

Jane Withers, Former Child Movie Star, Plans To Build Doll Museum

Hollywood — Jane Withers is starting a family recreation center near Hollywood where she will be able to show her world-famous doll collection in a private museum.

"I started thinking about the center six years ago when I was hospitalized with arthritis," said the former child star, now the mother of five youngsters.

"My husband and I bought 40 acres out in a canyon near Hollywood and we've been working hard to get it in shape."

Miss Withers plans to have a restaurant, fish ponds, rodeo grounds and dance hall along with her doll museum.

"The property is tired looking and depressing now," she said. "It probably hasn't had any paint for 15 years, but with the help of our friends we're getting it cleaned up."

Museum Has Priority

Although the whole project is close to Jane's heart, the doll museum has top priority. "It's been my life's ambition to have a doll museum," she revealed. "I have more than 3,000 dolls, no two alike, and they've been in storage 14 years."

"People still send dolls to me, and have been for years. I have dolls made out of

match sticks, tooth picks, olive pits, apple cores, everything."

"I've gotten letters from people in all parts of the world who want to come and see my dolls. With the family recreation center, everybody will have a chance to see them."

Miss Withers hasn't made a picture since she appeared in "Giant" several years ago, and her current role in "The Right Approach" marks a sort of comeback.

"It took me 20 years to save enough money to buy that land," she said. "So, now I've got to return to work for more money to do what we want."

Bearing on Project

Remembering the days when she came to Hollywood as a five-year-old, fresh out of Atlanta, Ga., Miss Withers said her own break in show business will have a bearing on the project.

"I was 'Dixie's Dainty Dew Drop' in Atlanta and had gone as far as I could," she said. "Everybody said I should go to Hollywood, so Mom and I came west."

Miss Withers got one movie job after being smuggled into a studio lot underneath a blanket in the back seat of a

car. It was that experience that Jane remembers today when planning her park.

"I want to have talent shows for kids so somebody can see what they do," she said. "The way the world speeds up now, we don't have time to notice new talent. If you give these kids some exposure, somebody might notice them."

Jane plans to charge only a \$1 parking fee as admission to the center. Later, when she produces symphonies, jazz festivals, rodeos and the like, there will be an additional charge.

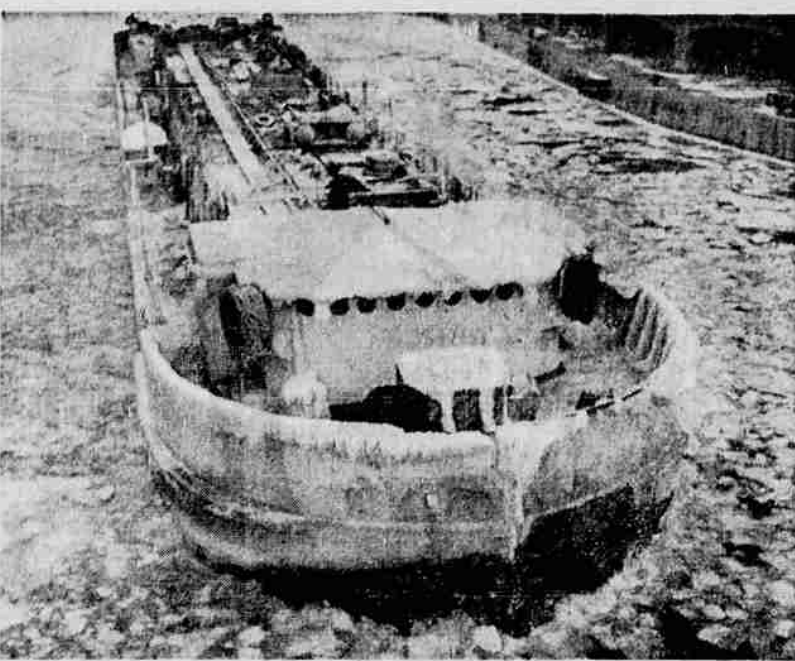
Wants Old Wagons

"I'd love to get some old wagons and things that are stored on so many back lots," she said. "We want anything that will be good for kids to play with."

"A bunch of youngsters would give their eye teeth to be able to play on an authentic movie set."

The project isn't all fun, and Jane plans to build a country style church on the property.

"We hope to invite different ministers, priests and rabbis to conduct services at our recreation center on Sundays," she said.



CHILLED TANKER — An ice-covered oil tanker crunches slowly along the icy Chicago river as record cold grips much of the nation. The temperature dropped to zero in Chicago and continued cold is forecast. (UPI Telephoto)

Weapon Against Blood Clot May Have Been Found

Ithaca, N. Y. — (UPI) — A Cornell university scientist thinks he may have found a weapon to subdue the greatest single killer in the United States — the blood clot, it has been disclosed.

Dr. Eugene E. Clifton, associate professor of clinical surgery at the Cornell Medical college, has been searching for seven years to find a way to dissolve blood clots in the arteries of persons suffering from heart and other ailments. He said other scientists have developed a drug which prevents blood clots from forming. This drug was administered to former President Eisenhower in treatment of his coronary ailment.

Enzyme Isolated

But Clifton and associates at other institutions have isolated an enzyme, fibrinolysin, which has proven highly successful in dissolving already-formed blood clots in tests of persons whose conditions were critical.

The enzyme was administered to 45 persons suffering from heart ailments. Six, who were in a state of "cardiac decompensation" at the time

of initial treatment, died. Blood clots in the other 39 persons were dissolved and pains they suffered prior to treatment either disappeared or were sharply reduced, Clifton said.

Fibrinolysin Injected

He said blood clots form readily in the blood stream.

Generally the fibrinolysin in the blood gets rid of the clots. But, he said, sometimes the fibrinolysin fails to dissolve the clot. Then additional fibrinolysin is injected in the same way insulin is injected into a diabetic to raise his level of insulin, Clifton said.



PLANS FAMILY CENTER—Jane Withers, former child movie star, hopes to start a family recreation center near Hollywood and plans to show her world-famous doll collection in a private museum at the center. (UPI Telephoto)

The Family Council 4-H News

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. (Copyright 1961—General Features Corp.)

Arlene V. — How do I get back a boy I threw over? Wilbur M. — I like her, but I'm too hurt to go crawling back.

Arlene V. — I am a girl 15 years old. I'm all mixed up. Last June I met Frank of whom I grew very fond. But before I got to know him well, he left for camp.

Then, in July, I met Wilbur. He's the same age as Frank, 17. He was wonderful to me, showed me a great summer. During that time I didn't think of Frank even once.

But when Frank returned, I realized I still liked him and I found myself breaking dates with Wilbur to be with him. After a while, however, I learned that Frank didn't really reciprocate, my feeling and worse, was spreading stories about me which did nothing to help my reputation.

Now I see how well off I was with Wilbur and would like to go back with him. He admits he still likes me, but says his friends tell him not to lower himself by taking me back. I know I was wrong, but I have grown up since the summer.

Wilbur M. — I am very fond of Arlene and I enjoy being with her. But I agree with my friends who say I'd be lowering myself considerably to go crawling back.

Before Frank came home, at the end of the summer, I was ready to ask Arlene to go steady and I thought she'd agree. But shortly after his return, I called at her house. That's when the trouble began. She told me nobody was home, so I couldn't come in. I stood outside, waiting for her parents to come home. Soon, though, I saw Frank come out of Arlene's apartment.

I decided to ignore this incident and continued to make dates with Arlene. But she broke them, one after the other. It was either she was sick, or had to babysit, or something. Then I heard some of the rumors Frank was circulating about her. He's a jerk and I know the tales aren't true.

But I don't feel Arlene has learned her lesson yet. Now that she doesn't have Frank, she wants me to hurry back. She forgets I have some pride.

The Council: One of Arlene's high school authors, Sir Walter Scott, puts the "les-

son" she learned this way: "Oh what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive!"

She lied to Wilbur. Instead of telling him openly that she would like to be friends with two (or more) boys at the same time, she tried to hold on to Wilbur and "hide" Frank from him by deception.

Surely she has learned two things. First, that dishonesty is fatal to a close friendship. The spectre of suspicion hovers around the relationship constantly. And second, there's no reason why a 15-year-old girl can't play the field lightly heartedly among several friends, both boys and girls.

She may like some more than others, but she should be able to let all of them know about the others, rather than be limited to the exclusivity of one, the so-called "steady." Even if Wilbur wanted her to be his steady, he would probably have consented to remaining merely a "good friend" if she explained that she'd like to be free to date others.

Should Wilbur forgive her? His friends say no. But a boy who thinks in terms of a steady person-to-person relationship, can't listen to his friends. He must find his own answer. Arlene rebuffed him, "used" him to fill in a dull summer and then banished him when what she thought was "something better" came along. Playing one boy against the other, she lost both.

Since he says he still likes her, Wilbur might accept Arlene's apology and contrition. She knows that her sincerity is questioned, but not completely discounted. Wilbur can give her a chance to build on what's left.

Hold Up Try Scotchd With Whisky Bottles

Oakland, Calif. — (UPI) — An Oakland liquor store owner and a friend "scotchd" the attempt of two gunmen to hold up the A and B Liquor store.

Willard Wright, 60, and Frank Strathdee, 62, chased off the rifle carrying bandits by pelting them with whisky bottles from a shelf behind the counter.

OK — The mishaps kill twice as many Americans as those killed by the deployed at regular work.

Bobbing Bobbins

The Bobbing Bobbins 4-H sewing club held a meeting recently at the home of Mrs. Leonard Franek, 1678 Beall lane, Medford. There were four members present, and Ann Bayne, a new member from Phoenix.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Kristy Chamberlain in the absence of President Shirley Roach. The pledges were led by Carol Roach and the minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Ann Bowling.

The club received a thank you note from the Dornbecker Children's hospital in Portland thanking the club for the doll we made clothes for, and gave to some child.

We discussed the possibility of making 4-H dresses alike during our meetings.

At the next meeting we plan to visit the county farm and take Valentines and heart-shaped cakes for the residents.

Joyce Anderson, Reporter

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