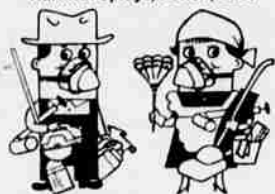


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Bette Davis Talks About Her Private Life

Life off screen sometimes has treated this star as roughly as it has on screen—but she has no regrets and much to be thankful for

By ADELE WHITELY FLETCHER

BETTE DAVIS and I have been friends for 20 years.

I knew her long ago when she was in the grip of the frustration that plagues any woman who knows the man she loves is a professional charmer.

I have been her guest at a subsequent dinner party at which she accorded her husband every courtesy, consulting him about the wine, smiling at his jokes, paying the utmost heed to all he had to say—although their marriage was tumbling down.

I have gone with her to visit the little retarded girl she adopted. Two reasons why Bette continues hard at work are to earn tuition for the school where Margo, 11 years old now and quite beautiful, receives special training, and for the life annuity that will take care of Margo.

I will never forget the night when she insisted upon appearing at a benefit for the Actors' Fund, although she was in deep pain, with her physician in attendance backstage. The jaw surgery which she underwent the next day was so serious that she was on the operating table for more than two hours, and her convalescence was so slow it was rumored she had cancer of the bone.

Yet I have never known Bette to pity herself; nor have I ever seen her cry.

Do not get the idea, however, that she is a meek spirit. Quite the contrary. She's a rebel. She gets fighting mad. She can be exceedingly articulate about what she likes and dislikes, thinks and does not think. And, confronted with stupidity, she's prone to snort and yell.

Bette has never had a lasting marriage, and that is a pity. Divorce does not disturb some stars, but Bette is New England to the bone and sets great store in marriage, home life, and children.

Now 54, she says she is learning to think of herself as an "unmarried woman." She does not expect to marry again: "I like men, as my his-



One reason Bette strives for success: her lovely 15-year-old daughter Barbara.

tory certain," indicates, but they just can't take this 'fame' thing.

"It probably doesn't help that I incline to be outspoken and impatient. You get on best with a man by waiting for him to do whatever needs doing in his way. I find this difficult to do whether the man is my lawyer, son, or husband."

BETTE ARRIVED in Hollywood in 1930 and initially had a rough time. Then, slowly but surely, she began establishing herself as one of the outstanding personalities and artists of the film colony.

In 1935, she won an Academy Award for "Dangerous" and in 1938 for "Jezebel." At the time of her first award, she was married to Harmon O. Nelson, a musician. They had been students together at Cushing Academy in Ashburnham, Mass. His middle name was Oscar, and Bette

named her statuette after him. The name caught on, and soon all Hollywood was referring to the prized statuettes as "Oscars."

Harmon Nelson, a fine, gentle man, found it increasingly difficult to cope with his wife's soaring success, and they were divorced in 1939—in spite of their best efforts.

On New Year's Day, 1941, Bette married Arthur Farnsworth, an executive for an aircraft instrument company. Two years later, "Farney" died of a brain hemorrhage.

In 1945, she married William Grant Sherry, an artist. She tried to stick out this marriage, especially after her daughter "B. D." (real name Barbara) was born by Caesarean section in 1947. But in 1950 the Sherrys were divorced.

Bette always had insisted she never would marry an actor. But in 1950 she married Gary Merrill, in

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