

Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY

Hollywood—Another two May-December marriages failed this month—leaving only two movie-land unions of mature women to younger men.



This week Bette Davis, 49, filed a separate maintenance suit that appeared to be the first step to dissolve her seven-year marriage to an actor 16 years her junior, Gary Merrill.

Earlier, Ginger Rogers, who's 46 but looks 36, asked for a divorce from actor Jacques Bergerac, 29.

Down the years mature film queens have tried to find happiness—or re-capture their youth—with men many years younger. But so far only two such marriages have lasted—Mary Pickford to Buddy Rogers and Norma Shearer to Marty Arrouge.

Movie Colony Avoided Both wealthy ladies retired from the screen; both couples live apart from the giddy whirl of the movie colony.

I asked Rogers why he thought he and the onetime "America's Sweetheart" could celebrate 20 years of marriage this month—despite the fact he was 11 years younger than the famous star when they were married.

"They gave our marriage six months!" Rogers declared.

"I can't put my finger exactly on why it's been a success—it just goes on. We work together, perhaps that's a reason. We get along well."

And the age difference? "It never has mattered," he said emphatically.

Couple 'Very Happy' Norma Shearer was 36 and Arrouge, her skiing instructor, 28, when they were married in 1942. They are "very happy" in their marriage, their friends say.

But others have not fared so well. Greer Garson's marriage to Richard Widmark ended in divorce, and in her testimony she wept he called her a "has been."

Ann Southern tried marriage to Bob Sterling, he now is married to Anne Jeffreys. Joan Crawford and Phil Terry also confessed failure to their marriage.

The reverse relationship—a December-May marriage in which the man is much older than the woman—seems to find more success. Among such apparently happy couples are Stewart Granger, 44, and Jean Simmons, 28, and Audrey Hepburn, 28, and Mel Ferrer, 40.

Arabian Oil Firm May Violate U. S. Law

Washington—The Senate Monopoly subcommittee staff said Thursday night arrangements between the Arabian-American Oil Co. (Aramco) and the four big U.S. companies that own it "may amount to a violation of the anti-trust laws."

The staff, in a report made public by the subcommittee without endorsement, suggested that the Justice Department might be asked to review the situation.

The report covered recent lengthy hearings on the Middle East oil crisis, on the lift to Europe by a combine of 15 U.S. firms, and the petroleum price rise in the U.S.

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JACKSONVILLE Woman Observes 80th Year

By BETTE HOSKINS

Jacksonville — The Women's association of the Jacksonville Presbyterian church held a combined meeting and a birthday luncheon honoring Mrs. Sara Edens on her 80th birthday Tuesday, June 11.

The gathering was at the home of Mrs. Fred Edens. About 34 guests were present for the luncheon and grandma Sara Edens received gifts and remembrances from many long-time friends. Principal speaker at the meeting was Mrs. Robert Bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sutherland of Sandy, Ore., former residents here, are planning a short visit in Jacksonville next week. A potluck picnic will be held in their honor at the home of Mr.

Grange Notes

Shady Cove Grange

The Shady Cove Grange met in its regular session Wednesday evening in the Shady Cove school music room with overseer Ed Houston presiding, in the absence of Master Cecil Kee. Mrs. Ed Houston reported on HEC activities.

On Tuesday evening the annual pot luck supper, honoring the men, was held at the Phil Mosenbacher's on Rogue river.

The HEC is also preparing a package of knitting, crochet and embroidery threads to send to the County Farm.

In the youth activities it was reported that Rodney Collins had been chosen to go to Boys State and Carole Sheppard had received scholarship to Oregon State college.

The 4-H leaders reported on 4-H work.

The lecturer program consisted of singing songs from the Patron with Mrs. Cecil Kee at the piano.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Lewin, of Phoenix Grange, were visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cross and Mr. and Mrs. E. Vanderlip served refreshments.

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sons, Ford Patterson, of Jacksonville, and Robert Patterson, of Encinitas, Calif., and one daughter, Mrs. George Mayfield, also of Encinitas. Mrs. Patterson was a member of the Assembly of God church in Jacksonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton James last week drove their son, Pat Hubbard, to Horse creek, Calif., where he will spend the summer with his uncle, Jesse Hamaker, and family.

Janey and Linda Hinkle, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hinkle, are away on a month's visit with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Calvert, of Pocatello, Idaho. Some of their adventures so far include a trip to Glacier National park, a visit to Sun Valley and Yellowstone park. They plan to be home by July 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hinkle and two sons, Bill and Danny, took a week's trip to Goose Bay where they visited Mrs. Hinkle's brother, Frank Hayner and his wife.

Hinkle had the thrill of hooking his first Chinook salmon. He reports that the natives there claim that the biggest run of salmon they have had in years is now going on. The salmon he got weighed between 17 and 20 pounds, and he has a picture to prove it.

Mrs. Edwin Wall reports the birth of a new great granddaughter, Christie Sue Pfahl, born in Medford to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pfahl. Christie paid her first call on her great grandmother Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Coleman left June 13 for Bend, Ore., where the Pacific International Trapping association is holding an Oregon state shoot from June 13 through June 16. Coleman will take part in some of the events.

Mrs. Fred Rapp, of Talent and Mrs. Ray Coleman, of Jackson-

ville, recently spent a few days with their sister, Mrs. Belle Crawford, of Tulelake, Calif.

Recent house guests at the Edwin Wall home, here for the wedding of the Walls' daughter, Thelma, were the bridegroom, Ray Oran Lawton, who arrived May 25 from Wrangell, Alaska; Lawton's mother, Mrs. Earl Lawton and daughter Sharon, also of Wrangell, and Mrs. Eunice Bolsinger and Mrs. Orick Lively, of Arcata, Calif., formerly of Wrangell. After the wedding Mrs. Lawton and her daughter returned with their visit to Arcata for a few days' visit before returning home to Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Crowley drove Mrs. Crowley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Jackson, of Kelo, Wash., who have been visiting them, to Springfield last weekend to visit other relatives, Mrs. John Sovern and Mrs. Frank Marsden. Other visitors this week at the Crowleys' are Mrs.

Crowley's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Jackson, of Eureka, Calif.

It has been announced that Mrs. Dorland Offenbacher is a candidate for the vacancy to the school board of Jacksonville School district No. 1. The election is to be held Monday, June 17. Mrs. Offenbacher has two children in school and has been a life-long resident of Jacksonville.

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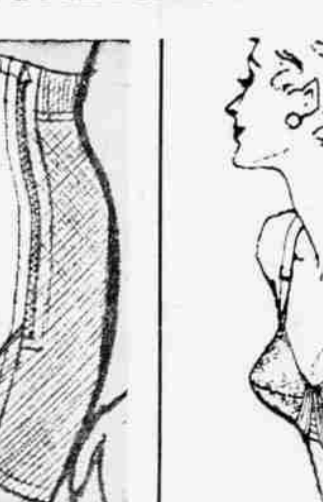
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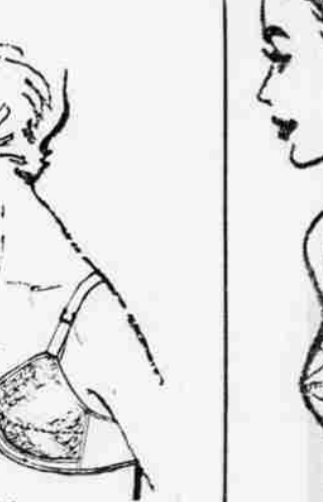
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