

Movie Queens Fan Flames Of Long Feud

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HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—Movie queens Joan Crawford and Arlene Dahl fanned the flames of their 12-year-long feud this week after the Crawford hinted Arlene has bats in her belfry.

The exact quote, as purged by Joan: "Those Carlsbad Caverns bats must have followed dear Miss Dahl back from her location."

The reference was to Arlene's recent trip to the caverns for her new movie, "A Journey to the Center of the Earth," and following her explanation of the origin of the glamour feud.

"I'm not the sensitive type and shouldn't let Miss Crawford's remarks hurt my feelings," Arlene said.

"But apparently she can't forget an innocent remark I made at my first Hollywood party. Back in 1947 I was a teenager looking forward to meeting movie stars, and Joan Crawford was my favorite. Like all young kids will, I put my foot in my mouth."

"At the party I said, 'I'm glad to meet you Miss Crawford. You've always been a great favorite of mine—and my mother's too.'"

"I didn't mean to say she was older than Methuselah, but there was such an embarrassing silence I wanted to die. I didn't know what I'd said, and I was crushed by her coolness."

"Since then it's been one thing after another. She's been needing me in print and at parties. I thought she was above such things."

The red-haired actress said she is willing to forgive and forget. "Joan claims the trouble began in 1956 when we both were presented to the Queen. She is quoted as saying I insisted we be introduced alphabetically, which wasn't the case at all. I wanted to be introduced as Arlene Dahl Lamas (my husband's name). In either case she would have been introduced first. I don't know what difference it makes."

Arlene sighed unhappily and said she still admires Miss Crawford "when personal feelings don't enter into it."

"There are too many important things going on in the world to take time out for feuding," Miss Dahl concluded. "I feel no animosity about the lady. If it'll help, I apologize. I just want to forget the whole thing."

Vermont Town Builds Shrine To Mormons

SOUTH ROYALTON, Vt. (UPI)—A shrine honoring a man and a religion Vermonters once shunned is being constructed in this little central Vermont town.

The \$250,000 project "will be the loveliest of all Mormon historic sites with the exception of the temple at Salt Lake City," according to Elder Nathan Tolman of Berkeley, Calif., present caretaker at the Joseph Smith Memorial Farm. It will become an information center.

The building, scheduled for occupancy in November, will honor Smith, described as "prophet, seer and revelator" of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints, better known as Mormons.

Smith, whose ancestors arrived in New England a century before his birth on Dec. 23, 1805, was born on a farm in Sharon a few miles from here. Little is known about his boyhood. But his family crossed the Connecticut River into New Hampshire a number of times trying to make a living.

When Smith was 10 years old, the family moved to Palmyra, N.Y., which was the center of the "burnt-over" district. Evangelists staged one revival after another. It was at Palmyra that Smith, according to biographers, had the visions that resulted in the founding of the Mormon Church.

His followers were finally blended into an organization at Fayette, N.Y., on April 6, 1830, and Joseph Smith was their first president.

The most controversial aspect of their religion was polygamy, or as the Mormons called it, plural marriage. Because of this they were persecuted and driven westward. Vermonters rankled whenever it was noted that Smith was a native of the Green Mountain State.

After living in relative peace in the Midwest, new attacks were launched against the Mormons. Joseph Smith and his brother, Hyrum, were shot to death in Carthage, Ill. on June 27, 1844. At the time they were in jail being "protected" from a mob.

TODAY'S 2-MINUTE MYSTERY THE CASE OF THE TIMELY NEIGH

By Donald J. Sobel

The radio newscast carried a report of the death of writer Bill Quist near Strandville. According to the report, Quist had swerved his sports car from his lane and crashed head-on with a green sedan driven by R. J. Phelps, who escaped with a broken arm and lacerations. Both cars tumbled off the road after colliding.

Dr. Haledjian quickly put through a telephone call to the Strandville police.

"I've known Bill Quist for years," he told the police chief. "I can't believe he was at fault, and I'd like a chance to clear his name."

The chief's tone was snappish. "Quist was to blame and that's certain. The accident occurred on the hairpin turn due west of the Fleetwood Riding Academy. Ted Dennison, the riding master, saw the whole thing."

Despite the chief's resentment of big-city snappers, Haledjian drove up to Strandville. A half hour of questioning established that not only was the injured man, R. J. Phelps, a local bigwig, but also the brother-in-law of the only eye-witness to the accident, Ted Dennison. Haledjian spoke with Dennison late in the afternoon.

"I saw it plainly," said the riding master. "I was just mounting Nelly Bly—that little chestnut mare there."

"She did," said Dennison with a smirk. "I'd got one foot in the stirrup when all of a sudden she



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neighed, turned her head to the left, and looked at the road almost expectantly. Over her back I saw the two cars—that fellow Quist jumped the center line."

"Why weren't any tire marks found on the road?"

"The fact is," answered Dennison. "The rain washed away all the marks."

"The fact is," retorted Haledjian. "You never saw the accident."

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This news on hunting and fishing is considered sufficiently important by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston to give it leading space in its New England Letter.

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It has been estimated that around 15 million sportsmen obtain fishing licenses each year and the same number take out hunting licenses. The two groups may overlap but it's a big total, and supplying the equipment is an industry that runs into the billions when boats, motels, and travel are considered.

Publicly owned land is reduced. Streams and lakes may be public property but often are inaccessible. Private lands are often posted against hunting. Land values have risen and states that would like to help sportsmen by buying up preserves find it too expensive.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Boston queried federal agencies, fish and game departments of all states and about 500 active sportsmen's groups in New England about the problem.

It found sportsmen in many states pay a fee for hunting on public wildlife management areas. In Virginia, West Virginia, and Arizona, the states collect a fee from hunters using national forest lands. This money, says the bank, is reinvested in wildlife management work in these

Tribe Toilers Hold Party

NEW YORK (AP)—It took a canny eye (indeed) to interpret the smoke signals rising from the 40-story tepee in the city's financial district.

But the redskin construction workers and the paleface press agents got the word.

A party of braves sent up the signals Thursday after bolting the last beam in place atop the steel structure of a new building.

They said they wanted to invite some tribesmen, working a block away, for a celebration.

Publicity pow - wow? By no means, protested the Indians. And a group of press agents, who had shown up for no clear reason, heartily agreed.

One of the braves cranked a riveter's forge on top of the new structure and sulphur was thrown on the coals.

The smoke was beautiful, but a

Hunting, Fishing Pressure Gaining Over US, But Land Available Shrinks Steadily

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NEW YORK (UPI)—Unlike the Chinese to whom it may mean starvation, our steadily mounting population is considered a boon because it means more production, more sales, and higher standard of living.

But there are penalties that stem from this growth. There are freedoms that are pinched in by the spread of our teeming millions to the rural areas where they build homes and take up land that was once free to all to roam.

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Loyalty Oath End Demanded

BELLINGHAM (AP)—With one dissent, the presidents and trustees of Washington's Colleges of Education favor elimination of the loyalty oath from the National Defense Education Act.

The oath is required of students applying for loans under the act.

Joseph Pemberton, chairman of the board of Western Washington College in Bellingham, said he saw nothing offensive about the requirement.

But the rest of the officials declared, in a resolution passed here Saturday, that it "will most likely reinforce the growing and dangerous tendency of students to avoid all independent thinking about the values and goals of our nation."

Dr. Archie Wilson of Richland, a trustee of Central Washington College at Ellensburg, introduced the resolution.

Earlier in the meeting, Pemberton was elected chairman of the joint board of the three schools.

THIEF LEAVES LUCK

LONDON (UPI)—Mr. and Mrs. John Rock, married on Saturday, lost to a thief a few hours later — their car, clothes, money, passports and wedding presents. Among the few things left was a small ebony statue—Rock's good luck charm.

Home Sale Trial Slated

SEATTLE (AP)—Trial was due to begin Monday in a white couple's fight against an order that they sell their home to a Negro mailman.

Superior Judge James W. Hodson was scheduled to begin hearing arguments and testimony in a case brought by Cmdr. John J. O'Meara and his wife.

O'Meara, being transferred to Washington, D. C., by the Coast Guard, put his house up for sale last spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Jones claim they offered to buy it for \$16,000 cash on April 21. Jones is a mail carrier. He and his wife are Negroes.

Mrs. O'Meara claims that Mrs. Mae Priske, one of the neighbors in the all-white neighborhood, offered \$17,250 two days earlier. She said she and her husband arranged to sell to Mrs. Priske, although no papers were signed.

The State Board Against Discrimination has ordered the O'Mearas to sell to the Joneses, saying no deal was made with Mrs. Priske since no earnest money was paid. The white couple are contesting this order, and Atty. Gen. John J. O'Connell has asked that their challenge be dismissed.

Boat Sinks In Wallula Lake

KENNEWICK, Wash. (AP)—Two women and two men survived the weekend sinking of a 25-foot cruiser on Lake Wallula.

George Brockwell, 28, swam to shore after George Wolff's cruiser struck a submerged object and sank Friday night.

Wolff and Mrs. Mary Sweeney, 19, and Mrs. Mary Cramer, 25, all of Kennewick, spent the night bobbing around in the lake before an Inland Navigation tug summoned by Brockwell arrived seven hours later.

Brockwell and the two women were hospitalized with shock and exposure.

CROP POURS IN

HEPPNER, Ore. (AP)—One of the biggest wheat and barley crops in history, averaging 120,000 bushels a day, is pouring into the Morrow County Grain Growers' elevators.

Champion Barbershopper Takes Crack At Criticism

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP)—"If you can't sing, you need a guitar to cover up the noise."

That's 23-year-old Larry Hedgepeth's opinion of hillbilly music in Springfield, that is heresy.

Springfield, a city of 105,000 deep in the Ozark Mountains, is dedicated to perpetuating music with a twang — string and nasal. It takes pride that one of television's top hillbilly music shows—Jubilee, U.S.A.—originates here.

But Hedgepeth can state a minority opinion with impunity, being one of Springfield's newest heroes. He's the tenor for the Pitchers, new world champions of barbershop quartet singing.

"A couple of us can do a little guitar picking but we don't do it in the quartet," said Hedgepeth.

The quartet won this year's competition at the Chicago convention of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America.

Winning the title climaxed a four-year campaign that carried the Pitchers to a regional cham-

BURDENED BY DEBT

HUDDERSFIELD, England (UPI)—Leonard Harper, 61, an old age pensioner, was ordered to pay \$288 in back rent at the rate of 2 1/3 cents a week.

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