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Use of the drunkometer will be voluntary and its evidence will be acceptable in court.

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PITTSBURGH (AP) - The home consumers swung to of United States' biggest commer- and natural gas. He estimated cial coal producer says the they lost nearly 50 per cent of greatest boom in the industry's the normal market. history lies ahead-but opera- Little improvement can

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Coalmen Face 7 Lean Years

tors must survive seven more expected in the next seven filter through a movie star's lean years to enjoy it. years, Pursglove says, but after fingers? Joseph Pursglove, research that coal will have a positive In the gilded lore of Hollyand development vice-president future of Pittsburgh Consolidated Coal Co., says electric firms in the

growing, but not fast enough to mills grind out the tales of how United States will be demandtake up the slack being felt by an unknown girl becomes ing coal in unprecedented coal men, according to Purs- wealthy celebrity. But what The coal business, he say re learning more and more ball is over? suffered hard blows in the last that cheap water power is geteight years as railroads and ing scarcer in the United States and of course coal is taking over, he says.

REE OF RAILROADS

During the lean years still come, Pursgiove says coal men He says coal men are longer tied to the apron string of the railroads and can transport much of their coal by suspended sentence.

River barges also are being used more and more with the trucks taking care of the shutle service, he says, adding: "And of course coal by pipe-

SCREEN & Before Boom Says Magnate

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP) - What happens when fame and fortune

wood, great stress is placed on The electric power industry is the Cinderella story. Publicity However, electric utilities happens to Cinderella after the

Hollywood hates to take glance behind at the once-famous personalities who get lost in the constant search for new faces. But occasionally the faded names can't be overlooked. That happened recently when Mae Clarke was brought into court on charges of fraud in obtaining \$39 of state unem-

ployment payments. Miss Clarke, a top leading lady in the '30s, was given a 20-day

Lives Alone

tiny apartment, where she lives alone amid the mementoes of her film past.

How does a player slip from Still lovely at 42 she missed three TV roles because she didn't

look old enough. Miss Clarke said all of a sudden the roles stopped coming. "There was no particular reason," she said. "I got along well

with the other actors and the crews, and the public still wanted to see me. But the jobs didn'

"So I just waited. It's that way in the acting business: A part can turn up tomorrow that will put you right back on top again For Mae it was a long wait. She

had starred in rictures like Frankstein and Public Enemy.

Double Life

"During the past 10 years, I've led a double life," she explained. "I've worked as secretary and receptionist for the war department, and a couple of doctors but always with the agreement that if an acting job came up,

I'd be free to accept it." She once earned as high as \$1.500 a week. When you ask where the money went, she smiles: "It's absent but accounted for."

Unlike some stars, she didn't throw her money away. Much of it went to support five members of her family. The rest disappeared in 10 years of scant work.

Hollywood is full of people like Mae Clarke. Some live comfortably in retirement. Among them: Janet Gaynor, married to a designer; Theda Bara, to former director; Louise Fazenda, to producer Hal Wallis: Corinne Griffith, to George Marshall of the Washington Redskins.

Some are in other lines of work. William Haines and Mary Miles Minter became interior decorators. Rod Laroque sells

real estate. but most of the former stars still pursue the only life they know-acting. They do bit roles in movies or play in TV films, life shows and soap operas.

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