

Royal Family Role Familiar to Mrs. Titus

Life as Trouper Known From Infancy by Local Actress.

BY BEATRICE BURGAN

WHEN Ricca Scott Titus plays Fanny Caverdine of "The Royal Family," reputedly the life of the Barrymores, she feels as if she is playing dress-up and imitating her own mother.

Elizabeth Allen, New York, Mrs. Titus' mother, is a trouper in the early days, and like Fanny, lives in the past and has no patience with new methods.

She thinks her daughter's children have been mismanaged hopelessly, because they know no parlor tricks, as her own child did at the same age. In truth, Mrs. Allen's daughter Ricca, at that age, was behind the footlights.

Cast as Fanny

Mrs. Titus is to play Fanny in the Federal Players' production opening today for two weeks. She is recalling the directing of George Sommes, who produced the play for the Civic Theater six years ago, when she was the eccentric and indomitable Fanny.

Mrs. Titus' mother even looks like the Fanny Caverdine character, Mrs. Titus believes. She limps and carries a cane; her hair is snowy white, and she is likely to carry on a heated discussion if acting of her day is criticized. She still sends clippings of reviews to her daughter, and frequently drops in words of advice.

As the Players' assistant director, Mrs. Titus has supervised selection of scenery, props and costumes, and she has tried to make them as much like Sommes' version as she can remember. One black lace dress in the wardrobe is the same she wore in the Civic production. The rest of Fanny's outmoded dresses had to be made.

Mrs. Titus has particular sympathy for the role, because she has played with the Barrymore family. She appeared with Lionel when he was playing the role of a juvenile with William Collier, her uncle.

Eugene E. Whitehill guarded against any dull moments at the 500-mile race Saturday. He brought along a trio of accordion players who amused spectators around the Whitehill box.

Alexander Scovell, Melbourne, Australia, never before attended the race. He came as a guest of William H. Ball, Muncie, and enjoyed the extra entertainment Mr. Whitehill provided. Samuel Insull Jr. was in a nearby box with Wallace O. Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Knight flew back to New York after attending the race as guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Henley Mooney. They are both artists, and they took home with them some sketches of the Speedway.

The Mooneys took their guests to Woodstock Club after the race.

Attendants in June Wedding Are Announced

Miss Valeria Hopkins is to be Miss Dorothy Claire Hassler's maid of honor at her wedding to Francis J. Bechert on June 14 at the Capitol Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church. Miss Hassler is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd W. Hassler and Mr. Bechert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Oliver.

Miss Marjorie Bechert and Mrs. Paul Field, sisters of the bridegroom-to-be, are to be bridesmaids. Donald Hassler, brother of the bride-to-be is to be best man, and Carl Folter and Mr. Field, ushers.

Miss Hopkins and Mrs. Frank Wehrel are to entertain with a miscellaneous shower for Miss Hassler Saturday. Mrs. Field is to entertain later.

Mr. and Mrs. Hassler are to give a bridal dinner June 13 in honor of the wedding party and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver.

Rose Ball Is Set By Omega Nu Tau

The sixteenth annual Omega Nu Tau rose ball is to be held at the Columbia Club Saturday night, under direction of Miss Nehersta Pierce, Gamma Chapter; Mrs. Richard Mitchell, Lambda Chapter, and Mrs. Wilbert V. White Jr., Alpha Chapter.

Miss Betty Lou Zink, Miami, Fla., guest of Mrs. Will Wertz, is to present specialty dance numbers during the floor show.

The sorority's national council is to meet Sunday in the Lincoln, following a luncheon in honor of Iota Chapter, Salem, O.; Nu Chapter, Cincinnati, and Xi Chapter, Springfield, O., to be pledged at the council meeting. Mrs. John Lyons, national president, is to be in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyons are to entertain informally at their home before the annual dance. Guests are to include Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wicklund, Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Cook, Misses Pierce, Havel VanAuken and Helena Warner, and James A. Miller, Columbus, O., Harry Smith and the Oldfield.

Miss Eloise Amacher also is to entertain at her home preceding the dance, honoring Miss Mary Bailey, Frankfort, Ind., and H. T. Bartley, Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Carl also are to entertain informally at their home preceding the dance.

INDIANA'S EASTERN STAR CHIEF HERE

Miss Mary Frances Price, worthy grand matron of the Indiana Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, is in Indianapolis to make her official visit to the Irvington Chapter 384.

She is to be honor guest at a dinner in the Irvington Masonic Temple at 8 tonight. Mrs. Mae Kunkel is worthy matron, and J. C. Updegraff is worthy patron.

Local Country Clubs Are Popular as Summer Social Season Gets Into Full Swing



MECHANICAL PLAY LOSES

Today's Contract Problem

South is playing the contract at four spades, doubled. West made an informative double of one spade, then doubled for business. His opening lead was overtaken by East with the ace, and a club was returned. Should declarer allow the play to ride to dummy's queen?

♠ Q 7 8 7 6 4 3
♥ K 5
♦ Q 3
♣ A 4

♠ Void
♥ K Q 10 6
♦ A J 10 3
♣ K J 10 6

♠ A K 10 9 2
♥ J 6 5
♦ Q 7 4
♣ A 4

All vul. Opener—♥K. Solution in next issue. 25

Solution to Previous Contract Problem

BY WM. E. MCKENNEY

American Bridge League Secretary

ONE glaring fault of many bridge players is that, either as declarers or defenders, they play to the first few tricks in a purely mechanical manner, only to find, too late, that such mechanical play has worked to their disadvantage.

For the opening lead, the leader has only the bidding to guide him, but when declarer's partner spreads his cards on the table, all three of the active players have a lot of additional information, which should, to a large extent, be the basis of later attacking and defensive plays.

Declarer, of course, enjoys an advantage over his opponents, for it is his right and pleasure to combine the play of the dummy with his own. But to get the best results, it is generally essential that he open his attack with the play to the very first trick; otherwise, he may have to pay a high price for lack of foresight.

Today's hand is an excellent example of declarer's failure to fulfill a contract that he should have made, because he refused to use a

PROSPECTIVE BRIDE IS GUEST AT TEA

Miss Dorothy Merrill, Tudor Hall teacher, who is to be married this summer to Dr. Wayne L. Ritter, was guest of honor yesterday at a tea given by Mrs. Dwight S. Ritter and Mrs. Gordon T. Ritter, Columbus, Ind.

Mrs. Mary P. Ritter and Miss Dora Atkins presided at the tea table, which was arranged with garden flowers. Assisting in the dining room were Mrs. Stanley Leitch and Mrs. Charles Walker. Mrs. H. C. French, Rumford, Me., Mrs. Gordon Ritter's mother, was among the guests.

South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♦ Pass
3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
5♥ Pass 5♥ Pass
6♥ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead—♠A. 25

high card unnecessarily to win the first trick. And the hand shows how well an alert defender took advantage of the slip.

West opened the two of spades. The ten was played from the open hand, East played low, and South, grateful that he did not need to guess the spade finesse, played the eight.

South now drew the adverse trumps, then played the ace and king of diamonds, discarding a club from his own hand. He led a third round of diamonds and ruffed in his own hand.

Now everything appeared secure. He led a low spade, planning to take a finesse against the queen, but West foiled the play by putting up the queen.

Now South could not use dummy's last diamond for another club discard. South should have foreseen the play from the opening lead, and, knowing that he would have to take the spade finesse, he should have played his king on the trick he had already won with dummy's ten.

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EVENTS

SORORITIES

Alpha and Beta Chapters, Phi Theta Delta. 8 tonight. Joint meeting. Miss Frances Brown, 1212 N. Oakland-av., hostess.

Epsilon Pi Chapter, Delta Theta Tau. Tonight. Y. W. C. A. Monthly business meeting.

Theta Chapter, Delta Sigma Kappa. 8:30 tonight. Mrs. Russell Shackelford, hostess. Plans for annual spring dance.

Tau Gamma. Tonight. Miss Mildred Lawrence, 842 Woodlawn-av., hostess.

Iota Kappa. Tonight. Mrs. Helen Spencer, 1951 Park-av., hostess.

Alpha Chapter, Phi Gamma Tau. Wed. Misses Doris and Dorothy Prater, hostesses.

Alpha Chapter, Phi Theta Delta. Wed. Mrs. Luther McCoy, 61st-st and Michigan-rd., hostess.

Beta Alpha Chapter, Phi Omicron. 7:30 Tues. Lincoln. Other chapters to be guests.

PROGRAMS

Edna E. Pauley Junior Club 6, Maj. Robert Anderson W. R. C. 1:30 Sat. 512 N. Illinois-st. Initiation. Plans for convention at Bloomington, June 21.

Brookside Chapter, 481, O. E. S. Tues. 3117 E. 10th-st. Memorial Day services. Special choir, directed by Mrs. Dorothy Fowler.

Mrs. Sara Davis, worthy matron, and Claude O. Davis, worthy patron.

CARD PARTIES

Washington Township Republican Club. June 11. Banner-Whitehill Auditorium. Mrs. G. F. Kieder, general chairman. Mesdames James I. Veach, H. R. McKenzie, Charles M. Dawson, Charles Shaw, Ethel DuBalt and Frances McAnnally, assistants.

Riley Cheer Club Is to Hold Annual Breakfast on June 10

The annual June breakfast of the Riley Cheer Guild is to be held at the Claypool at 11 June 10. Mrs. Charles D. Vawter, president, has announced chairmen who are to be in charge.

Mrs. Ernest C. Goshorn is to be in charge of general arrangements, and is to be assisted by Mesdames William Kadel, Charles Remy, E. R. Beane, De Witt Brown, L. E. Dixon, Charles B. Morrison, Lizzie Ramey, Thomas B. Davis, J. S. McLaughlin and Otis Babin and Miss Margaret McFarland.

Mrs. Floyd Baker is to be decorations chairman, and is to be assisted by Mesdames Robert Mottern, S. G. Huntington, Mame W. Byerly and Gordon Mess.

Reservations are to be made with Mrs. O. W. McMichael.

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SUNNYSIDE GUILD HAS JUNE EVENT

Garden flowers decorated the dining room at Highland Club today for the June breakfast of Sunnyside Guild, under the supervision of Mrs. Chantilla White, chairman.

Assisting Mrs. White were Mesdames Sydney Weinstein, William J. Wemmer, Thomas C. Whallon, Carl E. Wood, L. E. Wood, Harry L. Yech, A. C. Zaring, Ralph Martin, Earl Cox, James Seward and Miss Bertha Edwards.

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Girl Teased by Boy 'Admirers' Shirks School

Smile Would Disarm Her Tormentors, Jane Tells Mother.

Have you a puzzling problem? Put it in a letter to Jane Jordan who will help you find a solution by her answers in this column.

Dear Jane Jordan—My young daughter is in the seventh grade at school. She is a pretty little girl but is rather shy with other children until she knows them. She is a good pupil and has always liked school until recently when she began to invent reasons for staying home. Upon questioning her I found that she was afraid of a group of little boys whom she said made fun of her. One day they waylaid her and stole her hat and threw it in the mud. They scared her with an artificial mouse and threatened to drop bugs down her neck in the class room. I thought of talking to the boys' parents or to the school teacher but my daughter does not want to be called a "pantie waist," which is one of their favorite terms of opprobrium. I am trying to build up her courage so that she will not be afraid of these little savages but without much success. Have you anything to suggest?

MRS. R. W. L.

Answer—A very ingenious and doubtless true explanation of a similar problem was made in the April issue of the Parent's Magazine. The little girl's older brother explained that the boys teased and tormented her because they liked her and knew of no other way to get her to notice them.

The brother suggested that his little sister hail the boys with a friendly "hello" and show plainly that she was entirely aware of their existence and was duly impressed with their importance. According to this little account, the teasing stopped.

It is perfectly true that teasing is an attention-getting device employed by both adults and children who have no idea why they do it. If teasing has no effect on the victim, it ceases to be fun. It is also true that no one teases a person to whom he is utterly indifferent. To explain to your child what lies underneath this childish persecution is to build up her shy ego and give her the courage for which you search.

D. U. Bridge Set

Delta Upsilon Auxiliary is to have a luncheon bridge tomorrow at the home of Mrs. John Berns, 6865 Central-av. Mrs. O. K. Graham and Mrs. William Meub are arrangements committee chairmen.

Club Picnic Arranged

The New Era Club is to have a picnic Monday at Garfield Park.

Sun drenched country club tennis courts, golf links or terraces are sought out by members as the summer season swings into its height.

1. Miss Gretchen Grant, Chicago, rested between sets with her hostess, Miss Judy Hall, at Meridian Hills Country Club.

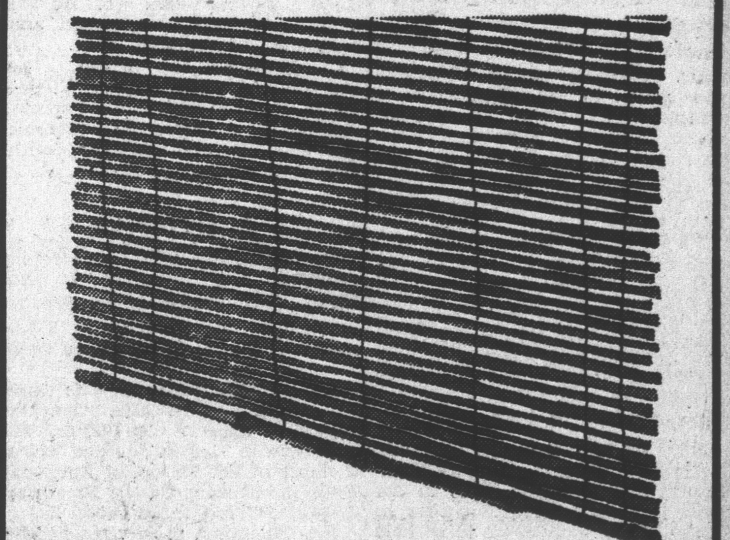
2. Mrs. Richard Sinz (left) and Mrs. Leroy Gardner walked briskly across the Highland Golf and Country Club fairway as they played a match together.

3. Mrs. Rex A. Hayes (left), Meridian Hills bridge chairman, chats with Mrs. Roy Slaughter.

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