

Dick Powell Back In The Ring With New Film

BY BOB THOMAS
 KLAMATH FALLS—Dick Powell, the man industry, is back to the racket of acting these days, still cooking on all burners.

There was a time when people at all Dick could do was and make cinematic love to Keeler. Now there appears little he can't do in the entertainment field.

Present he is emoting with Reynolds in "Susan Slept

Here," an assignment he accepted after Robert Mitchum turned it down. Dick has no qualms about performing in warmed-over Mitchum.

"Mitchum was right in turning down the part," said Powell. "He wasn't right for the role. The part calls for a man old enough to be Debbie's father. Mitchum is too young for that."

"As a matter of fact, I was offered the role when Alex Gottlieb was producing the picture independently. I was too tied up at the time. Lujer Howard Hughes took over the property and wanted me to produce it. I decided against it. It's a cute picture, but wouldn't advance me as a producer of my first film."

He expects his first production to be "The Long Wire," a Western about the stringing of the telegraph across the frontier. As stars, he hopes to have John Wayne, Jane Russell and Robert Mitchum. Well, he can hope, can't he? Dick, to whom nothing seems impossible, plans to direct the film as well as produce.

Among his other activities was the directing of "Caine Mutiny Court Martial," the highly successful stage version of the best seller. The show, which stars Henry Fonda, Lloyd Nolan and John Hodiak, will open in New York Jan. 20, and Powell hopes to be there. His presence may help quell the reports of an all-out feud between himself and certain members of the company.

"Sure, Henry and I had a little beef," he admitted. "You know how moody he can be. Well, we had a difference of opinion over how certain scenes should be played. He wanted certain cuts to be made, and Herman Wouk, who wrote the book and the play, wasn't available for a week or so. Herman is a very devout Jew and wouldn't work during the holidays. "Henry got worried. He wanted certain comedy scenes to come out. He didn't give his curtain speech with the force I thought it required. So, rather than cause any more friction, I bowed out."

"Charles Laughton took over for the last five days of rehearsal. I saw the show after it opened and there were very few changes from how I left it."

"That isn't all that Dick is involved in. He also produces and stars in half-hour dramas for the popular TV series Four Star Playhouse. He knocks one off every few weeks.



NEW OWNERS of the World Wide Travel Bureau are Alice and Marion Gallup, Klamath Falls. The business was bought from Mr. and Mrs. Walt McIntyre who have left here to make their home in California. The bureau arranges itineraries anywhere in the world on airline and steamship routes. Gallup has been associated with Metler Bros. on South 6th and Mrs. Gallup is well known in mercantile circles.

Lava Beds Travel Up

Travel in the Lava Beds National Monument during 1953 had a substantial increase over according to Ray Knox, superintendent.

953, 92,925 persons in 24,587 registered at Lava Bed headquarters. This compares with 81,176 persons and 21,522 vehicles in 1952. The total visitation figures for the year, 33,314 person visited the monument at Indian Wells, Captain Stronghold and the Petro-

Man Left By 'Stupid' Man

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—A 93-year-old Columbus man who was so glib of electricity he used to light his small frame house at an estate of \$104,233.10, was left by a "stupid" man who condemned automobiles as "fangled contraptions," was killed until he was 90. Buff refused an offer of an automobile ride home from a visit the man was killed.

Buff, whose will was probated Monday, left some of the money to a church and an orphanage, the rest to his niece.

STORM
 BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)—Winds, hail and rain swept central Argentina Tuesday, killing four persons, ripping the roofs of houses, uprooting trees and causing wide scale damage to crops.

Red Rock Valley Found To Have Good Building Stone

MACDOEL — There is a fertile farming district a few miles east of Macdoel called Red Rock Valley. This is not only a cattle and grain area, but is beginning to come into recognition for the beautiful red building rock to be found there.

One can find red rock in spots while driving around the valley, but there is quite a large, natural ledge of the stone on the R. J. Taylor ranch property. This is the accessible source from which some Klamath Falls stone masons have been getting their supply to make a number of attractive con-

structions. Red rock has been tested in various ways and found to be a good general-purpose building stone. It has a few peculiar characteristics not found in other rock. Lying in large, flat shapes on or near the surface, varying in thickness from about six to twelve inches, it is comparatively soft when first quarried, hardening in a few days. It can be split very nearly to shapes and sizes desired, thus eliminating costly finish work. The rock takes a polish, but many prefer it in the rougher, natural state. Many people have wondered

about the red stone constructions to be seen around the Klamath Basin. The attractive entrance to the Reames Golf and Country Club grounds near Klamath Falls, retaining walls on Pacific Terrace and several Klamath Basin ranches. The outdoor fireplaces at the Mallin Community Park, as well as private homes, are a few of the many uses to which red rock have been put. We learned, too, that the rock has been used in a number of ways at Lake of the Woods.

Stonemasons Emil Schiesel and Robert H. Anderson have been quarrying red rock on the Taylor

ranch for the past few years, and have had increasing calls for the stone each successive year. They are very enthusiastic about the future of red rock, and say that they would like to build one house of it. From there on, they say, its future is assured, as construction of a home would result in an attractive, permanent, and economical building.

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