

Rooney's Romance Catches Hollywood Unawares

Newcomer To Film Capital Gets Mickey

Ava Gardner And Young M-G-M Star Plan To Wed In Near Future

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 27—(Wide World)—This town is really slightly embarrassed. It's supposed to know every twist and turn that love can take.

But it just plain didn't see the signs when a pretty, little newcomer, Ava Gardner, arrived here from Wilson, N. C., six months ago and captured the town's most eligible bachelor: Mickey Rooney. Their engagement was announced Dec. 9 by Ava's mother, Mrs. J. B. Gardner, back in North Carolina in the prim, old-fashioned southern manner. By the time the news was relayed to Hollywood the telephone wires hummed, Mickey and Ava stayed out of sight.

Mickey is moviedom's biggest box-office attraction. He is only 21, but he has been in the movies since he was four. His salary is "in excess of \$2,000." That's the way Hollywood puts it when the income is astronomical. What is more, Mickey is a lovable, freckle-faced who's been the object of a rather spirited battle among the debutantes; movie and society.

So who is Ava? She is a dainty brunette with mischievous gray-blue eyes, a Grecian nose, an oval face, and silky brown hair she does in a huge halo. She was born in Smithville, N. C., and reared in Wilson. She has a shy dignity which is quite un-Hollywood. She was 18 Christmas eve. That's the day Mickey brought over the ring.

He met Ava her second day in Hollywood, just six months ago. She was extremely surprised at being here at all. She had been attending Atlantic Christian college in her home town, trying very hard to learn bookkeeping. She meant to be a secretary.

But she went to visit a married sister in New York, who is married to a photographer. He was convinced that Ava was movie material. She chuckled at him, but she sat for pictures. He mailed them to a movie talent scout. The scout asked Ava to take a screen test. She did that, too, just for fun. The next thing she was signing an M-G-M contract.

"Just think of the handcuffs I had," she says. "I've never had any dramatic training. And listen to this southern accent of mine." It's a lovely accent. Nobody but a movie director would be silly enough to ask a girl to get rid of it. Her accent now is nothing more than a pleasant huskiness. MICKEY PROVES FAST WORKER

So her second day she was eating lunch in the M-G-M commissary. Mickey stopped at the table to make a date with a man there for a benefit that night for the Chinese relief fund.

He seems to be a young man of quick decisions. He was introduced to Ava, and before he left the table he had a date for the evening. He was 20 minutes late for the first date. And he was so tired he just took Ava to a drive-in restaurant and they had hot chocolate and sandwiches.

Mickey has been hard at work the whole six months. So the two have had to be careful to get home early. They have gone to neighborhood movies. Mickey is a terrific movie fan. They have gone bowling, and Mickey is teaching Ava to play golf.

Mickey didn't get around to popping the question until early December. And if you'd like to know, he really didn't put it in so many words. Ava's eyes twinkled at that. All in all, Mick's been very naive about it all, a regular real life Andy Hardy—shy, thoughtful, serious.

They haven't set the date for their wedding yet. In Hollywood that depends on working schedules. Ava already has had two lines in one picture, but she is shy about saying what picture.

Mickey heard when she was going to do the lines. He sneaked onto the set, watched, and then sneaked off again. Some one told Ava. She was paralyzed for fear he didn't like it. That night he confessed he'd watched. He hoped she didn't care. He thought she was wonderful.

"Why, Mickey," she said, "don't be worried. I knew you were there all the time."

THREE SOLDIERS HONORED AT KENTON LEGION PARTY

(Lima News Bureau) KENTON, Dec. 27—Lieut. Col. Loucks B. Brown, commanding the special troops of the 37th Division at Camp Shelby, Miss., Capt. Herbert W. Radcliffe, commanding Co. E, 148th Infantry there, and First Lieut. William E. Dwyer, executive officer of the same company, were honored guests at a party staged in the basement of the courthouse last night by members of the Kenton post of the American Legion and its auxiliary.

Col. Brown, a past commander of the post, gave an interesting talk on army life and procedure, while the other officers talked briefly. George Kaylor, post commander, was meeting chairman. Refreshments were served.

New ocean, 30-ton flying boat, will carry 51 persons 3,000 miles non-stop at a speed of 200 miles an hour.

Irving Berlin Songs To Be Heard On Kostelanetz Hour

Kenny Baker Will Sing Several Old Favorites; "Inner Sanctum Mystery" Has Real Thriller-Chiller On Tap

Songs of Irving Berlin are spotlighted on the Andre Kostelanetz program Sunday, at 4:30 p. m., over WABC with Kenny Baker as guest soloist.

Numbers are "Say It With Music," "Remember," "Blue Skies" and "A Pretty Girl Is Like a Melody." The orchestra will also be heard in "One Night of Love" and "Orange Blossom Lane." Albert Spalding, violinist, is master of ceremonies.

"Death Has Claws," the "Inner Sanctum Mystery" chiller scheduled to be broadcast on Sunday, at 8:30 p. m., over WJR is a terror-building story based on one man's psychopathic love of cats. His tortured mind drives him to murder, literally, at the slightest disparaging remark about his pets. Altho no one knows how bad he really is, he is feared and distrusted.

The climax of the story comes when he is left to take care of a child one evening and the baby pulls the tail of the cat, making it squeal. He rushes in from another room, arms raised to kill the child, when, to the surprise of audience critics, Dr. Brown, who directs this regular Sunday night feature, promises that this will be one of the scariest yet.

Being somewhat allergic to book larin' and abysmally ignorant of current art and literature, Charlie McCarthy looked blankly at Edgar Bergen when he told the dummy he had invited author James Hilton to put in a guest appearance on the show Sunday at 8:00 p. m. over WEA-F of NBC.

Music from the pens of the world's greatest composers, including Bizet, Verdi, Paganini and America's own Jerome Kern, Sigismund Romberg and Victor Herbert, will be played and sung on the Sunday, December 28, broadcast of The Family Hour, starring Gladys Swarthout, Deems Taylor and Al Goodson's orchestra and chorus 5:00 to 5:45 p. m. over WABC.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

Eastern Standard Time—Subtract One Hour for M.T. (Attention: program as listed due entirely to changes by networks)

- 1:00—Commentary on War—nbc-red
- 1:30—The Church of the Air—nbc-blue
- 1:45—The Singing Family—mbs-midwest
- 2:15—The Great Gilday—nbc-blue
- 2:30—The Silver Strings Orchestra—nbc-red
- 2:45—World Is Yours Drama—nbc-red
- 3:00—The Great Gilday—nbc-blue
- 3:15—This Is the Life, from Museum—nbc
- 3:30—The Lutheran Hour—mbs-west
- 3:45—The Great Gilday—nbc-blue
- 4:00—The Great Gilday—nbc-blue
- 4:15—The Great Gilday—nbc-blue
- 4:30—NBC String Symphony—nbc
- 4:45—Looking Behind the Mike—nbc-blue
- 5:00—The Great Gilday—nbc-blue
- 5:15—The Great Gilday—nbc-blue
- 5:30—The Great Gilday—nbc-blue
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- 6:00—The Great Gilday—nbc-blue
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- 6:45—The Great Gilday—nbc-blue
- 7:00—The Great Gilday—nbc-blue
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- 11:30—The Great Gilday—nbc-blue
- 11:45—The Great Gilday—nbc-blue
- 12:00—Two Hours with Dancing—mbs

Wake Up, America, Forum—nbc-blue
N. Y. Philharmonic Symphony—nbc
Radio Announcements—mbs
3:15—Kaltenborn's Comment—nbc-red
3:30—The Lutheran Hour—mbs-west
3:45—The Great Gilday—nbc-blue
4:00—Musical From Brazil—nbc-red
4:15—The Great Gilday—nbc-blue
4:30—NBC String Symphony—nbc
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OH, WELL HUCHINSON, Kans. (AP) — You can't say the Del Geyen family of near Cairo gets excited easily. The other day, while in Hutchinson, word came to them that their home had burned. The family decided nothing could be gained by going home and so they all stayed for the night show.

RADIO PLANT BRINGS COOKIE CURE DURHAM, N. C. (AP)—Don Pickup of Fall River, Mass., received 35 boxes of cookies after he told a radio audience that, as a newly arrived Duke university freshman, he expected to "get homesick for my mother's cookies." Altho the cookies came from points all the way from New Hampshire to Georgia, Don isn't convinced yet that any of them are "just like Mom's."

IT'S AN ILL WIND SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — Birds have upset C. C. Willford, weather forecaster. Starlings have discovered that if they perch on his wind arrow at the airport tower, they can ride 'round and 'round like a merry-go-round. And that makes it difficult for Willford to find out which way the wind is blowing.

ADA LOT TO BE SOLD KENTON, Dec. 27—On Jan 24 at 11 a. m., a lot in Ada will be sold at auction by Hardin-co Sheriff R. R. Clark as the result of an action by Harry J. Souseley against Luther M. McCreary et al. The lot is appraised at \$100. The sale will be conducted at the courthouse here.

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NITE LIFE FOOTNOTES

LOUIE'S NITE CLUB—Special plans are being made up to a New Year's eve climax in which noise abatement will not be involved. The management declares considerable conviviality will be enforced.

CASTLE FARM—Minor shows will feature old time vaudeville acts, excluding, of course, any Japanese acrobats. Sound effects will be involved in a special New Year's eve celebration.

FLORENTINE ROOM — The holiday season is positively incomplete without a visit to this place. The food's fine and suitable beverages are on tap.

MILANO CAFE — Frank, Joe and the brethren announce that they will ambush 1912 in the approved fashion. Customers will be encouraged in great clamor making and the wassail bowl will flow freely.

WALDO RATHSKELLER — Holiday celebrants have been convening here in droves. Better you should make arrangements for seating that special party of yours as the tables fill up fast towards the close of the year.

ALPINE VILLAGE — This hilarity haven has been going great guns of late and big things are being plotted for the coming week.

NEW YORKER — One very smart place. Regardless of whether you like a close coupled party or general conviviality, this one fills the bill.

BARE RAINBOW ROOM—Still providing dance music by some of the best "name" orchestras in the land. Dealt out thru a colossal music box. Quite the colossal retreat of the college kid.

STONE'S GRILL — Somebody in the gang usually has a taste for an infrequently found beverage. Such being so, seek this one out. They have a vast variety of bottled stuff and can satisfy most requests.

JUDY'S—Supper any day in the year, but extra special around New Year's time.

BLINKING OWL — Unbeatable.

"SEPTEMBER MOON" MALE IS SEEN IN SIDNEY

(Special To The Lima News) SIDNEY, Dec. 27 — A male "September moon" has been appearing about various parts of the city, and last night about 11 o'clock police received a call from the hospital stating that an old model car stopped at the rear of the building, let out a man without any clothes on, and immediately drove away.

The man made no attempt to enter the hospital but ran to the east around the building toward Michigan-st and disappeared. The man was described as being dark complexioned, five feet, four or five inches in height.

Police have had other reports of a similar nature in recent weeks from different parts of the city. They are conducting an investigation.

FUMES AFFECT PLANT WORKERS

(Special To The Lima News) SIDNEY, Dec. 27—Several of the women employees of the Stolle Corporation were overcome by fumes at the plant on Friday. Four of the women were taken to Wilson Memorial hospital for treatment and others were sent home.

An investigation is being made by plant officials, altho it is thought that some carbon monoxide gas had pocketed near the roof of the building over the holiday and when the fans were started Friday morning the fumes were swept down thru the plant.

Those in the hospital for treatment are Mrs. Roy Brautigam of near Conover, Ruby Miers of Maplewood, Rosella Varno of Minster, and Alberta Evans of Sidney.

HARDIN HUNTER FINED KENTON, Dec. 27—Harold Carman of near Kenton was fined \$25 and costs by Squire Roy Haudenschild here on a charge of shooting a hen pheasant. Carman pleaded guilty upon arraignment. He was arrested by Hardin-co Game Protector "Pete" Ramge who filed the charge.

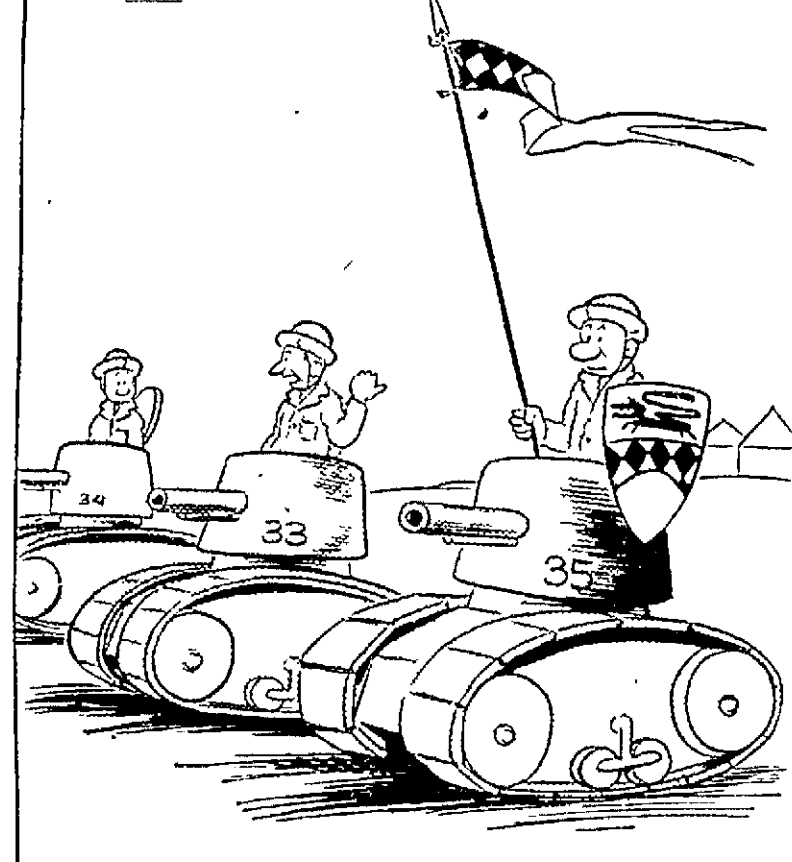
Automobile tires cost \$75 to \$80 just 31 years ago and were supposed to be good for about 2,500 miles.

LICENSED TO WED



Rosemary Lane, star of a New York musical show, and Buddy Westmore, Hollywood makeup artist, exchange smiles as they obtain a marriage license in New York.

HOLD EVERYTHING



"He claims he's a direct descendant of Sir Lancelot!"

NEWS IN COLORED CIRCLES

Social Items, Lodges, Societies, Personals

Lula Banks, Catherine Irene Robson and Raymond Thomas, students of Wilberforce university, are spending their holiday vacation in Lima with their families.

Mrs. Erma Halthcock will be hostess to the Aeolian club Thanksgiving, Jan. 8th, in her home, W. Wayne-st.

SIDNEY WOMAN STRUCK BY CAR

(Special To The Lima News) SIDNEY, Dec. 27—Miss Janet Browning is recovering from severe injuries suffered when she was struck by an automobile while walking across the Public-sq Friday evening.

Miss Browning was crossing Court-st, going south, when struck by a car driven by Mrs. Cora Dunson, who was driving slowly at the time. After being struck, the young lady was thrown to the pavement by the impact. She suffered the loss of three front teeth and received severe bruises. Mrs. Dunson had her removed to a doctor's office and later took her to her home.

Navy Member Safe HARROD, Dec. 27—E. M. Taylor of Harrod, today received a letter from his son Victor L. Taylor, a member of the U. S. navy, reporting he was safe at his station in the Hawaiian islands.

MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

IN PERSON RENFRO VALLEY BARN DANCE SHOW
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Book Reviews

Obtained At The Lima Public Library, Main Library
By MARY LATHROP
Lima Public Library Staff
NO OTHER ROAD TO FREEDOM. By Leland Stowe. Elfred A. Knopf, Inc. \$3.

Leland Stowe is one of the most legitimately distinguished foreign reporters of his generation. In this book he tells a reporter's story and tells it well and honestly. More than just reporting it is an angry cogent answer to the American appeasers for after his thrilling adventures on the Finnish, Norwegian and Greek fronts, Stowe was convinced that between right and wrong there could be no neutrality.

It is good, stimulating reading even now after we are in the war.
WAKEFIELD'S COURSE. By Mazo De La Roche. Little, Brown and Co. \$2.50.

This is the eighth book in the saga of the Whiteoaks family of Jalana. It covers about a year and a half from the spring of 1939 to 1940. Renny is prosperous again and wins the Grand National with his horse. Wakefield is a successful actor and it is his love story, with its bitter ending, which holds the center of the stage.

The same vigor and freshness which delighted everyone in the first Jalana story is present in this one.
EDUCATION FOR DEATH. By Gregor Ziemer. Oxford University Press. \$1.50.

An American educator, formerly director of the American Colony School in Berlin, and now a radio commentator in Cincinnati shows us, in this clear, factual, eyewitness account, the complete process of the education of Nazi children. You will want to read this book if you are puzzled by the mentality of the average Nazi and want to understand how he got that way. The fanatical zeal with which a Nazi lays down his life for the Fuehrer can only be understood

in the light of the training he receives from early childhood. The book is carefully documented from textbooks, songbooks, etc., smuggled out of Germany.
THE GOLDEN SKYLARK. By Elizabeth Goudge. Coward-McGann, Inc. \$2.50.

Twelve short stories, five examples of the ancient and honored art of story-telling, by Elizabeth Goudge, who is indeed an expert in any form of literature. The stories are so varied in words, backgrounds, and plots that every reader will find at least one tale to his liking.
There is a story about the glowing fiery Shelley, an enchanting one about Shakespeare and the mysterious dark lady of the sonnets and several stories in which the famous duFrooy children appear. A full, rich volume.

THE WITNESS. By Christopher LaFargo. Coward-McGann, Inc. \$2. LaFargo makes a radical departure from poetry writing. He writes a novel which might be called a study of American snobbery. He gives us a picture of Fairlie Wilson attempting to break into the high society of Providence, R. I. His characterizations are deft and amusing. Contrary to expectation there is little acid, for the author seems to feel that the Wilson social climbing really injures no one and gratifies a formidable vanity.

These books may be reserved by calling the Circulation department, 73171.
CANTATA TO BE GIVEN ST. MARY'S, Dec. 27—The Christmas cantata, "Night in the Judean Hills," will be presented by choir of Zion Lutheran church on Sunday night at the church, W. J. Simpson is director of the choir. Special numbers will be given by Richard Schilling, George Hill, Mrs. Lewis Woodcock, Jack Sunderland, Howard Sudman, Mrs. Robert Selby and Miss Dorothy Hunter.

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