

The Clark Gable Story

Hollywood Will Find It Hard To Fill Void Left by 'King'

Editor's note: This is the final dispatch in a series on the legend and life of Clark Gable. He was the "king" of Hollywood. And the question arises, "Who will be his successor?"

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Hollywood - UPI - The death of Clark Gable leaves a void in the motion picture industry which may never be filled.

Studio chieftains and producers could spot a "Gable script" a mile away. It called for a handsome, rugged leading man who also could be tender and convincing in a love scene.

An exponent of the straight-from-the-shoulder school of acting, Gable wanted no part of "method" performances. He played a man's man in a man's world as opposed to the Marlon Brando types who portray mixed-up, emotionally unstable weaklings.

Whether it was a drawing room comedy, romance or horse opera, Gable attacked each role with the authority of a man of the world with an eye for pretty girls and a good brawl with the "heavy."

The new batch of stars called him a "personality performer" and frequently belittled his acting ability. But he won an Oscar in 1934 for "It Happened One Night," and his performance as Rhett Butler in "Gone With the Wind" was one of the most memorable in screen history.

Last of Super Stars
Who then, can play Gable roles, sweeping leading ladies off their feet and eliciting sighs from the ladies in the audience?

Can you picture Paul Newman swaggering into a saloon and announcing he can whip every man in the joint? Or Tony Perkins? Or Tab Hunter?

How about Kirk Douglas taking Doris Day into his arms and coming through with a Gable-like twinkle in his eye? Or Burt Lancaster? Or Rock Hudson? Or Charlton Heston?

Does Frank Sinatra fit the picture of a responsible, respected leader overcoming adversity? Does Dean Martin? Or Peter Lawford? Or Robert Wagner? Or Tony Curtis? Gable was one of a kind.

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Fire Department Responds to 93 Calls in October

Medford's fire department responded to 93 alarms, 27 of them for house fires, during October, and the rural fire department responded to nine, according to Fire Chief Gordon Barker's monthly report.

Of the 27 house fires in the city, 10 of them were flue fires; seven overheated stove fires; seven electrical wiring and appliance fires; and two "careless smoking" fires. In addition, there was one fire of incendiary origin.

The city department also responded to one hotel fire; 14 garage or trash fires and two vehicle fires. City equipment was out on alarms for a total of 41 hours and 13 minutes.

Of the nine alarms reported to the rural district, three of them were for house fires, all caused by defective flues. There were also five trash or grass fires and one barn fire of incendiary origin.

Rural equipment was out on alarms for a total of 14 hours and 15 minutes. During October, 74 hours of drill were held at the three city fire stations and four two-hour drills were held for volunteer firemen.

Fire Marshal Truman Nelson made 33 inspections during the month, 13 of them in schools and six in business occupancies. He also conducted four investigations following fires.

Nelson issued 41 orders or recommendations for the removal of fire hazards and 40 were actually removed. In addition, 1,215 fire permits were issued during the month and fire drills were held in all schools. Nelson termed the drills "satisfactory."

M-G-M Studios used their powerhouse trump to introduce new personalities. It was a means of insuring newcomers wide exposure to a vast audience. Lana Turner, Ava Gardner and Deborah Kerr were among them.

Norma Shearer who started off his screen career with a slap in the face (as called for in the script). Gable made his boxoffice flops, among them some really bad pictures. But he took them in stride, never refusing a role at the studio, never demanding script approval or drawing a suspension from the bigwigs.

Even after leaving M-G-M he continued his reputation for cooperativeness and fair play. On his last picture, "The Misfits," co-starring Marilyn Monroe, he put up with outrageous delays, temperament from the other stars, and miserable working conditions. Uncomplaining, he finally decided he had had enough.

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HATFIELDS IN ARGENTINA - Oregon's Gov. and Mrs. Mark O. Hatfield, second and third from left, sport gaucho hats and other souvenirs of Argentina during a visit to the Malah Huo Ranch at Mar Del Plata. Others pictured with the Hatfields are unidentified. The ranch was the second stop on the Argentina-Brazil tour by 28 American governmentors. (UPI Telephoto)

The Family Council American Bishops Criticize Trend To Conformity

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Nora B. - It's not right to pass personal letters around. Clarice S. - She can pass mine around. It's a short cut.

Nora B. - I was horrified to learn that my cousin, Clarice, carries my letters around in her pocketbook and either reads them out loud to anyone who'll listen or lets them read my mail for themselves. Clarice and I used to be very close when we lived in the same apartment house, so now that I've moved to a Midwest city I write her every detail, including certain confidences.

It's bad enough to repeat what I tell her when she visits me, or when we talk over the telephone. If she gets it wrong I can deny it, or correct the wrong impressions. But when she shows people things in my own handwriting, things that weren't meant for their eyes, what comeback do I have?

For example, I told her I was buying a fur coat on time payments. That's nobody's business but mine and the store's. I just told Clarice because I thought she'd get a kick out of it. She knows how long I've wanted the coat. But now, I guess, everybody thinks my husband can't support me and I'm living beyond my means. This is not the case at all.

Clarice S. - Look, Nora should have more confidence in me than to think I'd do anything to hurt her. Being so far away, she believes everything she hears and then she magnifies every word. Before long her imagination fills in and it's a federal case.

First of all, no one knows about the loan. I had enough sense to hold on to that letter. But I did pass the word that she's getting the leopard coat at last. What's wrong? It saved Nora having to sit down and write it separately to a dozen other friends who are interested.

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Armed Robbery Charges Pending

Salem - UPI - Medford police said Monday armed robbery charges will be filed in Marion and Lincoln counties against three Corvallis men in connection with holdups on Oct. 29 and a drive-in theater at Newport Oct. 28.

Two of the men are in the Linn county jail in Albany now on other charges. They are George E. Farmer, 18, and Sidney J. Styles, 25.

The third suspect is Forrest I. Isaacs, 21, serving a term in the State Correctional Institution here for forgery. He was sentenced to three years Nov. 7.

The \$800 station job yielded \$80 and \$90 was taken from the Yaquina Drive-in theater at Newport.

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Vital State Role Played By Farming, OSC Shows

Corvallis - Oregon's second largest wealth producing industry - agriculture - continues to play a vital role in the state's economy, emphasized F. L. Ballard, associate director of the Oregon State college agricultural extension service in commenting on the Farm-City Week proclamation of President Eisenhower. Farm-City Week is Nov. 18-24.

Oregon farms generate over half billion dollars a year buying power, he noted. One out of every two dollars taken in by Oregon farmers comes from out-of-state sales. For example, cash receipts to farmers are better than \$400 million a year, including \$200 from out-of-state sales.

Agriculture is second only to the forestry industry which is valued at about \$1 billion a year in Oregon. Tourism and recreation, mines, and fisheries follow in that order.

Oregon farms place more than 100 kinds of farm products into commercial channels each year. They are converted and combined into many forms by processors and others. Some of the items that Oregon has become famous for the country over, Ballard pointed out, include: pears, apples, strawberries, Blue Lake beans, filberts, peppermint oil, lily bulbs, hops, wool, and seed crops, especially rye grass.

Salem Ranks High
Salem ranks high in the nation in the volume of canned goods production. And farm products accounted for two-thirds of the tonnage shipped out of the port of Portland in a recent year.

But the real story of agriculture's economic importance to Oregon is the fact that it takes only slightly more than one-tenth of the labor force to produce this abundance, according to Ballard. Helped by discoveries in sciences affecting agriculture, Oregon farmers have become more and more efficient, he remarked.

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