed eventually by brother Jack. When in 1932 MGM lured Ethel to Hollywood from the stage for a three-Barrymore picture, Lionel growled, "What poor unlucky individual is to direct this opus?"

Everyone on the set expected fireworks, and the spirited Bar-

rymores lived up to the challenge. One day Jack was trying to scene-steal from Lionel. Finally Lionel stomped from the set and telephoned back to the director to instruct John to stop hugging the camera.

The fight scene of "Rasputin" consisted of continual close-ups of Lionel and Jack, and the legend grew that the scene took so long because each profile was fighting for the limelight.

John and Lionel had such reputations for lens larceny that an actor said to Lionel, "You'd steal a scene from your grandmother." Then, remembering she was the actress Mrs. John Drew, he added, "No, by God, I guess you wouldn't."

Lionel once admitted to movie scene-stealing. When the brothers were co-starring in "Night Flight," director Clarence Brown bet John \$10 Lionel could not steal a scene in which John was to bawl out the speechless Lionel. John delivered his lines with superb skill. As Lionel turned to shuffle silently away, he reached around and rubbed his behind. John won \$10.

Before MGM was convinced

Lionel could act in talkies, he turned director. While making "Madame X," he hung a microphone on a fishpole over Ruth Chatterton's head and claimed he invented the mike boom (an honor boasted by others). His second directorial milestone was making the first screen test of a bit player named Clark Gable who had acted in a Barrymore play.

Orchids for Gable
"I had him wear nothing but some orchids and a blossom behind his ear," Lionel recently recalled in his autobiography. Gable was hired.

To Barrymore the two most awesome actresses he met at MGM were Greta Garbo and Margaret O'Brien. Of Miss O'Brien, a natural scene-stealer, he once growled, "If she had been born in Salem she would have been burned as a witch," but he meant it as a compliment. Later he took up eating lollipops she brought him, and he bestowed upon her his grandmother's pin, a sentimental heirloom.

Tomorrow: Lionel's personal life and his crippling accident.

DAV Session OKs Service Work Here

An increase in service work by member chapters of the Disabled American Veterans was planned during a session last week end at Grants Pass, attended by DAV department members from Medford, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Roseburg, Oakland and Coquille.

An endorsement also was made for the Jackson county salvage rehabilitation DAV project for the assistance to nonresident indigent veterans. Endorsement also was made for what ever action is taken by the county Veterans Allied council on congressional action for installation of surgical and medical facilities at the VA domiciliary center at Camp White.

From Medford were the DAV commander of the county, Lester L. Moser, Pat Graham, adjutant, Lester Mathes, an executive committeeman, and several others active in DAV and auxiliary and VAVS work.

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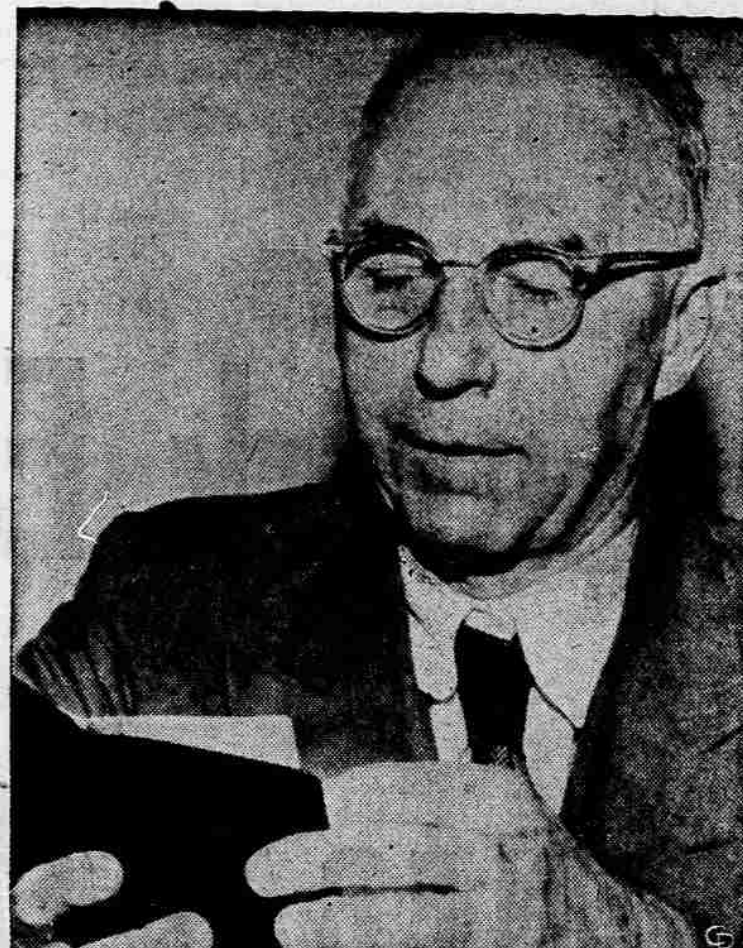
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Potato Pickers Earn Up To \$18 Per Day

Presque Isle, Me. — (U.P.) — Skillful potato pickers earned up to \$18 a day during the fall harvest in Maine's famed potato-growing Aroostook County.

A committee of growers recommended that the pay for pickers this year be 18 cents a barrel for those who do not receive board from growers. Pickers who got board were paid 15 cents a barrel.

An adept worker can harvest 100 barrels a day.

Man Finds Second Marriage No Different

Chicago — (U.P.) — Luis J. Fisli Jr., 42, said in court recently he married Zelma, his first wife's best friend, because Zelma told him she felt sorry his first marriage had been unhappy and wanted to prove that marriage really can be happy.

The judge granted Fisli's request for an injunction forbidding Zelma from visiting Fisli's place of business while she is trying to force him into turning over half of his property to her.



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