

MacRae Finds Teen Marriage Worked Well

By BOB THOMAS
HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Teenagers in love get all kinds of arguments on why they shouldn't get married. Here are Gordon and Sheila MacRae with a different slant: why not?

The talented pair married in 1941 when she was 17 and he was barely 20. Eighteen years and four children later, they are enjoying their married life more than ever.

Not only do they live together; they work together. For three years they have been appearing as a team in supper clubs and on TV. This summer they'll co-star in "The Bells Are Ringing" at the big St. Louis outdoor theater. They attribute a great deal of their success at marriage to having started early. They met in a little theater on Long Island. A romance ensued, and she joined him for a visit in Ohio while he was touring with Horace Heidt.

"It was Horace who suggested we get married," Gordon recalled. "I don't know why, except maybe he thought he'd be able to hold onto a singer. He saw the war coming on and may have figured I wouldn't be drafted if I had dependents."

So they were wed, despite MacRae's shaky prospects: he was earning \$50 a week as a part of a quartet. So they lived happily ever after?

"No," corrected Sheila. "I was packed five times and ready to go home to mother."

"And each time I gave in and said I was wrong, whether I was or not," he added. Their marriage managed to survive the barnstorming tours and his three years in the Air Force. After the war, she wrote and appeared on a radio show which started him off to stardom. When Hollywood beckoned, she retired to care for their family.

Sheila refuted the theory that opposite types made the best marriages. She and Gordon hit it off more readily as youngsters, she feels, because they came from the same kind of backgrounds.

"And," he added, "it helps to have a good example in your own family. Both Sheila's parents and mine had been happily married."



CARRYING-OUT their yearly pledge to improve the community, the members of the Chemult Garden Club recently had a work day on the Community Club grounds. They brought plants and pumice rock to be distributed as decoration along the south wall of the club building. Earlier the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts had cleaned the grounds.

— Photo by Brader



TWINS Barbara and Beverly Herman managed the Crater Lake Creamery booth during a street bazaar sponsored by local merchants Friday. They are daughters of Mrs. Evelyn Herman, 2531 White Avenue. Dozens of merchants participated in the Fourth of July promotion.

Teacher Finds Mexican Boys Eager Pupils

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Neil Lottridge of Highland Park, Mich., was brought to Mexico two years ago under the Point Four program to organize a vocational school for highway machinery operators and mechanics.

His work now completed and the school in full operation, the lanky, quiet schoolteacher has returned home with praise from Mexican officials.

"These Mexican kids are versatile," Lottridge said. "They learn fast. Why, I almost hate to go back to a school at home."

"Seems like you've got to get the boys' backs to make them work in U.S. schools. It's the other way around in Mexico."

"If a teacher really doesn't put out, a student delegation often calls on the director of the school and complains. They want to learn."

The Mexican highway school, El Olivar, is now grinding out trained operators and mechanics for all Latin America.

Lottridge came to Mexico at the invitation of the Mexican Highway Assn. headed by Romulo O'Farrell. At the time he was director of vocational education for the Highland Park school system.

He put students to work repairing surplus road machinery, then gave them practical experience by sending them out to help professional road men work on highways.

The El Olivar school has 300 mechanical and 35 operator students and is still growing.

Brucellosis Test Review Awaited

PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon is awaiting a review of its brucellosis testing program to see if it will be certified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, State Agriculture Director Frank McKenna announced Friday.

To be certified, a state must have no counties with more than one per cent of cattle infected with the disease, and no more than five per cent of the herds affected.

Bigwigs Exchange Visits Stir International Interest

By JAMES MARLOW
WASHINGTON (AP) — There is international interest in the exchange of visits by American and Soviet bigwigs: Deputy Premier Anastas I. Mikoyan and Frol R. Kozlov come here; Vice President Richard M. Nixon visits Moscow this month.

But do they mean anything? So far as it is visible these visits figure to make no change at all in relations between the two countries.

The gulf between them is so deep any change will come only from what each, after much thought and bargaining, thinks best for itself. Glad-handing won't change anything.

Maybe President Eisenhower and Premier Nikita Khrushchev could work out something at a summit conference. That's questionable. If they do, it won't be out of jolly goodwill.

Nixon, Mikoyan and Kozlov certainly don't have authority to agree on anything. The two Soviets held out some bait. Nobody bit. If Nixon goes fishing in Moscow, he'll probably come up with an empty hook, too.

More than a year ago Khrushchev proposed—in a letter to Eisenhower—more trade between the two countries. It's pitifully low now. Mikoyan came here earlier this year and talked trade. Now Kozlov talks trade.

All three got the cold-shoulder. Over the weekend the State Department in a letter to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, gave the Soviets the full icewater treatment.

The department repeated what has been American policy all along: it does not see much reason for stepping up American-Soviet trade, plenty of reasons for not.

This country is quite willing and able to sell the Soviet Union large quantities of finished consumer goods, but the U.S.S.R.

wants little of these, more of other things.

This is the unchanged policy: no strategic materials for the Soviet Union, since they would help her warmaking potential; no materials that would help the Soviet Union economically by letting her in on American technological advances.

This country has reason not to help the U.S.S.R. get any bigger economically since Khrushchev solemnly has promised to bury this country under Soviet prosperity.

And, while Khrushchev, Mikoyan and Kozlov have been talking friendlier relations and better trade, the Soviet Union has been trying to force the Allies out of Berlin.

Khrushchev and Kozlov even chose the very moment when Kozlov was here, shaking hands and patting babies, to warn the United States not to get rough about Berlin or it would get well roughed up.

While all this was going on, of course, the Soviet Union was building up its missile supplies, the United States was building up its missile bases around the Soviet Union and, on the subject of Berlin, telling Khrushchev to go jump in the Volga.

Happy days? Not yet.

FOND GOODBYE STANON HILL, England (UPI) — The Rex Movie Theater, which closed Friday night after 35 years, showed as its last film "A Kiss Before Dying."

Girl, 17, Shot Wrong Youth

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — A slender, freckled girl remorsefully awaited police action today in the mistaken-identity slaying of a 17-year-old Negro boy.

Visibly shaken, red-haired Katie Ann Creel, 17, told how she used her companion's pistol Saturday and dropped the victim with one shot, thinking he was a former boy friend who had threatened her.

Her companion, William Johnson, 23, was arrested Sunday. His story of the shooting matched the girl's, police said.

Johnson said he and Miss Creel had been drinking beer and were driving down a Savannah street when the girl saw a young man. She said she thought he was a former boy friend she had vowed to kill. She snatched the .22 caliber pistol and fired.

The victim, Willie Ross, was found sprawled on a sidewalk.

Miss Creel was held on an open charge. Johnson was detained for investigation.

Employment Claims Drop

The Oregon State Department of Employment reports that last week's initial claims, totaling 1,044, were at the lowest level since the Korean War. Initial claims denote periods of new unemployment.

The number of persons reporting a week of unemployment during the week dropped to 7,215—which is 10 per cent below the preceding week and 44 per cent below last year at this time.

Basic reason for the drop in insured unemployment is an increase in job opportunities. Also contributing to the decrease is the continuing dropout of persons who have received all the benefits to which they were entitled.

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Advance Sales Break Mark For Shakespearean Festival

ASHLAND — Advance ticket sales at the Oregon Shakespearean Festival in Ashland are breaking all pre-season records. Memberships are selling 23.2 per cent ahead of last year at this time, while individual ticket reservations have soared to a 62.8 per cent increase over the same period in 1958.

General public interest in the theater's unusual stage, plus the influx of Centennial visitors are listed as major causes for the unprecedented gains. Although the festival has continued to attract increasing audiences since its 1935 inception, all-time highs are expected this season.

Work on the new \$275,000 theater plant is nearing completion. The production company, since it assembled June 11, has been sharing the theater with the construction crews. Workers have been on a 6 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. shift, with rehearsals and technical preparations from 2:30 on. Although some delays have slowed parts of the preparation schedule, the 1959 season will open July 23 as planned.

Success of the group's international fund raising campaign has made possible a completely new theater and extensive revamping in the audience bowl area. The light towers have been removed, the rear seat rows have been elevated, and new stadium seats are being installed in all price ranges. Festival visitors will note that both the view and acoustics have been improved for all parts of the house. The Tudor Fair area has been enhanced by fresh landscaping, new serving booths, and a coffee patio. The dancers this year will perform on an elevated platform, enabling all to see. Oregon foods are to be featured at the Feast of the Tribe

will be staged. The four programs will then rotate through 40 performances, closing September 5.

Banquet tickets, priced at \$3, will be available only until July 15. Play tickets at \$2.40, \$1.80, and \$1.20 are still listed for all nights. General Manager William Patton advises all patrons to make their season reservations at once.

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BURGLAR ROBS BANKER

BOUND BROOK, N. Y. (UPI) — Police and the FBI today sought to solve what may be New Jersey's smallest bank robbery. Officers learned that someone had broken into the First National Bank of Somerset County. The vault was untouched, but \$10 of a teller's personal money was missing from a drawer. A note left by the thief said, "keep your money in the bank where it is safe."

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