Movie Column

...by Bob Thomas

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Maurice Chevalier announced details today of his plan to stage a farewell tour and then end his career.

Here, for his first Hollywood movie in 22 years, the famed Frenchman said this is how he'll do it:

"As soon as I finish making "Gigi", I will prepare for a farewell tour. This will be the epitome of the one-man show. I will have no orchestra, not even a piano on the stage. I will sing my songs with tape recordings for the background.

"I have already tried this show out in Swithzerland in the French language. Now I will put it into English and break in the show in Scandinavia. I always try out my shows in Scandinavia because they have very friendly audiences there and they understand English very well.

STARTED IN HOLLYWOOD

"If the show is well received, then I would take it to London for a stand. If people like it there, I would like to bring it to Hollywood to play just for the pros, perhaps in a little theatre off Vine Street. Then I would play it in San Francisco and Boston and a few weeks in New York.

"That would be the end of my career as a live entertainer."

He said he would then make a few pictures in Hollywood and then retire.

"I think that would be the right way to end my career," he said. "I would finish as an international performer in the place where I started as one."

ENTERTAINER FOR 58 YEARS

"I think it is time I quit. After all, I have been entertaining for 58 years. Now I am 69 years old — not far from 70. I am pretty far along. Either I will have to keep topping myself or I have to start doing something new."

He is quitting as a live entertainer, he said, because he can no longer top himself. What can he do beyond an absolutely one-man show?

But films are another matter, and he hopes to show something new to the movie makers. His first big step was "Love in the Afternoon", in which the straw hat, jutting underlip and other Chevalier trade marks were missing. He sang no songs and played the father of a full-grown girl, Audrey Hepburn.

"I hope this will open up a whole new field for me," said Chevalier.

His last film in Hollywood was "Folies Bergere" which he made in 1935.

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New Zealand Fights Crime With Paroles

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (Reuters)—New measures aimed at reducing crime in New Zealand are to be launched by the department of justice. They include development of efforts toward matrimonial conciliation and increased use of the probation service among the 17-to-21-year-old age group.

Files of the justice department show that broken homes feature in the social histories of offenders with disturbing frequency.

Justice Minister John Marshall said that although it is much better if efforts to prevent the separation of parents are begun with the first signs of trouble, matrimonial conciliation can take place even at the stage when one party to the marriage has brought his or her problem to the law courts.

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The justice department now proposes to appoint probation officers in charge of this work in each centre, and provide each with a panel of voluntary conciliators, to be selected individually to suit each case.

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LIL' ABNER'S FATHER — Newspaper cartoonist Al Capp, his wife, son Colin (left), and nephew Todd Capp are shown on their return from Europe where Capp visited London, Oslo, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Paris and other capitals as chairman of the Cartoonists Committee of the People-to-People Foundation. Capp, who is chairman of the committee, will make a report of his good-will tour to President Eisenhower in the near future.

BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

Mr. Sharpe Varies From Bridge Ethics; Champion Defeats Doubled Contract

One very fine thing about bridge is the high ethical standard maintained by most players. Of course, as in every other activity, there are a few whose tactics at times come close to the boundary line between ethical and unethical play. In today's hand, the line was crossed.

When Mr. Abel reached three no trump, Mr. Sharpe promptly doubled. Most players use a double in this situation (where neither defender has entered the auction) to ask for a lead of the first suit bid by dummy. That is the way Mr. Sharpe was using it and that is the way Mr. Champion understood it.

But Mr. Sharpe was not satisfied to let the play begin in normal fashion. No sooner had Miss Brash made the final pass than he asked for a review of the bidding.

Properly, such a request comes only from the opening leader, in this case Mr. Champion. He may be assumed to desire this information for the purpose of selecting his opening lead. However, when the request came from Mr. Sharpe, and particularly when he nodded sagely at the mention of Miss Brash's one spade bid, it could be assumed that his purpose was to point up the fact that the first suit bid by dummy was spades.

Now, Mr. Champion has faults at the bridge table, chief among which is his arrogant criticism of his partners' bidding or play. But he is a strictly ethical player. The moment his partner doubled three no trump, he made up his mind to lead the deuce of spades. He did lead that card and Mr. Sharpe was able to win the first five tricks. On any other opening lead Mr. Abel would have made his contract.

But Mr. Champion was not through. "Sharpe," he said, "I led a spade on this hand with clear conscience because I had already mentally selected that lead before you asked for a review—and I know my opponents realize the truth of that statement. But if you ever pull that gimmick again when I'm your partner I'll purposely avoid the lead you want.

"Besides," he added, typically, "it's insulting to me for you to have any doubt as to whether I will make the right lead."

South dealer
Neither side vulnerable

NORTH
♠ J 9 8 7 4
♥ K 7
♦ 10 9
♣ Q 10 8 5

WEST (Mr. Champion)
♠ 2
♥ Q J 10 9 8 2
♦ 7 6 5
♣ 7 4 2

EAST (Mr. Sharpe)
♠ A K Q 10 5
♥ 5 4
♦ 8 4 3
♣ A 9 3

SOUTH (Mr. Abel)
♠ 6 3
♥ A 6 3
♦ A K Q J 2
♣ K J 6

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	Dbl.
All Pass			

Missing Pair Discovered Safe

EDMONTON (AP) — Two Americans missing for five days in northern British Columbia were found unharmed Tuesday.

The RCAF here said Tuesday night a terse wireless report said the men, on a hunting expedition, were found at Dease Lake, 700 air miles northwest of Edmonton.

They are H. H. Koessler, Missoula, Mont., lumberman, and Dr. W. Duncan of Seattle.

Boys Who Died in Fire "Playing With Matches"

OCEAN FALLS, B.C. (CP) — Two little boys who died in their burning home here September 17 had been throwing lighted matches from their bedroom window, Vernon Oulton, 11, told a coroner's jury.

The victims were Bertie Andrews, 6, and his brother Tommy, 3.

The remaining three children of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Andrews Johny, 13, Sanda, 10, and Lelie, 4, — escaped. The two girls were downstairs.

Fire Chief Victor O. Anderson said fuel in a storage shed behind the house exploded and two barrels of fuel oil close to the house vaporized and fed the flames.

Vernon Oulton said he went to the Andrews home, listened to a radio program and left with Johnny shortly after 8:30 p.m. They played on a bluff immediately behind the house and from there saw Johnny's two brothers dropping lighted matches from their window onto the path between the house and the storage shed. The boys went in, took the matches away from the children and resumed their play.

This evidence was corroborated by Johnny and Sandra.

Johnny said he later became aware, through the reflection of flames in a nearby house, that his home was afire. His parents were playing bingo at the Legion.

The jury said no one was particularly to blame but parents should not leave children at home unless a competent baby sitter is in charge.

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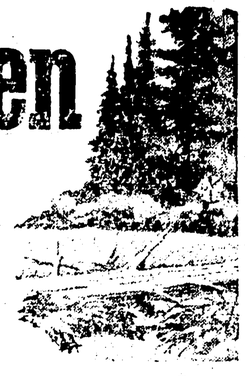
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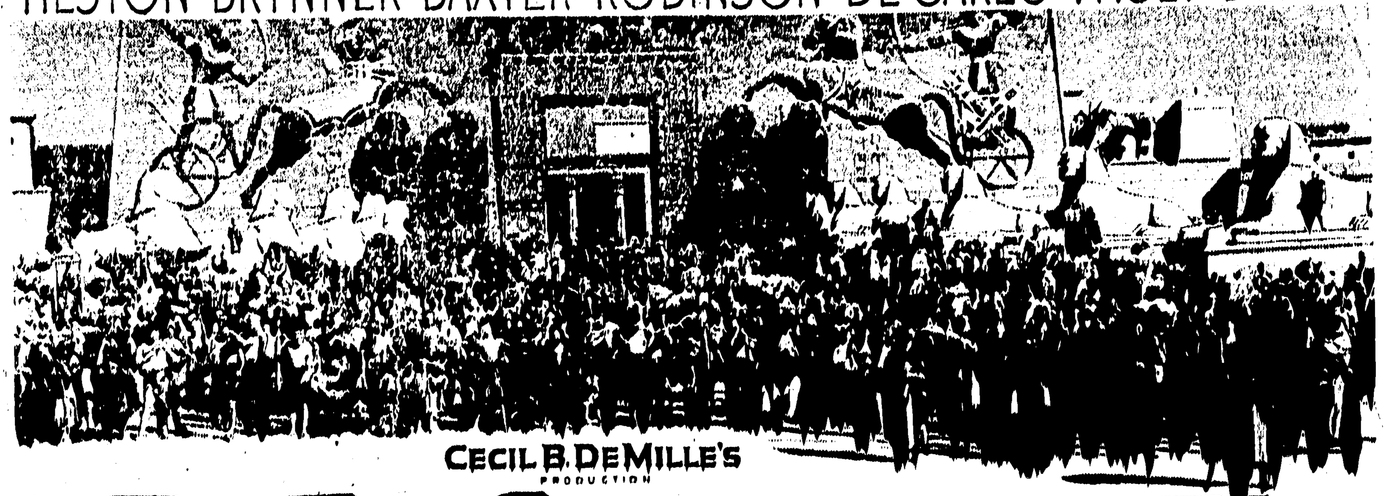
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