Golden-tressed Carole Landis, as lovely Loana of the Shell People, rescues one of the younger generation during a sudden earthquake which is pictured dramatically in Hal Roach's "One Million B. C.," prehistoric film drama

Eddie Cantor comes to town.....on the screen for the first time in two years. The picture is "The Story of FORTY LITTLE MOTHERS" which shows at the New Lyceum on Monday and Tuesday, May 13 and 14. Cantor, who heretofore was identified with choruses, ensembles, gags, gals and rhythm, changes his technique in this picture and emerges as an actor. In fact, he sings only one song and that is a lullaby, "Little Curly Hair in a High Chair," which he sings to a baby.

'The Story of FORTY LITTLE MOTHERS" is based on the French comedy "Monsieur Petiot," and is the story of a timid professor who inherits a baby and a lot of problems. The story is one that blends pathos, comedy and even drama, which is far afield from the antics of Cantor as his thousands of fans have known him.

Also lending dignity to the production is the presence of Judith Anderson, Broadway stage star, in the cast. She plays the head of a girl's boarding school where most of Eddie's troubles transpire, and is in effect the heavy of the story.

Also featured in the cast are Ralph Morgan, Rita Johnson, Bonita Granville, Diana Lewis and Nydia Westman together with eight-months-old Baby Quintanilla, hailed as an acting "find" that will be the talk of movie audiences for months to come. The production was directed by Busby Berkeley.

The talelst order a movie producer ever handed his staff was recently given by Hal Roach to art director Danny Hall. "Build me a garden spot that could have existed a million years ago," said Roach. "To be more exact, "One Million B. C.," the prehistoric film drama coming on Wednesday and Thursday, May 15 and 16 to the New Lyceum Theatre through United Artists release.

Without blinking an eye, Hall set to work making plans for transforming stage 3 on the Roach lot into a Garden of Eden, the largest construction job in the history of the studio.

His first move was to hire D. H. Mauerhan, specialist in landscaping movie sets, to evolve the foliage and fruits to be used on the set. During the three months Hall required to build the background and rock formations to match the Fire Valley, Nevada, location, Mauerhan's research staff combed the Geographical Society for zoological specimens representative of the period of the film.

Where there was no scientific precedent for fruits and foliage, such as fern and leaf marks on prehistoric rocks and coal, the staff conceived its own ideas of primeval plant life. For actual plants used, there are specimens from every continent, imported especialy for the picture. In the few cases where they died in transport for lack of native soil and climate, ruber molds were constructed and replicas made.

Horticultural Wizardry

A stand-by for the landscape designer, Mauerhan revealed, is the domestic sycamore tree, whose gnarled trunk and roots are adaptable to a multitude of variations. The largest item on the "One Million B. C." set is the top of a fifty foot sycamore. Two days and a crew of men were required to cut it, so that it would not be damaged.

Transported to the Roach lot, it was fitted with circular eucalyptus leaves taken from a small ornamental bush, and then dressed with Mexican fern on a sword bamboo base. The result is a striking zoological freak, the like of which science has no record.

Prepared for a landslide of criticism from literal minded scientists an dstudents, Mauerhan explains that although the existence of such a tree cannot be scientifically proven, neithr can it be disproved.

"Nature played stranger pranks than Hollywood ever dreamed of," he says. "In our small way, we are merely trying to approximate what it might have been like a million years ago.' '

With capricious Nture as a model, Mauerhan built his imaginary paradise with tropical lushness. He was lavish with ferns, for it is scientifically accepted that they were once a parasitic plant and grew everywhere.

Ten feet high tree ferns were imported from Australia, and giant stag-horn ferns from South America. Multi-fingered aralia leaves, native to Australia, top a sycamore tree with roots built half-way up the trunk, and whose fruit is the domestic banana growing from a ten foot vine. Grotesque, five long caledium, or elephant ears, droop from a fire-razed sycamore stump.

Creed of the Late King George V

The creed of the late King George V of England was as follows: "1. Teach me to obey the rules of the game. 2. Teach me never to cry for the moon; never to cry over spilled milk. 3. Teach me to win if I can; if I cannot, teach me to be a good loser. 4. Teach me to distinguish between sentiment and sentimentality; to esteem the first and despite the second. 5. Teach me never to accept and never to offer false praise. 6. Finally, if I must suffer, may it be like a thoroughbred that goes away by himself in order to suffer in silence.

CUB DEN HOLDS OPEN MEETING

An open meeting for parents was held by Den No. 1 of the Chestertown Cub Pack, Friday evening, May 3rd at the Livingood residence.

Twenty parents and friends attended the meeting. An Indian play was presented and the flute ensemble made its first public appearance. Awards to the Cubs were made by District Boy Scout Commissioner Lee Gill of the Kent County District. Awards were as follows: Gold Arrow, Lion Rank, John Livingood; Bear Badge, Alfred Smith; Wolf Badges to Carl Cooper, Arthur Cooper and Alfred Smith; Registration cards and badges, Conlyn Noland, Harold Williams and William Meredith. Other members of the den are Walker Elinson, Allen Reynolds, Paul Adams and William Hadaway. Officers of the Den are Frederick Livingood, Jr., Den Chief and David Eliason, Assistant Den Chief.

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