

Marrying Nets Fortune

Freeman of Yuma Hears 26,000 Couples Say 'I Do' in Nine Years

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another to show their appreciation to Justice Freeman.

PUMPS HIS HAND

Tom Mix, of course, kissed only his bride, Mabel Hubbell. But he pumped Earl Freeman's hand right plenty, and Dr. Franklyn Thorpe thanked him warmly after the words had been droned which made him the husband of Mary Astor.

As far as the records show, Elaine Barrio is the only bride who failed to peck the cheek or lips of the veteran marrying justice.

"But, you know," said the former Justice Freeman the other day, "I led a dog's life. Getting out of bed at all hours of the night was bad. I'd have to wake wide up. Couldn't marry a couple half asleep. And it wore my health down."

RETIRE FROM GAME

The outcome was that Justice Freeman did not choose to run again for office. He threw his

SOLICITORS BUILD UP ARIZONA MARITAL TRADE



Always on the alert for prospective bridal couples, Dorothy Nicholson, left, and Lena Buck, watch the corridors of Yuma's County Courthouse and buttonhole any benedict-to-be. Their winning ways build up business for Justice

Winn, who is pictured with his two solicitors near the sign which directs couples to his basement courtroom for the marital knot.

Times photo



"TIDY TOPPERS"

take a warm road to Spring!

\$22.50 to \$39.50

"Tidy Toppers" we call them... because they are so clean-cut, so meticulously tailored... like the casual topcoats British gentlemen sport come Spring! They're snug enough for right now... light enough to do a good job of Spring and Summer coating later. Sketched from the group are: Left, a copy of a beautiful English tweed in grey, blue or brown combinations, lined with sturdy "Earl-Glo" (\$22.50)... Right, a soft, fluffy fleece, with two little side vents at the bottom of the coat... Lupin blue, California gold, Honey tan (\$35). Several other styles to choose from, sizes 12 to 18.

THE WOMAN'S SHOP
Second Floor

Desmond's
616 Broadway
Seventh and Hope
5500 Wilshire Boulevard
Westwood Village and Long Beach

NEW STORE HOURS

Desmond's Downtown Stores now open from 9:30 to 5:30. Westwood Village & Wilshire Bldg., 10:00 to 6:00, except Saturday, 10:00 to 5:00

NEW BOARD OF ENGINEERS TO STUDY TRAFFIC MISHAPS

Formation of a board of inquiry to study traffic accidents from an engineering standpoint to correct faulty driving will result from recommendations made by the Board of Public

Works, President Ritter announced today as plans got under way to draft a new State law designed to strengthen regulations covering issuance of drivers' licenses.

MAKE-UP OF BOARD

The board of inquiry, to operate under supervision of the Public Works Co-ordinating Traffic Committee in Los Angeles, will consist of three engineers to be chosen by the Board of Public Works, Board of Public Utilities and the Transportation and Street Traffic Division.

Members will inspect scenes of all major traffic accidents and report findings with recommendations designed to prevent repetitions.

NEW LAW PLANNED

Preparation of the new law covering license issuance for auto and truck drivers will begin today in County Counsel Mattoon's department and when completed will be passed on to the Legislature.

The new legislation, if approved, will provide rigid tests of driving skill for applicants and will bar renewals of licenses for those with past traffic law violation records.

Drafting of the law was ordered by the Board of Supervisors.

Suicide May Be Kidnap Suspect

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house 300 miles north of here and put the finger on Rogers," Devine said.

OFFER REFUSED

Sberne is held in the County Jail in lieu of \$40,000 bond, awaiting trial on charges of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to commit murder and four counts of robbery.

His offer to accompany officers was not accepted for fear that, if he were released on bond, he might flee from this country, Devine said.

Devine said Chicago friends of Sberne had raised \$20,000 to retain attorneys in an effort to have his bail reduced from \$40,000 to \$20,000. Local prosecutors, however, frustrated this move.

After this move failed, Devine said he learned from undercover sources, Rogers and an Italian companion had fled to Tacoma.

"Sberne in an unguarded moment told me his local jobs had been merely to get together a stake for an attempted kidnapping up north," Devine said. "I believe Rogers hooked up with another companion after Sberne's arrest to carry out the proposed kidnapping to raise money to release Sberne and allow him to flee the country."

"I later learned, however, that Rogers's companion got cold feet at the last minute and returned to Los Angeles. The day after he returned here the Mattison boy was kidnapped."

Federal agents, called into the investigation by Capt. S. J. McCaleb, were reported to have taken pictures, fingerprints and statements of several witnesses to Tacoma.

Loyola Students Give Play Tonight

The Del Rey Players, composed of students studying dramatics at Loyola University, tonight will present "Mr. Grant," a biography of the famous American general, at the Wilshire-Ebell Theater, 4400 Wilshire Boulevard. Jane Walsh, screen actress, will take the leading feminine part.

Marie Prevost to Be Cremated

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a post-mortem examination started Saturday night.

Although preliminary examination of the body indicated that death was due to natural causes, induced by acute alcoholism, Dr. Webb pointed out that considerable chemical analysis remains before any definite conclusions can be drawn. The body is still in the county morgue, pending completion of Dr. Webb's examination.

NO DATE SET

Coroner Nance has set no date for an inquest.

"I will decide if an inquest is necessary after I receive and study Dr. Webb's report," Coroner Nance said.

At the same time, Kenneth Harlan, divorced husband of the former actress, was shocked to learn of her death.

"I was upset and shocked to learn of my former wife's death," Harlan said. "I was surprised to hear of the circumstances under which she died. We hadn't been in touch with each other for some time."

Harlan, former actor, is now a director.

NEAR POVERTY

Investigation into the actress' death disclosed that she was living in near poverty, according to police.

When her body was discovered by a houseboy at the apartment-house in which she lived her only companion was a pet dog.

FIVE BROTHERS MEET BY CHANCE

Family Separated in 1916 by World War

Separated in 1916 by the World War, five brothers met yesterday in Los Angeles for the first time in twenty-one years.

And the reunion was entirely by chance, according to Sam Sofia, 46 years of age, eldest of the group, who with his brother Louis, 37, sailed for France in 1916 leaving three brothers behind.

Sam later settled in Fond du Lac, Wis., and Louis made his home in Escanaba, Mich. Recently both decided to visit their brother Tom, 34, of 4264 Halldale avenue.

On arrival they found Robert, 30, and Mack, 23, in Los Angeles on a brief vacation from Marcus, Wash.

All of the brothers are married with the exception of Mack, who was considered the stranger of the group inasmuch as he was but 2 years of age when the brothers separated.

high and everything looked pleasant for the new office-holder.

But Justice Winn had overlooked the clergy of Yuma—or at least a portion of the clergy. They had no idea in mind of giving up without a battle.

If Justice Winn could have three solicitors, they could have a hundred.

But that's another angle to the Arizona marriage mill, which we will take up.

(Continued tomorrow)

New Signals Recommended

Police Commission Reports Referred to Council Committee

Reports of the Police Commission recommending the installation of traffic-control devices at various intersections have been referred by the City Council to its Traffic and Lighting Committee.

INSTALLATIONS URGED

The reports urge automatic traffic signals at Twenty-third street and Adams Boulevard, automatic traffic signals at Avenue 64 and Pasadena avenue, push-button signals at Colorado Boulevard and El Modena avenue and arterial stop signs at Melrose avenue and Windsor Boulevard, Strathern street and Tujunga avenue, Melrose avenue and Wilton Place, Melrose avenue and Larchmont Boulevard.

STOP SIGNS ORDERED

In accordance with Police Commission recommendations, the Council has ordered the installation of arterial stop signs at the following intersections: University avenue and Thirty-fifth Place, Hoover street at Thirty-fifth street and Thirty-fifth Place, Bellevue avenue and Occidental Boulevard, Hoover street at Twenty-third, Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets, Sichel street and Manitou avenue, University avenue and Thirtieth street, La Brea avenue and Oakwood avenue, Normandie avenue and Forty-second street, Central avenue and Seventy-sixth Place, Eighth avenue and Fifty-ninth street, Cole and Romaine avenues, Monte Vista street and Avenue 53, Irvington Place and Avenue 54.

Variance Plea Due

Among the hearings set for consideration by the City Planning Commission tomorrow afternoon is one for a variance to permit drilling for oil on thirty-one acres on the west side of Eubank avenue, north of O street and east of Banning Boulevard in Wilmington.

Rheba Crawford's Sign Approved

Approval has been given by the City Planning Commission to the erection by Rheba Crawford of a twenty-five-foot vertical neon sign, bearing the title "Rheba Crawford," on top of her church, at the corner of Magnolia and Twenty-fifth streets, it was stated yesterday by William M. Thorpe, director-manager of the department.

Crossing Guards to Use Red Flags

Acting on the suggestion of Sheriff Biscailuz the Board of Supervisors has authorized the use of red flags for more than 400 W.P.A. workers employed as school crossing lifeguards to help slow down traffic. The flags, it was stated, are easier to handle than wood stop-sign boards originally planned.

The BROADWAY-HOLLYWOOD



HELENA RUBINSTEIN

throat cream, trial size, 2.00

If you would know the secret of a young throat at any age, consult Miss Sheila Astley of Helena Rubinstein's New York Salon who will be with us all this week. The special Throat and Neck Cream in trial size jars will be featured, \$2.00. Toiletries, Street Floor.



The BROADWAY-HOLLYWOOD

seen together—the
PRINT DRESS and
dark furred coat

Spring companions . . these two favored fashions! The printed crepe dress will enliven your costume as surely as a bouquet of flowers! It is one of a surprisingly smart group at \$19.75. The dark coat is of Forstmann's wool . . boasts a great fox collar and will see you through spring and summer. One of an individual collection, \$89.50. On Third Floor.

