

Loving Couples

witty adult comedy

by Terry Dupuis

Shirley MacLaine makes a welcome return to the screen, and James Coburn makes a rare venture into the realm of comedy in a frantic funny film called *Loving Couples*. MacLaine and Coburn portray two doctors who have been married to each other for 10 years. Both of them have successful medical practices, but there are signs that the marriage bonds are weakening.

The trouble starts one afternoon when Dr. MacLaine is out horseback riding. She tends to a young man who has run his car off the road. The guy is not seriously injured, but it is bad enough for him to be hospitalized for a couple of days.

The fellow is quite amorous towards Dr. MacLaine. She resists him for a while but gradually succumbs. The part of the amorous young patient is portrayed by an actor named Stephen Collins, who was recently seen in *Star Trek: The Movie* and *The Promise*.

More trouble rears its head when Collins' girlfriend (played by Susan Sarandon) appears on the scene. She informs Dr. Coburn what his wife has been up to. This is when the movie swings into high gear, with one merry mixup after another.

There is some witty dialogue and wry observations on modern-day California marriage and relationships.

Its kind of an updating of the Doris Day-

Rock Hudson type of comedies which were popular back in the sixties. *Loving Couples* is also slightly reminiscent of a 1968 satire which was called *Divorce American Style*. But the new comedy is far superior.

Shirley MacLaine has established herself in the past as a fine dramatic actress, but she is also well-remembered by filmgoers as a top comedienne in pictures like *The Apartment* and *Irma La Douce*. In *Loving Couples* Shirley demonstrates that she still has not lost any of her comic flair.

Perhaps more surprising is James Coburn's performance. Not noted for screen comedy, he proves to be able to keep pace with MacLaine. He acquits himself notably and turns in a performance brimming with

comic finesse. I never would have suspected Coburn to have any flair for sophisticated comedy.

Stephen Collins and Susan Sarandon are not required to carry the picture as much as MacLaine and Coburn are. They are not yet seasoned professionals. Nevertheless they play the roles of the younger couple quite capably, and their performances are quite engaging.

The director of *Loving Couples* is Jack Smight, who has previously been most noted for large-scale all-star pictures like *Airport 75* and *Midway*.

Like Coburn, he too displays a previously unsuspected skill in being able to handle a witty adult comedy.

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by Carol Crawford

CP Air has announced that its Elan Holidays subsidiary will suspend operations at the end of the 1980 fall season.

Activities will be wound up by mid-December and CP Air itself would assume responsibility for the 2,000 passengers currently booked on Elan packages.

Passengers already signed up for Elan Hawaii, Fiji and Ski Canada West programmes will be placed with other operators.

Barbados

Barbados has its own oil fields and if all goes according to schedule and present expectations the Island will be self-sufficient in oil by 1985. Barbados is also lucky enough to have her own natural gas.

New Owners

Common Brothers Ltd., a British shipping company, has bought the Bahama Cruise Line, owners of the *ssVeracruz*.

Although the acquisition becomes effective at the end of this month, the ship's operation will continue unchanged and Strand Holidays position as exclusive marketing agent in Canada will continue unaffected.

Advance Purchase to Lima

CP Air has introduced an advance purchase excursion fare between Canada and Lima, Peru. Sample is \$979 from Toronto return.

Crack Train

While new rolling stock for Canada's passenger rail services may still be at least a couple of years away, Britain has managed to slash more than 50 minutes from the 400 mile run between London and Glasgow.

On Oct. 6 the first of Britain's Advanced Passenger Trains will serve the two cities in a record four hours and 10 minutes.

Nostalgia

Howard Hughes flying boat, the *Spruce Goose*, will be reinstated to the outside world, after 33 years of camphoration, and put on show beside the *Queen Mary* at Long Beach, California.

The eight-motor prop-driven monster, originally built for troop transportation for WWII, has been aloft but once, and that was a flight by designer, multimillionaire Hughes himself, a one mile hop in Long Beach harbour.

Pan Am to Resume NEW YORK/PARIS Service

After an absence of five years, Pan Am will resume flights between New York and Paris in April of 1981.

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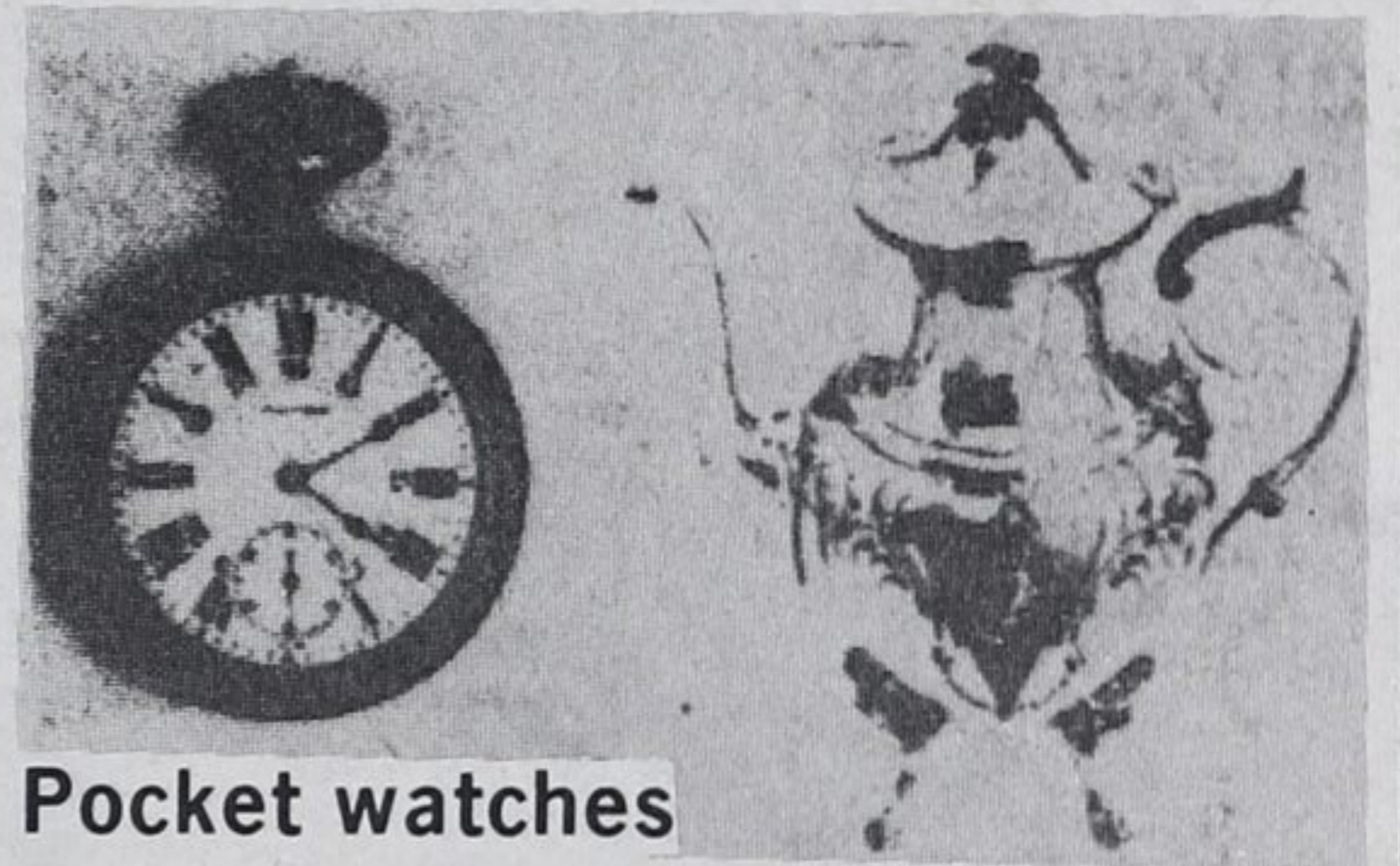
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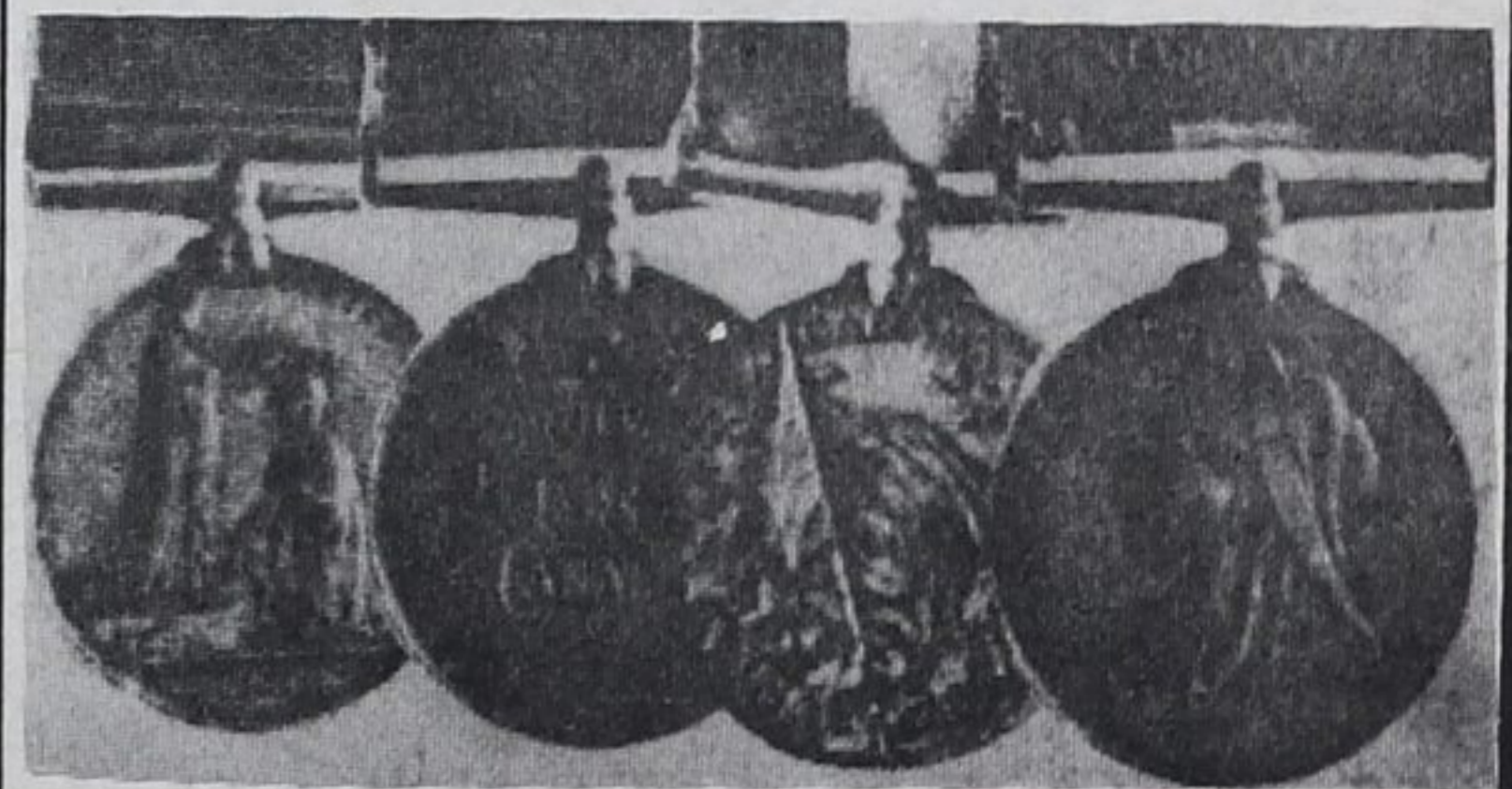


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