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Reed College To Hike Salaries and Tuition

Portland—(U.P.)—Reed college Griffith, school president, said plans to increase faculty salaries next year and hike tuition to help pay the cost, Dr. F. L.

Griffith, school president, said yesterday. An increase of \$100 in student tuition and fees will become effective next September, bringing the charges to \$800 a year. Dr. Griffith said the maximum faculty pay would be increased \$1,100 a year.

Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY
United Press Correspondent

Hollywood—(U.P.)—The recent heart attack of Marlene Dietrich's husband, Rudolph Sieber, brings to light the most curious marriage of the entertainment world.

When Sieber was rushed to a hospital the reaction of many persons was—"I didn't know Dietrich was married."

Many who did were surprised to hear the husband of the "world's most glamorous grandmother" lived quietly here.

As Dietrich's name has been linked down the years with such handsome men as Michael Wilding and Jean Gabin, few people remember she never divorced the assistant director she married in 1924. Only when pressed as to marriage plans with her suitors does Marlene mention her husband.

"Really," she will say with raised eyebrows, "You forget I am a married woman."

Husband Raises Chickens

For the last three years, Sieber, unknown to most of the film colony, has lived in suburban San Fernando Valley. Dietrich is identified in the public mind with beautiful legs, bangles and glamour. But Sieber is a short, rather stocky down-to-earth man who raises chickens.

Sieber was an assistant director when he met Marlene, a bit player at UFA studios in Berlin. After their marriage she won several stage roles and finally clicked in a musical comedy. Sieber pushed her toward stardom when he suggested to director Josef Von Sternberg

that Marlene be starred in "The Blue Angel"—the German film that made her an international celebrity.

Dietrich was imported to Hollywood as Paramount's answer to Garbo. Sieber got a job handling the French versions of Paramount's pictures in Paris. Husband and wife met only on his infrequent visits to Hollywood or when she traveled to Europe.

'Matches' Related

The actress was paired with Von Sternberg, the Late John Gilbert, Douglas Fairbanks Jr. and others.

After Sieber moved here Marlene frequently visited him at his chicken farm, although another woman is his steady companion. The day she arrived here from New York last week she telephoned Sieber. Told he was ill, she rushed him to a doctor. Hospital attendants say they "never saw such a fuss as she made."

Why has she never divorced Sieber?

"She has no desire to marry again... she's not the marryin' kind," one friend explains. "She wants freedom to do as she pleases—with no ties. A woman is more protected as an estranged wife than as a divorcee. This way she doesn't have to get seriously involved with anybody."

Salem—(U.P.)—Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel has suspended for six months after May 12 a proposed rate increase recently filed by West Coast Telephone company.

Stayton, Ore.—(U.P.)—Dr. Paul Betzer, chief of staff of Santiam Memorial hospital, died here Tuesday. He was 50.



RIPPING THROUGH RURAL AREAS on industrial outskirts of Birmingham, Ala., tornado kills at least 17 persons, injures more than 200. This is one of numerous demolished houses, surrounded by debris ripped up by high winds. (International)

Los Angeles Writer Tells of Two Weeks of Living as Buddhist Monk

Editor's note: Robert Balzer, a Los Angeles writer, recently went through the ritual of becoming a Buddhist monk. In the following dispatch he tells of his experience.

By ROBERT BALZER
Written for United Press

Hong Kong—(U.P.)—For two weeks I lived as a Buddhist monk in a Cambodian pagoda across the river from the royal palace in Phnom Penh.

The word "retreat" is a misnomer for this experience, for, contrary to general understanding in the West, a pagoda is not an "ivory tower." It contains no escapists. It is the center of community life, carrying simultaneously the responsibilities of spiritual well-being and education of the surrounding sangha, or parishioners.

There are some 65,000 Buddhist monks in this independent kingdom, about two-thirds of whom assume the saffron robe for only short periods as part of their education. Yet it is this spiritual army which gives Cambodia its indisputable integrity as a nation dedicated to peaceful neutrality.

Twenty-five hundred years ago, Prince Siddhartha, who, as an enlightened being became the Buddha, left the world a philosophy of personal conduct which has endured to this day. Buddhist pagodas in all Southern Himalayan regions are

cheerful, happy precincts of study and meditation.

Peace and Happiness

As he concluded the rites of my ordination, his eminence Sandach Parh Dhamma Likket, the distinguished abbot, looked into my eyes, his own filled with 80 years of understanding, smiled and wished me peace and happiness not only during this life as a monk but also in the days as a layman to follow.

When I had put away my civilian effects, the simplicity of my new life as a Buddhist monk was materially obvious. A shaved head has no need of brush, comb or hair-dressing. Sandals and robe eliminated socks, shoes, underwear, shirts, ties, cufflinks, pajamas. I needed only a

razor and toothbrush.

I lived in a palm-thatched, still-held solitary hut with a highly polished, slatted bamboo floor. Sole article of furniture was one hard wooden bed, relieved only with the thinnest straw mat. Being inadequately upholstered myself, a hardship was presented at once, solved by folding robes and towels into an inch-thick cushion.

Food? Each morning at 7 all monks, with large, pumpkin-sized covered bronze bowls under flowing chivaras, set out bare-footed. As they stopped before homes in the village, householders cheerfully came forth with silver bowls of rice, bananas, meats enfolded in banana-leaf envelopes, sweets, fish, soups, stews, breads, sauces, delicacies such as the hearts of palm, mushrooms, tropical fruits. From the beginning, my bowl was filled each day with enough food for four monks!

Well Treated

Meditation may begin at the hour you elect, but breakfast is at 6 and lunch at 11. After midday, no solid food, only fruit juices. Never having eaten but two meals a day anyway, for me this was no hardship. Fearing that it might be, however, on the day after ordination, 30 female devotees of the village came to the pagoda with a lavish presentation of incomparably delicious foods with the symbolic wish that I should never go hungry, most particularly on this day when I would, perhaps for the first time, have no dinner.

Each day of my two weeks, dedication as a Buddhist monk brought me closer to the heart of Cambodian life. As monks, we visited the sick, assisted in the dedication of a new pagoda in a nearby village, performed final rites at a cremation ceremony, and offered grace in chanted ultras before the feast of a local festival.

Lower Columbia Flood Threat Still Serious

Portland—(U.P.)—The lower Columbia river flood threat is still serious despite increasing early runoff and below normal precipitation so far in April, the weather bureau said yesterday.

A river forecaster said the April runoff was ahead of April in 1948 when precipitation also was above normal. The weather bureau hopes for an early and gradually runoff of the record snowpack.

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Kansas Plant Quits Making Beet Sugar

Garden City, Kan.—(U.P.)—For the first time in half a century, no sugar will be made in Kansas from the irrigated sugar beet field in the Arkansas River valley.

Preparations are under way for this year's crop in southwestern Kansas, but the sugar plant built here in 1906 won't function.

The Garden City Co. was sold last November to a larger concern in Colorado, The Holly Sugar Corp. Under terms of the contract, Kansas sugar beets will be loaded at gathering points near the farms, and shipped 200 miles into Colorado for refining.

The extensive open beet sheds in use for 50 seasons are being torn down here. The 300-foot elevated tracks could handle 200 freight cars dumping beets at once. In them are thousands of tons of fine steel, with 7,200 feet of huge I-beams alone! Eighty-seven contractors submitted bids for razing the sheds. Dumped into huge piles, the beets were sluiced into the refinery by hot water under pressure. A contractor already has removed an elevated track from which thousands of carloads of limestone and coke were dumped through the years to make lime used in purifying beet juice for sugar.

The old-fashioned freight cars used to haul beets have been torn to pieces. A steel firm bought the metal.

This year Kansas sugar beets are being grown only under irrigation and in a smaller number of counties. The area around Garden City contains the major acreage. Tractors and planters are now going into the fields with the end of winter.

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