



Hollywood Cavalcade

Directed by Lyle W. Nash

PEOPLE...Maureen O'Hara recently served as stewardess aboard her husband's 30 year old Sunderland flying boat when it was flown from Down Under to the U.S.... Jane Withers is ending the 11 year old TV career of Josephine the Plumber...Orson Welles is making a new film about a Hollywood director (a composite of several great talents)...With the passing of Cliff Arquette (Charlie Weaver) and Walter Brennan there is room for more talent in Hollywood but they'll be hard to replace...Some TV watchers were surprised on how much Ian Carmichael reminded them of Neil Hamilton...Morton Downey lives in Wallingford, Conn....Singer Marion Hutton (Glenn Miller band) was last reported living in the Laguna Beach, California area.



WOMEN predominated in film making for the first 60 years of films. But not today. In 1926 women stars outnumbered men, 15 to one. Now we have Elizabeth Taylor, Julie Andrews, Katharine Hepburn, Barbara Streisand, Ann Bancroft, Faye Dunaway and a few others. In 14 new films, you'll see soon, not one has a woman as a star. It is men, men and more men. Perhaps that is one reason the old movies on TV have continued appeal. They had glamorous, beautiful, talented, exciting feminine stars.



WHO IS WHERE?...This month we do a switch. Readers are asking the whereabouts of: Josephine Dunn, Mona Palmer, Iris Gray, Greg Blackton, Mary Dees, Dolores Moran, Wanda Hendrix, Ginny Simms, Victor Francen, Philip Reed, Elliot Reed and Dan Seymour. Any information will be shared.



YOUNG THEATRE entrepreneur Jack Tillmany notes: "Currently living in the San Francisco Bay area are Nancy Welford (star of Gold Diggers of '29), Hallam Cooley, Ann Morriss, Kerwin Matthews, Aron Kincaid, Robert Whitney, Phillis Welch and Natalie Kingston."



SELECTED SHORTS...Gene Raymond remarried... Vera Vague passed on...Norma Shearer has personal prints of her favorite films...Sale of sheet music is rising...Gloria Swanson and Barbara Stanwyck have given us over 100 years of screen happiness. Isn't it time they be given an Oscar?...Rita Lanham, the second Mrs. C. Gable, is reported living in Texas. She's 91...Robert Aldrich said: "I hate movie stars...I don't hate actors...There's a world of difference."

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS: Was Columbia studio really ever a power? Harry Cohn would hate you to the year 2099 for asking and point out that Columbia won 10 best Picture Oscars - more than any other studio of any kind... Jackie Coogan was 60 last October... Slapsie Maie Rosenbloom, 71, lives in a Hollywood senior citizen center.



MORE QUESTIONS: "In the silent days were there ever cameo parts?" Oh, yes. In the 1924 film In Hollywood with Potash & Perlmutter, Norma and Constance Talmadge did a bit... In 1926 Paramount had a film, Fascinating Youth, which featured bit appearances by Clara Bow, Richard Dix, Adolphe Menjou, Lois Wilson, Percy Marmont, Chester Conklin, Thomas Meighan, Lila Lee, Lewis Milestone and Mal St. Clair. The idea is as old as films.



REEL LIFE...In the 1953 MGM remake of Mogambo, Ava Gardner was torching for Clark Gable. In a moment of alcoholic comfort she blurted out: "You know, your big ears stick out like an elephant"... Parade magazine says Tom Mix does have a son living in London... William Wyler is off on a world trip that includes shooting dozens of rolls of super eight film for his home movies... Harold Lloyd Estate Trustees are making slow progress towards finding the right and best group to develop the famed showplace into a lasting museum.



ALAN DWAN, 90, is probably the dean of Hollywood directors. He has a great memory, enjoys parties, is happy to meet fans and friends. Recently he told us: "There are a lot of worthy young actors around today. Telly Savalas is a great player. I think Peter Bogdonovich is the best new director. He has it." Although he has been around films since 1911, his reported age of 90 seems amiss. Probably closer to 78 or 80.



RE-TAKES...In 1933 a Hollywood prophet wrote: "Indeed the twilight of all screen goddesses may be at hand. No more sex queens." The clouds hung heavy over his crystal ball that day... Reader LK writes: "Don't forget that Jackie Gleason, Marjorie Main, Eve Arden, Sara Allgood and Larry Parks received Oscar nominations"... Early advertising (before film was shot) said Carmel Myers would be John Gilbert's soul mate in Flesh & the Devil.



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