

Early Days At Paramount Recollected By Cary Grant

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Here's a special added attraction to last week's series on the new rulers of Hollywood: portrait of a pro-Cary Grant.

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"I was the first star to freelance," Grant recalled. "It was back in 1935 when I left Paramount. I had been doing pretty well there, but nothing sensational.

"Adolph Zukor wanted me to stay and he even offered to jump my salary from \$2,500 a week to \$3,000 instead of my next raise, \$3,000. But I said no. I wasn't doing the kind of picture I wanted to do. If I stayed I would be in the same position of having to take pictures that Gary Cooper, William Powell or Clive Brook turned down."

So Grant branched out on his own, and his services have been in demand by producers ever since. Largely a dramatic actor at Paramount, he established himself as the screen's best exponent of light comedy with films like "The Awful Truth," "Holiday" and "My Favorite Wife."

His acting price was \$200,000 a picture, and there were plenty of pictures.

"Even though I had no contract ties, I had a certain appeal to the studios," he said. "You take a place like MGM. It had a great stable of stars, but they had all played opposite each other before—Spencer Tracy with Lana Turner, Clark Gable with Jean Harlow, etc.

"So it appealed to the studio bosses to bring this fellow in from the outside, no matter what they had to pay him. And that's how I got pictures like 'The Philadelphia Story.'"

Grant's bargaining power didn't diminish with the breakup of the studio contract player lists. In fact, he became an ever greater draw with the public's concentration on fewer big-name stars. And so he can exact not only great salaries—\$750,000 is a common offer for a film—but an increasing share in ownership of his movies.

He owns 75 per cent of his current smash hit, "Indiscreet," and he'll take possession of the negative after eight years.

3-Time Killer Given Parole

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Gov. Raymond Gary has signed a parole for Julius Bohannon, three-time slayer and a leader of one of Oklahoma's bloodiest prison breaks 22 years ago.

The parole ended a long struggle for clemency by the 33-year-old former badman. Gary said he is convinced Bohannon is a rehabilitated man.

Bohannon will go to work at a veterinary hospital at Carrollton, Tex.

Bohannon would have served 23 years in the Oklahoma prison next Dec. 5. He was serving two 99-year sentences and one life term for the slayings of two McCurtain County deputy sheriffs and a prison guard.

Bohannon's crime career began in 1930 when he was sent to prison for grand larceny in Texas. In May 1936, he led a break of 20 convicts from the prison brickyard. One prison official and one convict were killed.

Bohannon escaped from the prison on two other occasions, in 1947 and 1955.

National Debt Given Boost

WASHINGTON (AP)—Uncle Sam went almost \$2,700,000,000 deeper in the red last week—boosting the national debt to the highest level in 2 1/2 years.

But that's only a prelude to what is expected to happen in the next month or so when the government borrows more money to replenish its dwindling cash.

The Treasury said that last week's \$3-billion-dollar borrowing operation raised the gross national debt to \$279,335,500,000. That's the highest since March 15, 1956, when the debt total ran about 365 million dollars higher.

By late next month or early December Treasury officials figure the debt will go over the all-time high of \$280,821,000,000 recorded at the end of 1955. Officials have indicated the government will have to borrow another three billion dollars in cash by early December.

The drain on the Treasury's cash results from a combination of a drop in tax income because of the recession and a record peacetime level of spending.

Under present law, the national debt can't exceed 258 billion. The ceiling drops to 253 billion next July 1 unless Congress changes it before then.

"DENNIS THE MENACE"



"I GOT A BIG RANCH IN TEXAS! WITH SIXTEEN MILLION COWS 'N HORSES! AN' TWO WHITE RATS."



EVEN CLEAN, WELL-RUN correctional institutions for juveniles often are hampered by overcrowding that forces inmates to sleep on cots set up in cell-block corridors.

Delinquency Expert Claims Youth Homes Foster Crime

By JERRY BENNETT WASHINGTON (NEA)—The majority of today's juvenile correctional schools are failing to make good citizens out of delinquent boys and girls.

This charge about the condition of U.S. juvenile reform comes from Ernest A. Miller, former counsel for the Senate Subcommittee on Juvenile Delinquency and one of the country's authorities on crime among teen-agers.

Miller says meager funds, a severe shortage of trained personnel and extreme overcrowding prevent many of the institutions from providing needed rehabilitative programs. A few even use extreme forms of punishment which sometimes border on savagery.

The tragic result is that the juvenile inmates are usually no more capable of living in a law abiding society after being released than they were when first committed.

Miller explains that most of the school superintendents are trying their best to do a good job. But the lack of money usually blocks any effort they might make to turn their good intentions into beneficial realities.

Financial conditions are so bad, he says, that some schools have less than \$1,500 to spend for the yearly care of each youth, and one school can only spend \$649 a year per youth.

Salaries also take a beating with employees in some institutions earning as low as \$145 a month. This makes it impossible to lure the psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers and teachers necessary for the success of any rehabilitative program.

The usual result is that superintendents can only hire a small staff of untrained personnel to handle hundreds of delinquent kids. Often these youngsters are mentally disturbed and potentially dangerous.

To further complicate matters, superintendents are subjected to the worst kind of public pressure, Miller explains that a blow-up at

an institution can often cost a superintendent his job even though he had no way of stopping the trouble in the first place.

"It's a miracle a man would stand and take it all," the juvenile delinquency expert declares.

During his year-and-a-half probe of correctional schools, Miller reveals he found institutions in about seven states that are still using brutal punishment methods. These include beatings, forcing kids to race themselves against a wall for hours, or making them hold a sitting position with arms extended for long periods of time.

For example, Miller tells of one girls' school where inmates were forced to sop up bucketful of water with a mascara brush. In another school, a stolen watch led to the beating of 29 boys. The superintendent felt that at least one of the 29 must be the culprit.

Miller says that staff members in this type of school are often political appointees who have absolutely no knowledge of correctional work. Many times even perverts find jobs in these institutions.

The juvenile authority estimates that a third of the 40,000 youths in correctional institutions are threatened with homosexual staff members. He explains that the problem of perverts is not restricted just to poorly operated schools. Sometimes, he says, they are found holding jobs in some of the country's model institutions.

Miller explains that some states are running good correctional programs. Examples are California, New York and Delaware, he says.

But Miller believes a lot of reforms must take place before the correctional school problem can be solved.

These include setting up a special school to train employees on techniques in handling juveniles, building smaller institutions in stead of crowding all types of delinquents into one large institution, and slapping a ban on corporal punishment. He's also in favor of establishing a special inspection system for correctional institutions and thoroughly screening job applicants.

Commission Doles Money

PORTLAND (AP)—Small amounts of money were allocated Monday for the fine arts and education programs of the state centennial celebration next year by the Oregon Centennial Commission.

An initial \$2,000 was given to the educational advisory committee to start work on an Oregon history kit, which will go to schools in the state.

Another \$3,000 was granted the fine arts advisory committee for administration and planning.

The commission also approved formation of legislative and financing committees to help raise additional funds necessary for a trade fair and exposition.

A commission budget report showed \$548,781 was spent or committed as of Sept. 30. Estimated expenditures will run \$741,840 by the end of the year, leaving a balance of \$72,397 which will be spent mostly for renovation work at the exposition grounds.

An offer by Burrard Amusement, Ltd., to erect and operate gayway rides at the exposition was approved. The firm offered to pay 25 per cent of its gross to the commission.

The commission also decided advance ticket sales for the exposition will begin Jan. 1.

Six \$1 adult admissions will be sold in a souvenir booklet for \$5 to advance purchasers. Children under six will be admitted free and youngsters from 6 to 16 may purchase six 50-cent tickets for \$2.50.

AF Observer Had Fever

ALAMOGORDO, N.M. (AP)—The young pilot who rode the Air Force Man High balloon to the stratosphere last week ran a high temperature for hours.

But a surgeon who supervised by remote control from the ground says Lt. Clifton McClure never became delirious and responded to directions properly all through the flight last Wednesday.

McClure, 25, sought to rise to 100,000 feet and stay there 24 hours to relay observations back to scientists on the ground. He reached 99,600 feet, but his sealed metal cockpit capsule over-heated, and he had to return to earth 12 hours short of the time he aimed for.

Lt. Col. R. R. Hessberg, chief of the aeromedical field laboratory at the Air Force Missile Development Center, where the flight took place, said McClure's temperature, electronically recorded, registered 106 at its peak.

Hessberg emphasized that it was corrected to 104 after error in the electronic system was taken into consideration.

The doctor said McClure's temperature began to rise, with the heating of the metal cockpit capsule, about 1:30 p.m. and reached a peak about 5 p.m. while he was descending.

McClure landed at 6:45 p.m., and the doctor said his temperature was "way back down by the time he got to a hospital, about 7 p.m.—down about 100 then and normal in a matter of hours."

Court Clears Actor's Way

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A federal court has cleared the way for William Holden to make a move—and 1 1/2 million dollars.

Paramount Pictures Corp. had sought an injunction to prevent Holden from making the picture for Mirisch Co., an independent. The injunction, Holden's attorney said, might cost the film star as much as 1 1/2 million dollars.

Holden argued that Paramount failed to object within a four-day period as provided in a 1951 contract, when Holden notified the studio he wanted to make "The Horse Soldiers" for Mirisch.

The court refused to issue the injunction.

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New Film May Be On Tap For Crooner

By BOB THOMAS AP Motion Picture Writer HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Although Bing Crosby hasn't made a movie in two years, he hasn't ruled out the possibility of a return to the screen.

His last was a non-singing role in "Man On Fire," a serious story about divorce. Bing indicated he'd favor a lighter movie if he makes another film.

"There are a couple of comedies at Universal and one at Fox that might work out," he said.

One deal that didn't work out was for him to appear opposite Judy Holiday in "The Bells are Ringing." Bing was willing, but the film project was already cut up too many ways, with shares going to Judy, authors Comden and Green, producer Arthur Freed, etc. So the lead went to Dean Martin.

James B. Harris and Stanley Kubrick deny Cary Grant's statement that he will offer the lead role in their film version of "Lolita." Say the young film makers:

"Although we have the highest respect for Mr. Grant as an actor, we have never had him in mind for this part." Citing Grant's slant at the subject matter of the best seller, they declared "it seems presumptuous that some stars are now setting themselves up as guardians of the public taste in contrast to the foremost literary critics in the nation who have acclaimed 'Lolita' one of the literary classics of this generation."

Grant had criticized the theme of the book, which deals with a middle aged man's fondness for 12-year-old girls.

Grant told of his advice to Ingrid Bergman, who wanted to do a script about an aging star. "It's a beautiful part which will probably win the highest awards," he said, "but don't do it."

He cited a not-so-famous star who played a fading actress, allowed herself to be photographed without makeup and won critical acclaim—and she hasn't had a good role since."

Montague Lad Wins Contest

MONTAGUE — Dick Kreutzer, son of Mrs. Alta Kreutzer, Route 1, Box 10, Montague, and a member of the Table Rock 4-H Club in Siskiyou County, is the state winner in Beautification of Home Grounds Contest of the National 4-H Award Program, Margaret Kohl, state 4-H Club specialist of the University of California Extension Service in Berkeley, has announced.

Dick, who was first state alternate in this same program last year, is being recognized for the fine job he has done in improving the grounds around his ranch home in Little Shasta as part of his 4-H home grounds beautification project. Dick's mother, quite proud of his achievement, says that Dick's work in his 4-H project has greatly improved the appearance of their home and materially increased its value.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ashcraft, leaders of the Table Rock 4-H Club, stated that Dick is an outstanding boy for his age in accomplishments. Besides doing well in his 4-H projects, they said Dick has taken an active part in the leadership of the Table Rock 4-H Club and been of great assistance to them.

Dick, who is the county 4-H All-Star boy this year and is the county 4-H news reporter, is currently appearing over Radio Station KSYC Yreka, on the farm program each Monday morning. His award as state winner of the beautification of home grounds is a 19-jewel watch. He also will be considered for the national level of the award, and should he win again, he will receive a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago early in December.

PRE-MED STUDENT

Hugh M. Swaney, son of Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Swaney, Klamath Falls, is enrolled in the school of science in pre-med at Oregon State College, Corvallis. He has pledged Beta Theta Pi which has a new house on the OSC campus area.

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County Board Adopts Ruling

DORRIS — The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution last week opposing a proposed reduction of the California State Legislature of the percent age of votes required to pass local bond issues.

The proposed legislation would set the percentage required for passage on a sliding scale in proportion to the amount of bonded indebtedness already incurred.

The percentage would be 55 per cent for counties bonded to two per cent or less of their capacity, 57 per cent for indebtedness up to three per cent, 60 per cent for three to four, 65 per cent for four to five per cent. At present, two thirds majority is required on all local bond issues.

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