Star Dust

★ 'Trial Separations'

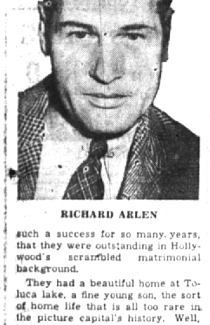
★ Seth Comes Back

★ Elaine a 'Must'

—By Virginia Vale—

THAT "trial separation" of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Arlen's has disturbed a lot of people who have never met either the delightful Jobyna Arlen or her handsome husband.

They were such a pleasant young couple, and their marriage had been



RICHARD ARLEN

such a success for so many years, that they were outstanding in Hollywood's scrambled matrimonial background.

They had a beautiful home at Toluca lake, a fine young son, the sort of home life that is all too rare in the picture capital's history. Well, here's hoping that the trial separation will be a dismal failure, and that soon the Arlens will be back together again!

Speaking of severed matrimonial bonds, Margot Graham is finally having hers cut, in Reno, but nobody is surprised. For a long time now it's been predicted, what with her living and working in Hollywood, and her husband, Francis Lister, living and working in England. It's been rumored that when she is free the pretty English girl will marry Alan MacMartin, the fabulously wealthy Canadian.

All Hollywood was saddened by Jack Dunn's death; it was one of those tragedies that people go on talking about for a long time. A superb skater, he had the sort of good looks and personality that made him a "natural" for the movies. But, although he was signed up when Sonja Henie was, after their exhibitipn in Hollywood, he just couldn't seem to get anywhere. Finally came the announcement that he would have the Rudolph Valentino role in a picture based on that actor's life. His death, almost immediately afterward, was the result of rabbit fever.

Here's good news for all of you who remember the "Seth Parker" programs that so many of us used to look forward to on Sunday evenings. Remember the delightful group of people who met each Sunday evening in Seth Parker's parlor to sing hymns? All over the country that program was a "must" on Sundays, and frequently groups of listeners got together and sang the old hymns with the radio folk.

Well, Seth is returning to the air this fall, with a big sponsor backing the program. And Phillips Lord, who was "Seth," and has been connected with "Gang Busters" more recently, will once more be saying "Start it off, Ma."

John Barrymore told Twentieth Century-Fox that he just wouldn't play unless his wife played too—in "Hold That Co-Ed." They wanted John, so they had to take Elaine. An incident was written in especially for her, based on her meeting with him in New York, when she interviewed him for her college paper. But—the whole thing has been handled so that that incident can be removed without affecting the story.

"The Road to Reno" goes on and on, at Universal. They'd thought it would be finished in 24 days. But then, her tests took 17 days, (for two reels) instead of half of one. Miss Hampton is determined to return to the screen, from which she has been absent for ten years.

ODDS AND ENDS—Carole Lombard had a lot of fun when she took over the publicity department at Selznick-International, and her next picture, "Made for Each Other," got a lot of publicity . . . Edgar Bergen has to report to an insurance company when he leaves town, telling just what provisions have been made for Charlie McCarthy's safety while he's away—because Charlie is insured for $10,000 . . . Paul Taylor, the man who made choruses popular on the air, thought last week that someone had stolen the trailer in which he departs for the country after the Bing Crosby broadcasts—and remembered, just before calling the police, that he'd let his daughter use it for a Camp Fire Girls' outing.

For as little as 25 cents you may insert a CLASSIFIED AD in the columns of The Eccentric. Try one when you want to buy or sell, locate a house or sell one, or for hiring a maid. Telephone 11 before Wednesday, noon each week. —(Adv.)

Replace Flying Weather Men

Balloon meteorographs soon will replace private contract aviators at the job of going aloft at airports throughout the United States to get reports on temperature, pressure and humidity, according to announcement by the Federal Weather Bureau. Employes of Transcontinental Western Airlines are pictured above in Chicago examining one of the new "flying robots."

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

July 11, 1938

Present: Mr. Page, Mrs. Henry S. Booth, Mr. Guy Smith, Mrs. Guy Smith, Mr. George Sieger, Mr. Lyman Craig, Dr. N. Clarke, Mrs. N. Clarke, Mr. C. Welch, Mrs. C. Welch, Mr. K. Martin, Mrs. K. Martin, Mr. E. F. Wineman, Mrs. E. F. Wineman, Mr. E. S. Sikorski, Dr. W. O. Merrill, Mrs. W. O. Merrill.

Meeting called to order by Mr. Bromley.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Treasurer's report read and approved.

Moved by Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Guy Smith that Mr. Bromley succeed himself.

Moved by Mr. Page, seconded by Mr. George Sieger that nominations be closed.

Report by W. A. Shunk—School enrollment for school showing also the resident and non-resident enrollment for the school year 1937-38.

The contemplated purchase of lots was discussed at length. The concensus of opinion was opposed to the requisition of the property in question.

Moved by Mr. Craig, supported by Mr. Booth that the property be purchased by vote.

3—for purchase.

Moved by Mr. Vaughan, seconded by Mr. Booth that we dispose of the old school house and ground across the road.

Vote unanimous.

Shunk's salary set for $275.00 per month for one year.

Meeting Adjourned.

PERRY A. VAUGHAN,
Secretary.

Cheerful Deadhead

Filling Station Attendant — "Here comes another L. W. W. customer."

Patron—"What's that?"

Attendant — "Motorist who wants only information, wind and water."

ORDINANCE NUMBER 243
City of Birmingham
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE

The City of Birmingham Ordains:—

That Article 3 of Ordinance Number 221 be amended by adding thereto a section to be known as Section 301 (c), said Section 301 (c) to read as follows:—

Section 301

(c) Property described as Part of N W ¼, Sec. 25, T 2 N, R 10 E, described as:

Beginning at N W corner said Sec. 25, thence South 889 ft.,

thence East 220 ft. to point of beginning of this description;

thence South 240 ft.,

thence East to a point 300 ft. distant from Woodward Avenue,

thence Southeast and parallel to Woodward Avenue to South line of Jewett property;

thence East 318 ft. to Woodward Avenue;

thence Northwest along Woodward Avenue 932.4 ft.,

thence West 413 ft. to point of beginning,

is hereby included in Multiple Family Residence District.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication after the passage thereof.

This ordinance made and passed by the Commission of the City of Birmingham, this 1st day of August, A. D. 1938.

JOHN E. MARTZ,
Mayor.
HAZEL DENISON,
Deputy Clerk.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County on the 13th day of July, A. D. 1938.

Present, Hon. James H. Lynch, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Peter L. Melotire (Melntyre), Deceased.

Clifford S. McIntyre having filed in said court a petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to the petitioner or to some other suitable person.

It is Ordered, That the 8th day of August, A. D. 1938, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition;

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

JAMES H. LYNCH,
Judge of Probate.

A True Copy.
LEAH KOCH (MARTIN),
Deputy Register of Probate.
16-17-18

TWO IN ONE

By Marjorie Elaine Porter

Little puppies have big ears, that's why one has to be so careful of his speech when the pup is around! Especially is this true, if the family pet is just at the formative stage when he is acquiring his vocabulary. The English-speaking world is indebted to Wilfred J. Funk of Southampton, N. Y., for calling to attention the fact that dogs have vocabularies, and that the canine "recognition vocabulary" includes 60 words.

Miss Porter

Further research enabled Mr. Funk to announce Monday that he has compiled a dog dictionary of 204 words, which he claims are understood by dogs of superior mentality. He was able to complete this work, Mr. Funk said, after interviewing dogs in all walks of life, front walks, back walks and sidewalks.

At a New York shelter, where he called, Mr. Fun: said he discovered that dogs who had "seen better days," or were moving in the top social ranks, were easy to detect after chatting with them. Alley dogs have little or no vocabulary, the lexicographer noted.

All of which raises an important question in the mind of every conscientious dog-owner as to how to give the family pet a good education. It is an item that should henceforth be included in every household budget. How else is even the most intelligent dog to learn the 204 words in Mr. Funk's dictionary?

There should be more educational opportunities for bright puppies. Heredity may be overcome in the mongrel of dubious family heritage, if he is given a chance to study. Take him to the public library the next time you go, and don't make him wait outside, let him come in and browse around among the shelves.

Who knows, the time may yet come when there will be language classes for dogs from some of the higher intellectual circles? But in the meantime, one may begin the dog's education by easy stages at home. It should be simple with puppies. Give the young pup short lessons. Don't try to crowd the puppy mind as it may result later in serious psychological consequences.

Don't waste time teaching your pup to sit up and beg, or to shake hands. How much more constructive and to his future advantage it will be to test his vocabulary! Give him a few new words each day. If he learns the words, be satisfied. Don't expect him to spell them.

With an old dog, the new trick of becoming dictionary-minded may be more difficult to acquire. Don't urge him. Go to your nearest dealer and buy a copy of Mr. Funk's dictionary for dogs, and leave a copy of it lying around where he is likely to come upon it. After dinner, when he is looking about for something to read, say pleasantly, "By the way, Fido dear, are you familiar with the marvelous work Wilfred Funk is doing for you doggies?" Or, better still, place his favorite bone upon the book, so that he will be sure to see it when he settles down for his evening gnaw.

Another important point is to be careful of one's own vocabulary when helping the dog to acquire his. Avoid careless and incorrect English. Don't, above all things, insult his intelligence by using baby talk. Remember, his future depends upon you.

Many a dog's life may be ruined by early environment.

Let the slogan be, "A Dictionary for Every Dog!"

By Carol Dwelley

Everyone is in bed. Uncle Sticky and Aunt Dilly, being guests at your summer home, occupy the master bedroom. Father has been forced into the attic. The children are sleeping dormitory style with cousins, Fibber and Whiny. You perch on the lumpy couch downstairs, waiting for Oldest Girl and Cousin Horrid and their dates to return from the dance. You doze, wondering how to be tactful through another day . . . that fight the smaller children had before dinner was AWFUL . . . too bad Cousin Whiny has a black eye . . . he shouldn't have pushed your little darling off the dock though.

Miss Dwelley

You're awake! The girls have come in and are rummaging in the ice box. Oldest Girl speaks: "Well, did you have a good time?

Cousin Horrid yawns before replying, "Yeah—it was all right, Aren't those dances poky though? Can you imagine their not knowing how to do the Big Apple. I almost died. That's old stuff by now."

"I don't care," retorts Oldest Girl, a trifle grimly. "Mother says I can go there any time this summer and Bill wants to take me, so it'll be fun."

"Huh," sniffs her cousin, "You should worry whether your mother lets you go or not. Back home I go 'round with college boys all the time. I have a girl friend and if mother asks too many questions I say they're her uncle and she tells her mother the same thing about me."

This is ENOUGH! You go to the kitchen and tell the girls that they're to sleep on the porch. You hint rather strongly that now is as good a time as any for them to retire and let others do the same. Next day when Oldest Girl is sulky for several hours because you refuse, in horror, to let her buy lipstick, you realize that Cousin Horrid had said much more than you had heard. THAT young lady, incidentally, "just happens"' to run into Oldest Girl's friend, Bill, and he takes her sailing and they're gone most of the day. You and your daughter are BOTH fit to be tied after that.

Strangely enough, the four smaller children have established a kind of armed truce, and play together fairly well throughout the day. Father takes the parents out in the boat in the afternoon and you have time to do some marketing and mending and even wash your hair.

You are sitting on a ledge of rock, drying your locks in the sun when little Fibber comes up to you. Determined to be pleasant, you smile.

"Hello dear," you say. "Did you come to keep auntie company?"

"Haw," he replies. And, after he has seated himself beside you he adds, as a sort of afterthought, "Your hair looks funny that way gee!"

You try again. After all, the little monster is your nephew and there must be SOME good in him. "Where are the rest of the children?" you ask.

"Haw," he again replies, and in the same off-hand manner, he remarks, "I guess they took that old man's boat and went out to find the grown-ups."

"WHAT?" You screech, in alarm. It looks as though it might storm and the idea of those three little children alone in a boat terrifies you.

Fibber warms to his subject. "Yes," he vows, solemnly, "they took the boat n'they tried to make me come too but I said no. I said I was going to stay with my auntie n'talk. Where ya goin', auntie? C'n I come too? Buy me an ice cream cone auntie?" His voice trails off as you dash to the car.

White of face you whiz out of the driveway, your one thought to reach the Coast Guard station as soon as you can. Those three babies alone in a boat! Far ahead of you, down the road, you see a group of children playing, and a lump enters your throat as you step on the gas.

WELL FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE! Weakly, you apply the brakes as your two children, followed by Cousin Whiny, detach themselves from the group and dash to the car. It turns out that they haven't been NEAR the water all day; that Fibber got mad at them because they wouldn't play what he wanted to.

"Pile in and we'll go get some eats," you command, when you can speak at all. And there is a gleam in your eye when you add, "And I'll have a surprise for Cousin Fibber when we get home, too."

LIVE and LEARN

by Alice Ann Sanders

Maurice's car refused to start so he called to Mary, his wife, to tow him with their oil truck in which he delivered oil.

"Now, as soon as the car starts I will honk the horn and stop as soon as you can because I simply have to be on time at lodge tonight. My speech opens the program and its on tardiness. So many of the guys have been late to meetings lately and we thought a good talk might help some," explained Maurice.

Mary climbed into the truck and eased it into the road. She went several blocks, listening carefully for the signalling horn but to no avail. Finally, when she had gone a few miles into the country she became suspicious that all was not well and pulling up beside the road looked back to discover that Maurice and his car were not there.

She quickly turned around and hurried back into town where she found the car standing in exactly the same spot she had last observed it when she climbed into the truck.

A neighbor came running out to explain that the rope had broken the first thing and after Maurice had blown the horn, shouted at her and done everything but jump up and down when she failed to return, he had started on the run for the lodge hall where he would be at least a half hour late.

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