

Two-Gun He Men Of Movie West Now Use Microphone As Target

By HUBBARD KEAVY
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HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 4. (AP)—A year ago the wise men of the movies were predicting the "passing of the westerns."
Today the "westerns" are riding forth again, not so wild, perhaps, as they were in the days of "Broncho Billy" Anderson, but just as western.
The old style western hero carried his two guns and fired them into the air to scare off bad injuns, or into the heart of Pedro, the bad hombre, to bring about the fade-out climax with the heroine.
Today the handsome hero carries not only his two guns but a glorious voice, which he fires at the microphone more often than his guns. He is a romantic troubadour of the plains and mountains—a comic opera Buffalo Bill.
It's a long trail from the hard-riding "Broncho Billy," one of the first western heroes to attain a following, to the dashing romantic John Boies of the "Song of the West" or to the little Spaniard by virtue of make-up of Frank Fay in "Under a Texas Moon" or to Warner Baxter's Cisco Kid in "In Old Arizona."
Even Gary Cooper, who never thought his boyhood talkies would serve him in the caulked, rided and sings his way through "The Virginian."

HOLLYWOOD'S FILM SHOP

By DUANE HENNESSY
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HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 4. (AP)—After several months of inactivity, Wallace Beery is back before the camera again, this time as the featured player in "The Lady in Ermine," which is in production at First National studios.
Since the conclusion of his contract with Paramount, Beery has been under contract of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and is working in "The Lady in Ermine" under lease.
Nancy Carroll's first starring picture is just about completed. It is "Flesh of Eve." Next she will make "Come Out of the Kitchen."
Paramount is to make a picture called, "Paramount on Parade" an all-star affair with all the player resources of the studio combined.
Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell, that popular combination, are scheduled for another co-starring vehicle. It is "Playmates" and is in preparation.
Jack Oakie and Skeets Gallagher are to be co-featured in "Marco Himself."
Jack Hoxie is also with a wild west show and Rex Lease has become a screen juvenile.

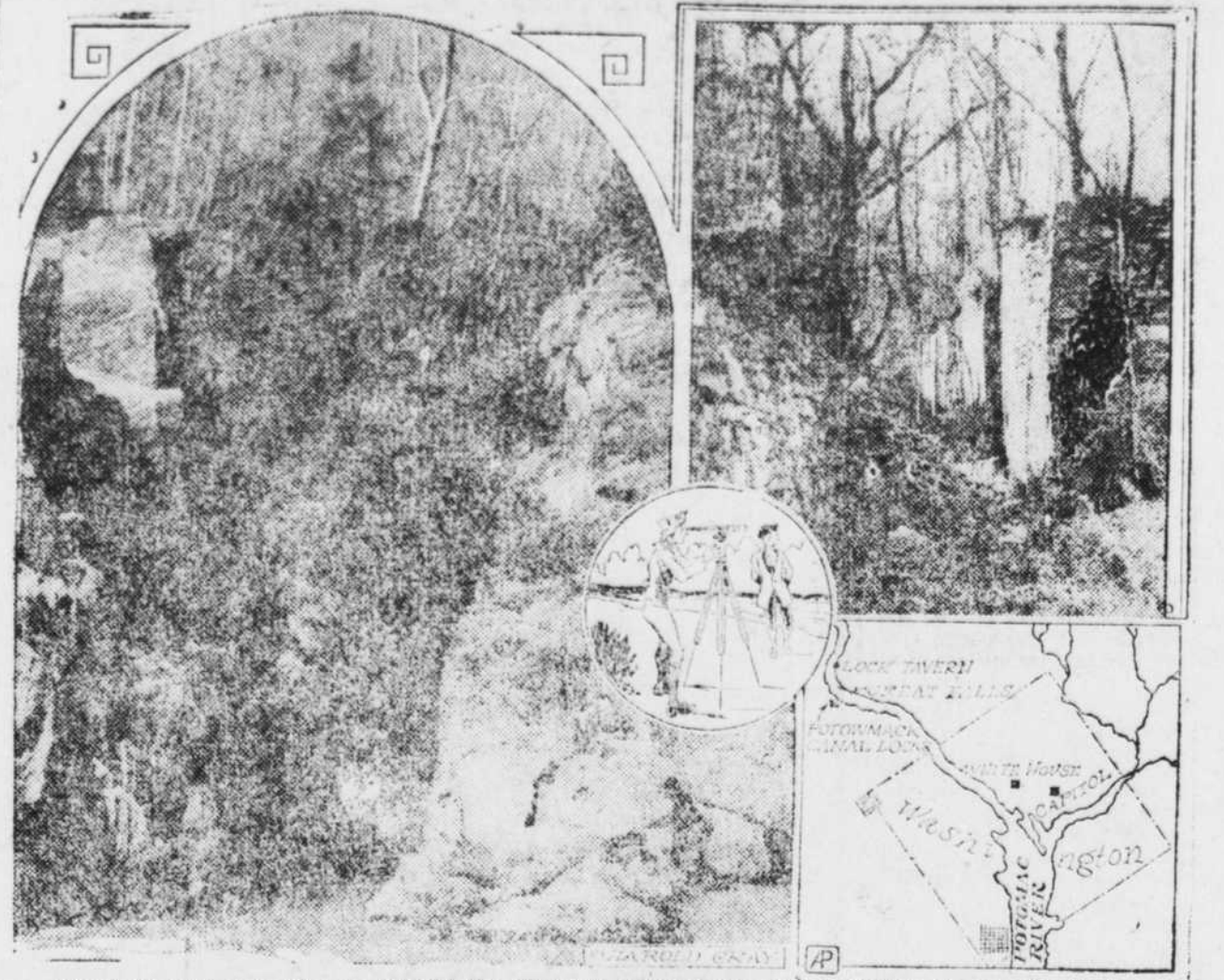
San Bernardino Rotarians Coming For Hoop Game

A large party of San Bernardino Rotarians will be Las Vegas guests today, their basketball team playing that of the local Rotary club tonight. It has been announced.
The game, it is expected, will be played at the high school gymnasium. The local club is set to avenge its defeat in San Bernardino of a short time ago.

New Expedition To Africa Set

CHICAGO, Dec. 6. (AP)—A new zoological expedition of the Field Museum of Natural History soon will be on its way to Africa in pursuit of the "honey bird," the giant sable antelope and many other rare specimens, according to announcement from the museum.
The honey bird leads men to bee hives so that it may eat the grubs and larvae after the men have removed the honey.
The expedition will be known as the Vornay-Land Kalahari expedition and is financed by Arthur S. Vornay of New York, who will lead the expedition jointly with Herbert Lang, New York. The expedition probably will get under way from London near February 1.
The search will take the expedition to the Kalahari desert where only Masawara nomads live, these nomads being described by Vornay as "living skeletons who eat locusts and snakes."
Ruth Chatterton is making "Sarah and Son."
Mary Philbin is being starred in "Troopers Three" at Tiffany-Stahl.

Engineers Would Restore Canal Started by Washington in 1785



American engineers plan to rebuild the Potomac canal as a memorial to George Washington. The entrance to the canal (left) was blasted from solid rock. One of the series of five locks is shown at right, while the map gives the location with reference to the nation's capital.

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Woman Bootlegger Draws Leniency

KALISPELL, Mont., Dec. 6. (AP)—The 70 years of Marie Maginnis, Montana's matriarch bootlegger, again have saved her from jail.
Marie—probably the oldest woman beer vendor in Montana, if not the west—made a tactical error. Out of beer, she urged a group of thirsty looking smiling gentlemen "to come back later, won't you, boys?" They came back and brought with them a warrant for her arrest.
Although a suspended sentence of the year previous hung over her, Federal Judge Pray dealt leniently with Marie and merely locked up her residence for one year. She can live there if she raises a \$1,000 bond.
Slightly more than 11,000 pounds of alfalfa seed was harvested from 17 acres near Tremonton, Utah, by Peter Peterson.

Snakes' Menus Prove Suicidal

KINSTON, N. C., Dec. 6. (AP)—Snakes and frogs and moccasins of Eastern North Carolina recently gave hunters the following fire-side anecdotes for the winter.
1. A king snake was killed when it swallowed an egg, crawled through the handle of an overturned jug—up to the egg—then swallowed another egg from a nearby nest, locking itself to the jug.
2. A frog, too big for an under-terminated snake, was swallowed by the snake, which easily was clubbed by a hunter. The frog slipped out during the clubbing and escaped.
3. A moccasin caught a catfish, head first, and in swallowing it folded the spiny fins smoothly backward. It was too large, and the moccasin was easily killed while writhing in the throes of acute indigestion trying to eject the unwelcome mouthful.
Houston plans to revise its building code in an effort to stamp out termites, or ants which chew on homes and furniture.

Milkmaid and Father Avert Railroad Wreck

CASCADE, Mont., Dec. 6. (AP)—What might have been a wreck with serious consequences was averted by the presence of mind of a milkmaid.
While driving the cows to the milking barn, Helen Morton, 12, happened to glance across the Mississippi river to see a landslide tumbling onto the Great Northern railroad tracks.
A freight train was due and the girl abandoned her herd and summoned her father. Together they rowed across the river and flagged the oncoming train just in time to prevent a wreck.

U. S. Boasts Auto to Every Seven, But Has Bathtub for Each Twenty

Edison Dodges Home Christmas For His Health

By C. H. KLINE
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FORT MYERS, Fla., Dec. 4. (AP)—Breaking a happy habit of 42 years' standing is just a concession Thomas A. Edison makes to husband the sparkling energy that keeps his enthusiasm youthful at 82.
The silver-haired genius plans to forego his Christmas day at home with children and grandchildren that he may begin experiments in the mild climate of the south a month earlier than usual.
Mr. and Mrs. Edison are scheduled to leave Menlo Park, N. J., early in December for Fort Myers, to stay until about June 15. This will be the first time the Edisons have come south in December for their annual visit since the inventor brought his wife here as a bride in 1896.
Close friends say Mr. Edison's general health has not been impaired but his winter program is striving to provide the United States with an emergency rubber supply will be virtually as strenuous as ever. He has given assistants to understand that he will spend from five to seven hours daily in the laboratory and will supplement this with nightly periods of research reading.
He will, of course, reserve time for regular visits to motion picture shows, providing the films are silent, and long automobile rides in the Everglades.
The rides, however, can hardly be classed as recreation. Mr. Edison rarely travels a full mile without stopping to pluck a plant he wishes to put under the lens for possible rubber content.
Quiet and simple is the life of the Edisons here and there is little to be put in readiness in advance of arrival. The ingredients of his regular diet—milk from a carefully guarded cow on the estate, which supplies his needs alone, and honey from a score of hives—are already available.
Perhaps the Fort Myers bandmaster will have to hunt a bit for the score of his favorite melody, "I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen," but preparations to welcome him will be complete with the yearly renovation of his 1914 model Ford, a gift from Henry Ford, his neighbor.
Nevada aviators have organized a state branch of the National Aeronautic association with 23 charter members.
A new long distance telephone cable, to be available in the spring, is being laid between Paris and Versailles.

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Fire Wood Auto Fuel

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 6. (AP)—An automobile that uses ordinary kerosene for fuel instead of gasoline has just been tried out by the Swedish army with satisfactory results. The motor, equipped with a new style gas generator, developed by two brothers Widgren, Swedish engineers, who mounted on a two and a half ton truck, manufactured by the Scania-Vabis Automobile works, at Goetvelje.
On a test trip of 143 miles used 298 pounds of fire wood was used, as against the 13 gallons of gasoline required for the same distance. Maintaining an average speed of about 20 1/2 miles per hour, the truck completed the trip in some seven hours at a cost of about 75 cents, whereas the gasoline needed for this distance would have cost more than four dollars.
From a strategic point of view, the invention is of great importance, inasmuch as fire wood can be obtained in any part of Sweden. The new generator is now being installed also on the mail and passenger buses, manufactured by the same company.

Bombay Installs "American Bar"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6. (AP)—The "American Bar" in Bombay, India, is doing a booming business—in milk-shakes and sandwiches.
Europeans, as well as native Indians, in a land where alcoholic beverages flow freely, are enthusiastic patrons of an American soda fountain which some entrepreneur had installed in a leading Bombay theater, the Commerce department is informed.
Milk-shakes are served over the fountain as "milk cocktails."

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