

# What Are History's Top Films?

**HOLLYWOOD** — (UP) — Hollywood looked back on 50 years of movies today to pick the world's best pictures of a half century. Nearly all were classics of the past.

Six top artists — a veteran actress, actor, producer, cameraman, and two directors — listed for the United Press what they thought were the five finest films of the past 50 years.

Bette Davis, who's been emoting in pictures since 1931, picked "The Passion of Joan of Arc," a French film released in 1933; Greta Garbo's "Camille," 1936; Charlie Chaplin's "City Lights," 1931; Buster Keaton's "The Navigator," 1924; and "Grand Illusion," a French film, 1938.

Donald Crisp, a big name in movies since 1915, topped his

list with "Birth of a Nation," on which he assisted Director D. W. Griffith in 1915.

Crisp also listed "Kings of Kings" Cecil B. DeMille's 1927 movie about the life of Christ, "Miracle Man," a 1919 Lon Chaney film; "How Green Was My Valley," for which Crisp won an Oscar in 1941; and "Goodbye, Mr. Chips," 1939.

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Director King Vidor, a movie veteran of more than 30

years, selected D. W. Griffith's "Intolerance," 1919; "Sunrise," a Janet Gaynor movie of 1927; "The Gold Rush," "Snow White," and "Variety," a 1926 German film with Emil Jannings. Most critics say Vidor should have included his own "The Big Parade" and "The Crowd."

Producer-Director DeMille picked "Birth of a Nation," his "King of Kings," "The Gold Rush," "Cabiria," an Italian movie of 1913, and "Gone with the Wind."

Camerman James Wong Howe named "The Informer," 1935; "All Quiet on the Western Front," 1930; Chaplin's "The Kid," 1918; "The Last Laugh," a German film with Jannings, 1925, and "The Blue Angel," with Jannings and Marlene Dietrich, 1930.

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## Uncle Ray's Corner

# Burns' Life Had Rocky Path

At the age of 25, Robert Burns poems was to be published at Edinburgh. This had been arranged with the help of a Scottish earl, father. Now, so far as he could, he had to take the father's place.

Studying books on farming, and going to fairs, he learned as much as possible to help make the farm produce. Yet "one year the seed was bad, and in another the crop was scanty because of early frosts."

The young farmer kept on writing poems, and showed them to his friends. At length, when he was 27 years old, he arranged to have a printer put out a book of poetry for him. Six hundred and twelve copies were printed, and within a few months almost all of them had been sold. The author kept three copies for his family.

During his young manhood, Robert Burns fell in love more than once, and one of the young women for whom he cared was known as "Highland Mary." Her real name was Mary Campbell. She died within a few months after Burns' first book was published. Writing of her in his poetry, he spoke of her as Highland Mary.

A later sweetheart of Burns was Jean Armour. The couple wanted to be married, but the girl's father stood in the way. He was not willing to let his daughter marry a young farmer with so little worldly goods.

Giving up hope of making a decent living from farming, and saddened by his love affair with Jean Armour, the young poet decided to leave Scotland. He would go to the New World, and would take up life anew on the island of Jamaica.

Then came an event which changed his plans. A friend told him that a new edition of his

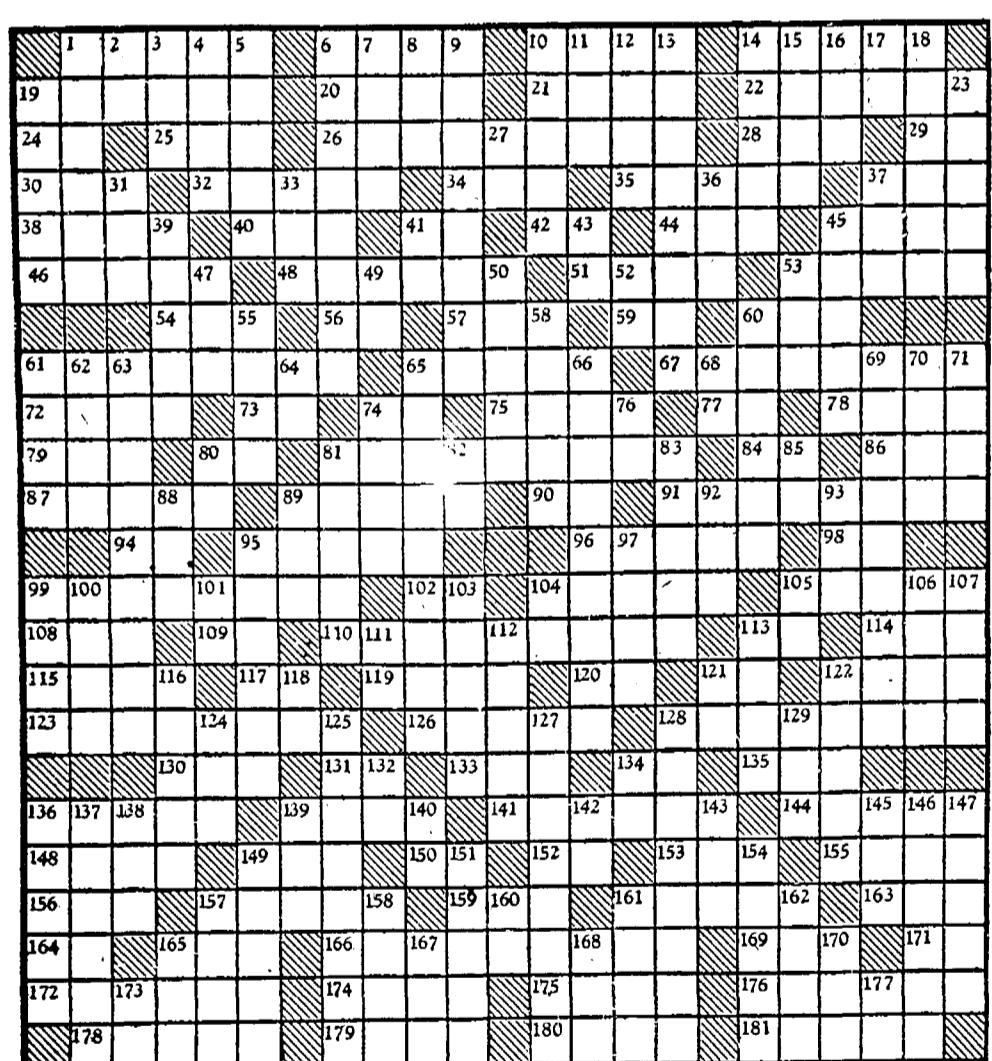
poetry was to be published at Edinburgh. This had been given up, and the father of Jean Arthur agreed to the marriage of his daughter to the poet. Burns rented a farm, and lived there for a time with his family. Then he moved to Dumfries and obtained a position as a post officer. His salary was about \$450 per year.

Robert Burns died when he was only 37. Scottsmen grieved over his passing and spoke of him fondly as "Frobbie" Burns. He was poor at the time of his death, as during most of his life, but he left behind a rich store of songs and poetry.

"To a Mouse" and "The Cotter's Saturday Night" are among the famous poems of Burns. His songs include "Auld Lang Syne" and "Coming Through the Rye." He said that he never would forget the glowing fire in the eyes of Robert Burns.



## Sunday's Crossword Puzzle



1. Envoy	2. Name in Greek	3. Stone	4. Ax-shaped stone	5. Symbol for gold	6. Standard of Ottoman Empire	7. An evil (pl.)	8. Interjection of triumph	9. King of Basan	10. To fasten	11. Reclining (adj.)	12. Snakes	13. Medicinal herbs	14. Root (Scot.)	15. Rootless	16. Bone	17. Macaw	18. Native-Saxons	19. Starfish (pl.)	20. To annoy	21. Distinguished for work	22. Note of scale	23. A Turk	24. Domesticated animal	25. Note of scale	26. Ankle bone	27. Receding hair	28. Fortunes	29. Cut apart	30. Narrow inlet	31. Starfish (pl.)	32. Note of scale	33. A Turk	34. Starfish (pl.)	35. A Turk	36. Starfish (pl.)	37. Narrows	38. Note of scale	39. Starfish (pl.)	40. Transgression	41. Pertaining to a skull	42. Roman numeral	43. Body	44. Look intently	45. Strong	46. Look intently	47. Strong	48. Snakes	49. Snakes	50. Snakes	51. Snakes	52. Snakes	53. Snakes	54. Snakes	55. Snakes	56. Snakes	57. Snakes	58. Snakes	59. Snakes	60. Snakes	61. Snakes	62. Snakes	63. Snakes	64. Snakes	65. Snakes	66. Snakes	67. 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