

Devine Celebrates 15 Years In Film Business

Gravel Voice Was Result Of Accident

Andy's Service Among Longest In Industry; Always On Same Lot

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 5 — (UP)—It was 98 in the shade at Universal City today and strong men were guilting food water and salt tablets. So Andy Devine walked into the studio commissary to celebrate his all-time movie acting record with a little snack of clam chowder and Welsh rarebit. He has worked for Universal Studios 15 straight years, which, for Hollywood, is a phenomenal record. So far as we know, no other performer has worked for the same studio nearly that long except Greta Garbo who has drawn a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer paycheck for 15 years.

It was in 1925 (Devine recalled) that he was time keeper for a gang of mule skinner on a construction job in Arizona. His father died and he came to Los Angeles for the funeral.

So he got himself a job as a life guard at Santa Monica. He was 29 years old and handsome. Nobody worried about his gravelly voice. He augmented his income with extra jobs in which matter. His voice still didn't matter. The pictures were silent.

Then there came a call from the Universal Studios of the late Ufaia Carl Laemmle. Devine signed up as a villain under contract at \$40 a week. He was behind a set of studio whippers on the day he celebrated his 21st birthday.

"It wasn't long before he began to hear disquieting stories about sound pictures," he said.

When Devine spoke for the first time in the movie microphone, the sound engineer said he was sorry, but he couldn't do anything for a voice like that. So the director fired Devine.

"But I got hired right back," Andy said. "Henry McRae was studio manager then and he saw the rushes and he said he thought I sounded funny."

So Devine turned from villain to comic, because of his voice, and his salary has been going up steadily ever since. His income now is around \$100,000 a year and he's just signed a new three year contract which raises his wages some more.

The story of how he obtained his peculiar voice has been told many times before, but maybe you haven't heard it. He talked like anybody else when he was a boy, but while playing one afternoon he fell on a stick which punctured his neck and injured his larynx.

Physicians tried in vain to restore his vocal chords to normalcy and give him a mellifluous bass voice, commensurate with his 265 pounds. Lucky for him they failed.

TWO COUPLES TO CELEBRATE WEDDING DATES

(Lima News Bureau)
DELPHOS, Oct. 5 — Four residents of N. Main-st., on Tuesday will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversaries. There is no relationship in the two families—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kollsmith and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Berry—it being a coincidence that they were married the same day and now living within a few blocks of each other.

There will be a dinner for a few relatives and immediate friends at the Kollsmith home Tuesday. Mrs. Kollsmith was Miss Agusta Frederick. They were united in marriage at Newville, Ind. Kollsmith was assistant postmaster until his retirement. They have one son, Earl "Pete" Kollsmith of this city. Another son, Karl, and a daughter, Hazel, have passed away.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry plan to observe the day quietly receiving the felicitations of their many relatives and friends the same as their neighbors, the Kollsmiths. Mrs. Berry formerly was Margaret Mills. They have six sons and a daughter.

They are: Clod of this city; Orville of Jackson, Mich.; William of Frankfort, Ind.; Delbert of Vaughnsville; Fred of Lima; Lorenzo J. Jr. of Camp Knox, and Mrs. Frank McGue of Delphos.

The chain of office worn by the mayor of Middleborough, England, also bought more than 50 years ago, is not yet paid for. Only \$885 of the original price of \$1250 has been paid.

NITE LIFE FOOTNOTES

COURT CASE—For he's a jolly good fellow, is Proprietor Dick, and his customers exude jollification.

STONE'S GRILL—Famed for remarkable variety of liquid refreshments—to say nothing of the kitchen products.

DE VEE'S RESTAURANT—Highly touted as a business-men's lunch headquarters. Likewise getting considerable comment from the younger set as a fun spot.

NEW YORK—Boy, fetch me a flagon of brew and one of these excellent steak sandwiches. It's an unbeatable combination.

MILANO CAFE—Frank, Joe and George Guaganti, the good-fellow night club triumvirate remind me of the Ritz Brothers.

ALPINE VILLAGE—If you like jam with your evening repast—here's the place. That aforementioned commodity is dished out by Stub Williams and His Boys.

WALDO GRILL—One of the better compounders of the cup that cheers is Harry Fields... the ever-smiling manager of the Grill.

DIXIE NITE CLUB—My old pal Spurluck is one of the big shooters behind the barrels here. Never a dull moment.

RALE RAINBOW ROOM—Sort lights and sweet music (or hot, according to when groove you drop the nickel) so who could ask for anything more?

CASTLE FARM—Five fancy fan slippers are the power dive attractions at this showplace. Toby Lee is the chief fan flourisher. As added attraction is the fun and foolishness department is Lou Powers.

MUSON CAFE—Plenty nice in all its newly redecorated finery. Of special merit is the new bar. Permits one to snag sniffers from a sidesaddle stance, thus keeping an eye on the passing throng. Food's fine as usual.

CHIO BAR—Chicken modock was so popular the boys in the kitchen area had to stir up another batch. While you are waiting on the hot order to arrive, better have a few appetite whetter-uppers.

BOXY GRILL—Whispering Art, big mutter and mumble man behind the bar, has become so famous for his sotto voce gabfests that he is contemplating taking up mental telepathy.

L. & L. GRILL—The boys here are making quite a thing of luncheon specialties. Why not give them a try? Personally, I go for the blue peris or some such sea food stuff.

HELEN'S PLACE—Wheeler's Hot Shots saw it off right brisk on Thursday nights when round and square dancing is encouraged. We got caught in the midst of a Virginia Reel last time and met up with some mighty pert shottishers.

IRISH HILL—Round and round they go Saturday night on a big square dance program. If you can't take it chasing the squirrel, etc., there's quiet tipping to be done and mild arguments in which to take part.

JUDY'S PLACE—Not recommended for those seeking a quiet week-end in the country. Probably more whoop-on-holler per square foot goes on in this establishment than in any other tavern in town.

GLENDALE—Get that serene silvan atmosphere here where one may sip a several and contemplate the beauties of nature at the same time.

LOST CREEK—Has that Hollywood touch in that many of our top drawer socialites and prominent persons eat here heartily and frequently. Steaks are the prime attraction, altho Russ, the chief chef, can whip up almost anything in no time at all.

LOUIE'S NITE CLUB—One of the trickier establishments. clientele is boisterous but good natured. Music's loud. Much conviviality and back slapping. I'll take the same, thank you.

Jack Benny And Gang Open New Fall Series Sunday

Favorite Comic, Returns To Air At 7 P. M.; Charles Laughton Guest Of Bergen And McCarthy

Jack Benny rounded up the last two members of his radio gang this week—Phil Harris and Andy Devine—and announced that all is in readiness for his return to the air over WEAF Sunday, at 7:00 p. m.

Charles Laughton, one guest Charlie McCarthy has never been able to intimidate, will visit Edgar Bergen and McCarthy during the program Sunday over WEAF at 8 p. m.

Returning for its fourth season as a star-studded feature of the CBS Sunday evening schedule, the "Silver Theatre," presenting half-hour broadcasts with Hollywood's greatest actors and actresses, will begin its 1940-41 season on WABC Sunday, at 6:00 p. m.

"Ghost Town," a city unchanged and uninhabited but for one man, for more than 50 years is the story of The Shadow program, Sunday, 5:30 p. m. over WOR. The Shadow and his girlfriend, Margo, vacationing in the west discover "Ghost Town" while riding in the hills. They decide to stay in the town's old, dusty hotel. In the middle of the night, they are awakened by a scream and a bullet shot. From their

window they see a man killed but when they go to investigate no body can be found. Margo disappears and is about to be killed when Shadow unearths the true story of ghost town and saves Margo. Bill Johnstone plays The Shadow, Marjorie Anderson is his girlfriend, Margo, and Ken Delmar is Commissioner Weston.

Second in the thrilling episodes to be unraveled by Sherlock Holmes will be the mystery of "The Copper Beeches" on the Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, Sunday, 8:30 p. m. over WJZ.

The "Copper Beeches" is the story of a governess held prisoner in a house guarded by a huge mastiff. Hired originally to care for a six-year old child, her duties are extended to wearing strange apparel and cutting her hair short. Moaning emanating from a wing of the house forces her to investigate, and when she is discovered, she is locked in her room. Escaping, she seeks the aid of Sherlock Holmes who with Dr. Watson, solves the mystery of the Copper Beeches. Basil Rathbone plays the leading role supported by Nigel Bruce as "Dr. Watson."

Ted Weems will open the Beat and Band program Sunday, 6:30 p. m. over WEAF with "Down Argentine Way" from the show of the same name. "Close In Your Arms," an original number by Weems will follow, featuring the smooth voice of Perry Como. Elmo Tanner will whistle "Cross Town," the orchestra closing the program with the old favorite, "Three Little Words."

One man's contribution to the greater safety of today's living is the story to be told by Richard Stark, the "House of Magic" reporter on the "Hour of Charm" program Sunday night, at 10 o'clock.

In addition to interviewing Carol Bruce on the program, an unknown chapter in the life of that rocketing young cinema star, Mickey Rooney, will be told by Bill Stern on his Sports Newsweek of the Air, Sunday, 9:45 p. m., WJZ. It's the tale of Mickey's first passion: tennis, and how he became a junior southwestern champ with an ambition to play Bill Tilden—which was fulfilled six years later; Also on the show will be the story of Cecil Wetzel, who captured the kidnaper of the little son of Count Marce de Tristram on the coast lately. Wetzel was a ranking athlete at Washington State College.

Song favorites from the year 1898 to the present day will pass in review during the broadcast of Parade of the Years, over WJZ Sunday from 8:00 to 8:30 p. m.

BIDS ARE OPENED
Among the low unchecked bidders on 12 highway improvement projects announced Saturday by the State Highway department was Hilltop Nurseries, Casstown, \$14,718 for roadside beautification along 5.1 miles of Route 224 in Hancock and Putnam cos. Estimated cost was \$16,560.

QUARTET IN LIMA MONDAY



The Knickerbocker quartet will present a program at 8 p. m. Monday in South High Auditorium.

Band Parents Will Sponsor Show Monday

South High's Band Parents organization will sponsor a series of lyceum numbers, the first of which will be the Knickerbocker Mixed quartet to be presented at 8 p. m. Monday in the South auditorium.

Composing the personnel of the group are: Nancy Rader, soprano, prize winner graduate of Eastman School of Music who sang with Chicago Civic and American Opera companies; Charlotte Miller, contralto, who studied with Sebastian Anstrom, opera coach, and sang with Milwaukee Opera company; Duilio Pucci, tenor who won Warner Brothers vocal contest; Ted Valsloan, baritone, who acquired a bachelor of music degree from the University of Kansas and who has sung with the Westminster choir.

Mrs. A. L. Simmons, chairman of the finance committee, is in charge of arrangements. Officers of the club are: president, E. H. Long; vice president, C. H. Clay; secretary, Mrs. H. W. Hutchinson; treasurer, Mrs. Guy Butler.



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popular star, in the title role, and a great supporting cast.

PETRI TO SPEAK

KENTON, Oct. 5—Kenneth M. Petri, Democratic candidate for U. S. congressman from this district, will speak at the meeting of the Ada Roosevelt-Davey club on Monday, Oct. 7, at 8 p. m. when it meets in the auditorium of the Municipal hall at Ada. Mrs. Gail Jordan of Findlay also will speak. She will discuss national issues.

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