

They Tell Me That...

IN THE new Tarzan picture, "Tarzan in Exile," Johnny Weissmuller, the ape-man, and his mate, Maureen O'Sullivan, are supposed to be married and living in the jungle. But don't be surprised when you see them sleeping in twin beds. Even jungle-dwellers—yea, even an ape-man and his mate—must abide by the Hays Office censorship code!

Ape-Man's Son

SPEAKING of the new Weissmuller film reminds us that Mr. and Mrs. Tarzan will be seen with a five-year-old son, and the casting of this role has entailed

almost as difficult a search as that for "Gone With the Wind" and "Golden Boy." The search has now ended with the choice of little John Sheffield, son of old-time actor Reginald Sheffield. And it's curious to note that the lad who will now portray an ape-man's husky offspring had to be put into an incubator when he was born, because he was so puny!

History of Hollywood

ZARRYL F. ZANUCK at 20th Century-Fox continues to have dreams of grandeur and to translate them into celluloid. Having made "Suez" and "Jesse James," both as "epic" vehicles for Tyrone Power, he is now embarking on a "cavalcade of Hollywood," which will show the history of the movie capital

from the earliest days of Selig, Essanay and Vitagraph right up to the present. Alice Faye is chosen as the actress who will grow old with the movie industry.

A Fog A Day

SPECIAL effects experts of Hollywood have a right to the title of Miracle Men. Take, for instance, the case of Paul Widlicska, expert

a heavy cold and was under doctor's orders to stay away from fogs of all types and draughts. What to do? Widlicska emerged with a medicinal fog—believe that or not. He merely added a little eucalyptus oil to the fog solution—and, as a direct result, Merle came out of the scene minus the cold in her head.

One Man Or Two?

LAST week we announced that Robert Cummings would be Deanna Durbin's leading man in "Three Smart Girls Grow Up." Now it appears that Charles Boyer may be a contender for the honour, though it is possible that there will be two leading men—since it is hard to imagine any single role which could be filled by either Boyer or Cummings, who are such totally different types.

However, Boyer is said to be very keen on a chance to play opposite Deanna, though it's not an opportunity all actors would relish, because of the little star's picture-stealing talents.

Still, Boyer could make his influence felt against any opposition. He's recently been awarded the 1938 gold medal donated by the Federated British Film and Stage Association of London to the actor or actress who gives the three or four finest performances in succession. Boyer wins it for his work in "The Garden of Allah," "Tovarich," "Mayerling," "Le Bonheur," "Marie Walewska," and "Algiers."

New Charlie Chan

SIDNEY TOLER is on a spot. No other film personality has been faced with quite the situation in which he now finds himself as the successor to the late Warner Oland's role of "Charlie Chan." As the new "Charlie," he must play a part already fixed in the minds of his audience, a tough job for any actor.



BORIS KARLOFF steps into one of Charlie Chan's shoes as an Oriental sleuth with a series of four pictures about "Mr. Wong, Detective." The first was released this week. Peter Lorre is already occupying the other shoe as Mr. Moto. But on this page to-day you will read how Sidney Toler is soon going to revive the real Charlie Chan character.

He says, though, that he will not play Warner Oland, but "Charlie Chan"—that he will present, not Oland's, but his own conception of the famous hero of 20th Century-Fox's popular picture series.

How To Stay Married

NOW that Jack Oakie and his wife, Venita Varden, have made up, Jack steps up with a little advice to husbands.

"If you diet, keep your sense of humour; don't grouch and don't take it out on your family. 'I realise now that while I was shedding those sixty-eight pounds I was a pretty cranky person to get along with. But no more. I'm going to try to keep my shape and my wife at the same time. I'll do my next dieting with a smile—or I won't diet.'"



Walter Wanger, noted United Artists producer (he made "Blockade" and is now busy on "Wuthering Heights") with his new bride, Margaret Tallichet. She is one of the few good bets for the cast—if and when it is made—of "Gone With the Wind," having been chosen to play Scarlett's sister. Wanger was divorced not so long ago from Margaret Sullivan.

Speaking Candidly—Contd. from opp. page.

By Sea And Air

THEN, by way of a change from wild animals, there was a storm at sea, and the ship was wrecked on the shores of a lost island in the Pacific, where, by a fortunate coincidence, the lost jungle was situated.

When Baty heard about this, he secured a seat in a dirigible which was going out to look for the lost explorers in the lost jungle. However, the producer of this film, having heard about the Akron disaster, decided there had better be a storm in which the dirigible would crash.

So it broke in half, and part went to the bottom of the sea, but another part, in which Baty had his seat, kept sailing straight on until it, too, by another fortunate coincidence, came to earth in the middle of the lost jungle.

In The Cradle

THIS lost jungle was infested by lions, tigers, bears, zebras, and other wild beasts, all living together and disobeying the laws of zoology; but that was quite in order because it was explained that the lost jungle was really the cradle of civilisation, where the

Continents of Asia and Africa had once been joined, with a complete disregard for geography, in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

A Busy Day

MEANWHILE, half the shipwrecked crew on the island had been gobbled up by wild animals and the rest were ripe for mutiny; but the explorer named Livingstone, with true scientific zeal, insisted on going out to look for a lost city in the midst of the lost jungle. Having unearthed a buried treasure of precious stones, he got himself scared to death by the sole surviving inhabitant of the lost city, who resided, for some peculiar reason, at the bottom of a pool filled with crocodiles.

So, what with one thing and another, Clyde Baty had quite a busy day when he began to take control of the situation. He found the jewels, he lassoed lions and tied up tigers, he settled the mutiny and the hash of the villain who was causing trouble, and then he proposed to the girl and brought 'em all back alive.

And that, without comment, is the story of "The Lost Jungle" which stars, in addition to the incredible Clyde Beatty, a plump Cecilia Parker and a large lion named Sam.

WHAT ABOUT

Errol Flynn As Cyrano?

ERROL FLYNN is keen to play the role of Cyrano de Bergerac in a film about the famous big-nosed Frenchman of Louis XIII's day—so keen that he has written his own adaptation of the play by Edmund Rostand and submitted it to Warner Bros. officials.

There is said to be a distinct chance that Flynn will get his wish, and that Olivia de Havilland will play opposite him as the lovely Roxane for whose sweet sake Cyrano was willing to cross swords with anyone. Flynn will have no trouble with the sword-fighting, but what does he intend to do about that nose?

Incidentally, a film about Cyrano, starring Charles Laughton, was one of the Alexander Korda projects which didn't come off.

fog-maker at the Goldwyn Studios. During the filming of "The Cowboy and the Lady," a shipboard scene featuring heavy fog was called for. But, on that particular day, Merle Oberon was also featuring

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Solve This Simple Little Puzzle —and Win £100 IN CASH

Don't miss this splendid competition! It is just a short and easily-worded paragraph about A SHIP IN DISTRESS, which appeared in a New Zealand daily newspaper some time ago, and has now been put into puzzle form by our artist. The opening words, "THE WEATHER" will tell you what it is all about and the rest of the wording is simple, and the sense of the sentence will help you. Each picture or sign may mean part of a word, one, two, or three words, but not more than three.

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The Prize of £100 in Cash will be awarded to the competitor whose solution of the paragraph is correct or most nearly correct. In case of ties the prize-money will be divided, but the full amount will be paid.

£100 prize-money is deposited with "Truth" (N.Z.) Ltd. The decision of the Editor of "Puzzle Pie" will be final and legally binding throughout. A postal note for 1/- must accompany each initial entry, and 6d. each additional entry. Penny stamps (1/1) accepted if postal note unobtainable. Any number of attempts may be sent on plain paper. Alternatives in single entries will be disqualified. Results will be published on Friday, March 17.

RESULT "PUZZLE PIE" No. 277.

This competition proved very popular, and 104 competitors succeeded in submitting correct solutions. They will share the total prize-money of £100 in Cash. Each will receive £1. List of names at "Truth" offices in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. Prize-money will be posted on Monday, March 20.



SOLUTION TO "PUZZLE PIE" No. 277.

Paragraph from the Christchurch "Star-Sun," June 27th, 1936: "A picturesque ceremony took place in the grounds of Buckingham Palace, when the King, wearing his full-dress uniform as Colonel-in-Chief of the Welsh Guards, inspected the Royal bodyguard, known as the Yeoman of the Guard."