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In Hollywood—

UI Drafting Durbin Remakes

Lois Butler Most Likely Successor

By ERSKINE JOHNSON

HOLLYWOOD, Mar. 31—Several remakes of Deanna Durbin's early musicals are in the drafting board stage at Universal International with Lois Butler leading the pack in the race to inherit Deanna's warbling crown.

There's a big new career looming for Lois, who starred in "Mickey," now that she's free of an Eagle-Lion contract.

REASON why Yvonne de Carlo won't be docking in New York harbor on schedule is that she's in Spain with bullfighter-poet Mario Cabré. If Ava Gardner can get sonnets out of Mario, so can Yvonne.

BEFORE June Haver agreed to accept an award for having a beautiful pair of gams, on a 10-best list which excluded perennial winner Betty Grable, she checked with Fox executives. June was worried that Betty, also under contract at Fox, would do a bit of knife throwing. The studio gave her its blessing. So did Betty.

THE sneak preview of "Father's Little Dividend" in which Don Taylor again plays Liz Taylor's movie husband, brought him this fan letter:

"Just saw your new movie with Liz. You're so nice and treat her so well, I can't understand the divorce and how you can get into so much trouble."

He wanted to forward it to Nick Hilton, then thought better of it.

GINGER ROGERS' ex-husband, Jack Briggs, is working on a TV station in San Diego. . . . Rosalind Russell hasn't made a movie in a year and a half—the longest absence from the screen.

Rod Cameron's headed for a picture about a deep-sea diver at Republic. . . . Background of the Abbott-Costello TV series of films will be a small town barber-shop.

THE AD LINE cooked up by Warners for "Lightning Strikes Twice" reads:

"Ruth Roman is All Woman." It may be followed by:

"Lassie is All Dog" in "Shep of the Hills."

"Francis is All Mule" in "Francis Goes to the Races."

JUDY HOLLOWAY in the film version of Dorothy Parker's "Big Blonde?"

"Judy's the only woman in the world that I want for the part," the witty Dorothy told me. "Judy can be so pathetic."

I asked Dorothy the question literary critics throughout the country are asking: When would she write again?

"When I get through house-breaking our puppy," she smiled. Then she shrugged and amended it, "Actually I am working on a story now."

Propylaeum Reservations Are Listed

Buffet Supper Set Tomorrow

Reservations for the Propylaeum's buffet supper tomorrow are announced. H. Frederick Wilkie will address the group on "Double Chocolate Marshmallow Sundae for Everyone—with Nuts."

They include Madames Frank B. McElroy, E. E. Christena, John W. Coffey, Mark Dawson, Andrew Hutchinson, C. F. Voyle, C. Fred Davis, H. J. Berry, George Weaver, Gustavus B. Taylor, William A. McBride, William J. Hogan, James B. Carr and Edward J. Ellsworth.

Others are Madames Hugh Carpenter, Giles Smith, Burke Nicholas, Le Roy Kahler, John Bibler, Ray Fatout, I. Richards Wagner, J. M. Williams, Charles Weiss, William C. Bartholomew and Roy J. Pile and Miss Evelyn Vick.

Hostesses for Propylaeum Day to be held April 18 will be Madames Fred C. Tucker, Albert Uhl, George A. Van Dyke and H. T. Van Landingham.

Madames H. A. Van Osdol, Ralph C. Vonnegut, Charles F. Voyle, E. Everett Voyle, Eldo L. Wagner, I. Richards Wagner, Ernest de Wolfe, Wales, Carl Walk, Frank C. Walker and Ross H. Wallace and Miss Vick.

Blackwood on Bridge—

Mr. Muzzy Could Have Beaten Slam If He Hadn't Doubled

ONE OF THE prime points to consider in making a penalty double is whether the double will drive the opponents into a contract which they can make.

In today's deal Miss Brash made a bid which is typical of her style. When Mr. Dale jumped-right, her spade bid she knew she had proper bid at this point was

Mr. Muzzy promptly doubled in a loud voice. Apparently there was nothing for Mr. Dale to do but pass. But the old boy paused to do a little figuring. Surely Mr. Muzzy could not have a trump trick on this kind of bidding and therefore it was practically certain he had doubled because he had an ace.

Mr. Dale also figured Miss Brash must have a void suit to jump to seven without checking on aces. Where was this void? He decided it was in clubs because it was only in this suit that Miss Brash could not have either first

Public Card Party

The Indianapolis Saenger-Chor will have a public card party at 8 p. m. today in its hall, 521 E. 13th St. Euchre, pinochle and bunco will be played. Saenger-Chor officers will be in charge.



DATELINE: Hollywood



THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

Not for Peeping—

Slight Balk By Modern Godiva

Morals Have Sunk, She Explains

By ROBERT MUSSEL

United Press Staff Correspondent
LONDON, Mar. 31—Morals since medieval times have sunk so low a Lady Godiva can't ride nude through the streets any more without bringing a piping tom to every window. British Actress Ann Wrigg complained today.

One man peeked when the original Lady Godiva rode a white horse through the town of Coventry covered only by her long flaxen hair—and history, which dubbed him peeping tom, says he was stricken blind as punishment.

IN THE Coventry pageant June 23, Miss Wrigg will depict the heroine whose side-saddle ride was her way to shame her cruel husband, the Earl of Mercia, into cutting taxes.

"I don't mind people staring at me," said Miss Wrigg, who has a 36-inch bust, 37 hips and 26 waist and is a curvaceous 126 pounds.

Who's the character?" cracked the brash newspaperman.

"That's no character," laughed Bill. "It's my granddad."

It was an oil painting of Julius Augustus Lemcke, ex-steamboat captain, ex-sheriff of Vanderburgh County and one-time Indiana Treasurer of State.

The same Mr. Lemcke who built the Lemcke Building of Indianapolis.

Bill's other granddad was William Fortune Sr., chairman of the Red Cross here for more than 25 years.

THE people are supposed to be thinking of Lady Godiva as a celebrated link with the past," she said sternly, "and not trying to see what I have or have not got on."

SO HER costume won't be too revealing. A pink brassiere and tights under the flowing flaxen wig, maybe. Or a one-piece bathing suit.

Petite Miss Wrigg, who was chosen by Coventry from scores of applicants, including U. S. stripper Sally Rand, half a dozen other Americans, an 11-year-old British girl, and a 51-year-old brother, said she was in it for the ride.

"I volunteered because I'm so fond of horses," she said. "I would do anything to ride. It's my great passion."

B-29 Returns Home For Reconditioning

MARIETTA, Ga., Mar. 31 (UPI)—An Air Force B-29, one of many built here during the war, was back today for reconditioning at the plant which has been idle since 1945.

Lockheed Aircraft Corp. officials said the program will begin Monday. The first plane to be modernized was flown from storage in the Southwest to get its radar and electronic equipment and arms.

One of the B-29's turned out here became the Enola Gay, which dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima.

They are: Dr. F. E. Davison of South Bend, former president of the International Convention of Disciples; Dr. R. Melvyn Thompson, pastor of the First Christian Church, New Castle; and Joseph Myers, member of the editorial staff of the Dayton, O., Journal Herald.

The Rev. C. M. Fillmore, Indianapolis, will give the invocation.

Dr. Taylor will speak on "Out of My Life and Work." He will

Hoosier Profile

By Irving Leibowitz

THE ARMY, in spite of some inconveniences, provides some time to think.

William L. Fortune spent three years in the Coast Artillery. These years gave him the leisure, he says, to ask himself some important questions—about government, his future and where his next buck was coming from.

His decision to enter public life—politics—seemed natural enough. He had shown a keen interest in political science in his undergraduate days at Princeton. Bill wound up his campus career writing a thesis on politics for his bachelor of arts degree.

Since then, he has progressed so far on the Hoosier political scene that he is rapidly becoming known as the "Henry Schricker of the Republican Party."

Like Gov. Schricker, Bill was a small-town newspaper publisher, a state legislator, popular with the voters, a state officeholder and regarded as "vigorously independent" in his thinking.

BILL WAS ELECTED Treasurer of State in the Republican sweep last year. It wasn't as simple as it sounds.

Before Bill received the nomination, he had to defeat one of the strong GOP organization workers, James McShane of Lake County.

At 38, Bill Fortune is one of the youngest men to be elected to a state office. He and his wife, Jane and their three children, live on a farm near Carmel.

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