

Flynn's Marriage Odd, Even By Hollywood Norm

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HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—Weird design for living in movieland—or anywhere else, for that matter—is the marriage of Errol Flynn and Patrice Wymore.

Though they have been married eight years, they haven't seen one another since last February.

There's no rumor of separation, but they couldn't be further apart than Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis. Flynn currently is vacationing in Cuba with friends, while Pat remains in Hollywood with their 5-year-old daughter Arnella.

When will Pat, a stately blonde beauty, see her dashing husband again?

"When I see the whites of his eyes, I guess," she answered. "That sounds flip, but it isn't. I don't honestly know when we'll get together again. It's up to him. I love him very much, and I'm anxious to be with him."

"We've both been travelers most of our lives, but I'm ready to settle down and plant some roots for Arnella."

At the moment, home is the Chateau Marmont Apartment Hotel for Pat and her daughter. Flynn's home is any place he happens to wax his mustache.

"For the past eight years I've been attempting to find out whether Errol wants to take root someplace, too. But I still don't know," she said. "We both like to spend time aboard his yacht (the famed Zacca), but it is still in Europe."

Most wives would seethe if their husbands junketed around the world—writing only when the thought occurred—but Pat is Flynn's biggest fan and booster.

"Errol is a great actor, the most charming man I've ever known," she explained happily. "And he's finally coming into his own as a serious performer—after being a swashbuckler with a cutlass in his hand for so long."

"He doesn't realize how good he really is. When he does find out Errol will be the most sought-after actor in pictures."

"I've made two movies with Errol myself, and I'd love to do more," Pat said—perhaps because it might afford the couple an excuse to see one another again.

Meanwhile, Pat's career is perking up. She recently completed a three-week stand at the Coconut Grove, and finished "The Sad Horse" for 20th Century-Fox.

Flynn spent the last year making "The Roots of Heaven" in Africa and France. When not working he lived it up at the best spas on the continent.

Pat makes no excuses for her husband's indifferent behavior. "Movie stars find it easier than other people to keep moving around," she said. "They don't have to worry about finding jobs. Once they make a picture they can travel or vacation until the next movie starts."

"It's an interesting and enjoyable life. When Errol wants to settle down he'll do it—but not before."

Actress Sets Italy Trek

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Sophia Loren says she's going back to Italy next spring despite reports that she might be jailed for bigamy if she returns.

"This is old stuff," the Italian actress said Monday. "Someone in Italy started the story a year ago. I'm going home in four or five months to work on a picture, and I'm not a bit afraid."

The government there recognizes only a church-approved annulment for a couple married in a Catholic ceremony. Sophia, 24, and Carlo Ponti, 46, a film producer, were married by proxy in Mexico in September 1957. He obtained a Mexican divorce from Goilana Flasti.

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"I DIDN'T MIND HIM CUTTING HIMSELF A THIRD SLICE OF CAKE, BUT WHEN HE ACCUSED ME OF WATERING THE COCOA..."

Man From Salt Lake City Has Pipe Dream Come True

By DAN VALENTINE
SALT LAKE CITY (NEA)—Take a pile of battered pipes, add an assortment of wires, wheels, valves and pedals, wrap them together with hard work and patience in an old chicken coop—and what have you got?

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LAWRENCE BRAY has mastered "Chopsticks" on his unusual instrument.

sweetest sounding pile of junk in town—a giant, hand-assembled pipe organ.

Bray confesses that he's been crazy about organs for as long as he can remember, and started dreaming about owning one of his own when he was a teen-ager.

Actor Opens Cuba Casino

HAVANA (UPI)—Movie tough guy George Raft, who saved his swank Capri Casino from a mob of vandals by seizing a rebel flag and waving it frantically, was to reopen the gambling house today despite an almost complete lack of customers.

Raft's Capri was one of four Havana casinos which were not damaged at all in the New Year's Day riots and looting that followed the fall of the government of Fulgenio Batista.

The longtime Hollywood star told United Press International he was being forced to reopen the casino despite the fact that virtually all Havana's tourists had fled the country since the revolution.

"Our reopening is more a matter of living up to the Cuban labor laws than expecting to make money," he said.

Jewel Probe Said Success

SARASOTA, Fla. (UPI)—Comb-ing haystacks for needles is pleasant and easy compared to what several men went through Monday.

Their was the final act in the saga of the \$3,000 pair of garbage. Mrs. John M. Tiller, who resides on nearby Siesta Key, has a habit of changing the hiding place for her jewelry.

Saturday, she stuffed the valuables into a paper bag and dropped the bag into her kitchen garbage pail, figuring this was the last place a thief might look.

Along came another member of the household and, not being privy to Mrs. Tiller's procedure, set the pail out for the collector.

The collector doesn't normally cover that neighborhood on Saturday. But he did that day.

The job of terretting the jewels out of the city dump fell to a crew of county prisoners. The search was a success.

Plastic BB Up For Sale

LONDON (UPI)—A theater owner today reported scores of offers to buy a life-size near-nude plastic model of French movie actress Brigitte Bardot.

The lifelike-model of Bardot in the bottom half of a bikini with her arms folded across her chest used to stand in the foyer of the London movie house.

Now, its "only in the way" and the theater wants to sell.

The owner said he's received purchase offers from:

- A Miss Marianne Hawkins of Birmingham who wants to give it to her fiance, "Brigitte's most ardent admirer."
- "A penniless artist" in Leighton Buzzard who says, "Leighton Buzzard is a narrow-minded rural area. It is difficult to get live nude models."
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Chemists, Oil Men Meet To Ponder Atomic Use

DALLAS, Tex. (UPI)—Some of the smartest men in the oil and chemical industries meet in Dallas today to consider whether they can use atomic blasts to recover nearly a trillion barrels of oil in Colorado, Utah and Wyoming.

If it is feasible to use underground nuclear detonation to break up oil shale formations, it could change the whole outlook for the petroleum industry.

The meeting in Dallas follows an earlier one at Laramie, Wyo., in which scientists and engineers for the Atomic Energy Commission, the Ernest O. Lawrence Radiation Laboratory at Berkeley, Calif., and the Bureau of Mines agreed that application of nuclear energy in the recovery of oil has "considerable promise."

In a paper prepared for delivery today to the meeting of the Bureau of Mines and the petroleum industry, Charles E. Violet of the University of California, reported on the first "completely contained" nuclear explosion at the Nevada test site on Sept. 19, 1957, and on additional underground detonations in October, 1958.

It would be this or similar types of nuclear explosions that would be employed in the new method of oil recovery.

Violet said in his technical paper that in the underground explosion in 1957, code-named Rainier, that no radioactivity was discovered in the tunnel in excess of the natural background as measured prior to the blast.

In Rainier, Violet said the energy released by the nuclear explosion was equivalent to 1,700 tons of high explosives.

The blast was in a room six by seven feet, 899 feet under a rocky mountain and 79 feet back from the face of it.

Violet said the shock was sufficiently strong to vaporize the rock for the first three feet and to melt it out to 15 feet. The rock was crushed on further out to a radius of 130 feet.

The scientist said the radioactivity, with negligible exceptions, was trapped in 700 tons of melted rock.

The entrapment of radioactivity in such experiments in oil recovery is of obvious importance. Violet said in a concluding section of his report that it is clear the com-

Four Daring Balloonists Secure In West Indies

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados (AP)—Four daring British balloonists slept in soft beds this morning, resting up from the rigors of a 24-day Atlantic crossing that started in the air and ended on the water.

A fishing boat spotted the crew of the balloon Small World—three men and a woman—as they sailed slowly along Monday in their gondola-boat four hours off Barbados. The fishing boat towed them in to a boisterous welcome.

The intrepid quartet floated off from the Canary Islands Dec. 12 in an open, 7½ by 15½ foot plastic boat suspended from a 47-foot balloon. This British West Indian island 3,000 miles across the Atlantic was their goal, their purpose a scientific study of Atlantic trade winds. The balloon crossing had never been made before.

Part way across they came down in the ocean, cut the balloon loose, and sailed the rest of the way in the gondola. They landed tired, hungry for fresh fruit and vegetables and thirsty for carbonated drinks. Otherwise, they seemed unaffected by their grueling experience, and their gondola was still well stocked with food and water.

The four refused to say how long they had been aloft and how long on the water, explaining they had sold their story to the London Daily Mail, which backed their expedition.

Reports circulated in Barbados said they had come down after four days. Some British newspapers variously reported they had sailed in the gondola between 1,200 and 2,000 miles after cutting loose the balloon.

The expedition was captained by Arnold Eiolart, 51-year-old

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Father Foils Escape Plans

BOISE, Idaho (AP)—Mary Ann Gardner headed home to El Monte, Calif., after escaping the Idaho Penitentiary Dec. 28. Monday, her father brought her back.

Al Gardner stayed only long enough to surrender his 21-year-old daughter to Warden L. E. Clapp. Then he, his wife and a grandmother started home.

Clapp said he suggested Gardner turn his daughter over to California officers when the father telephoned last weekend. "No, I'll take her back myself," he quoted Gardner. "We'll drive all night if necessary."

He described the father as "quite a forceful man on his ideas of right and wrong. There was only one thing in his mind and that was to bring her back."

Miss Gardner, serving a forgery term, fled with two other women inmates. One remains at large. El Monte is 900 miles from here.

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