

...the wife who ran out of luck faces up to her ordeal

# I don't want your sympathy

By Geoffrey Levy

HER Austrian father Erwin Stein gave her seven names for luck.

And but for the intrusion of two other people—the first a woman, the second a man—life for Marion Thorpe might have been all champagne and roses.

Seeing her face yesterday, her former glacial beauty given way to careworn lines, dark eyes needing sleep, no one can say that fate has not staid old Erwin's plan on its head.

Were he alive today, says a family friend, Erwin Stein would weep for his daughter. But Marion, wife of the embattled Jeremy Thorpe, does not weep for herself.

As she said yesterday, appearing from behind the big black front door of their 10-bedroom Norfolk Hill Gate home. "I really do not want sympathy. All this week she has dispensed tea, but refused to allow her friends to add the sympathy. The strain of the crisis is showing, but Marion Thorpe—48, two years older than her husband—working hard to stay calm. Her old friend Panny Westman, the Yorkshire piano teacher and her co-chairman of the celebrated Leeds International Piano Competition, was playing with her this week, mainly talking music.

### Missed

Before she married the Queen's cousin, the Earl of Harewood, Marion Stein was a rising concert pianist. That she missed an international reputation because of "good" marriage is another bitter-sweet example of how Maria Donata Nanetta Paul-

ina Gustav, Erwin Wilhelm Stein's second luck charm, among friends who have been calling on her is Lady Lyons. The Cambridge-born wife of the Cambridge University and company director Sir Jack Lyons. "Marion will cope," says Lady Lyons, "because she loves her man, and a woman loves her man, what more is there. The Thorpes were married on March 14, 1973, at Paddington register office, after which they celebrated Holy Communion in Faith's Chapel at Westminster Abbey with the Archbishop, Canon Edward Carpenter.

III, of course, was a widower with a small son, Rupert, now six.

His first wife, the former Caroline Alpers, of Harewood, Surrey, a spirited and attractive girl also used to work at Sotheby's, was killed in a car crash in 1970.

They had been married two years. His NEW wife was Marion, Countess of Harewood, for 18

years, the wife of the Queen's cousin.

They had three sons, David, Alexander and Robert, 21 this month. She entered the court in 1967, naming Alexander as mode, Bambi Backwell, sister of perhaps the world's best horse player, Barry Backwell.

Having survived her first major ordeal in 1949 of joining the Royal Family, the new Mrs. Thorpe now had to make her mark as the replacement of an adored wife—some political asset.

She had been alone for eight years before she met Jeremy and she later said: "I was not late at first sight, but he was so obviously the man."

### Influence

The ingredient that brought them together was music—the plays the young man in particular concert against Meira Kempner, who introduced them at a summer party.

Miss Lyons, told on last night: "I know Marion. I know exactly how she will be in these horrible circumstances."

She will say to Jeremy: "I don't want to be with you now. If you don't, then don't."

"She won't try to influence him. She will remain in the background, smile his wife and what men like to call a real woman."

Just the other day, before all this blew up, she told me: "I'm so happy Marion, sometimes I can't believe that it's true. I thought she'd want to live with the most under-standing I've ever known."

"She would go off with him to live in their cottage in Devon for the rest of their lives if necessary."



Tea but no tears: Marion Thorpe fights to stay calm in the face of her husband's ordeal

# Stars thank Ben for 50 years of fun

By Herbert Kretzmer

A SILVER-HAIRED old man, now in his 90th year was fettered yesterday by the high art majority of Britain's theatre as he stepped forward to collect a special award recognizing his half-century of successful playwrighting.

The honours went to the laureate of Laurence Olivier's Standard Drama Awards ceremony.

The award, which has been given to 270 plays, is presented by the Laureate Society of the Savoy Hotel.

An annual award, given on TV last night, is presented by the Laureate Society of the Savoy Hotel.

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# Bessell's regret—being found in such a dump

By Paul Hopkins

OCEANSIDE, California, Wednesday. — Suddenly the world has crowded in on Peter Bessell. For two blissful years he has succeeded in hiding from the mistakes of his past.

But now the past is catching up. The once high-flying Liberal politician and business man does not seem to mind that so much. What does offend him is to have been found living in his rather seedy holiday resort.

Its only sophistication and claim to fame is the Nixon patch up the road at San Clemente where the former President broods.

The rest is all petrol stations, hamburger joints, clapboard bungalows, and fast-rising apartment blocks.

Runaway In the midst of this are a few more of the former President's old London—occupying himself with an occasional finance consultancy job from an old friend in Los Angeles, and writing a book of children's stories.

Nevertheless, he is enjoying his new frequent Press conferences—just like being back at Westminster.

He is a born politician who feels a deep-down need to have his words heeded. And



Bessell: explosive

his words are now being weighed very carefully by those closest to Liberal leader Jeremy Thorpe.

Bessell came into the Thorpe story in a casual way. He tends to change the story around a bit, according to the whims of memory. But he says Mr. Thorpe called upon him one day to deal with the following: Norman Scott, who had been pestering him about his problems with the Social Security.

He agrees that Mr. Thorpe obviously knew the chap rather better than the average troublesome constituent, but otherwise was glad to lend a hand in the leader's hour of need.

From that meeting in late 1966 onwards, until Bessell ceased to be M.P. for Bodmin, Cornwall, in 1970, he paid Scott sums of £25 a week, have his words heeded. And

going up to £100 per week and small lump sums which Scott was later to demand, as of right.

It was at this point, and not before as Bessell has variously suggested and retracted, that he ceased paying the retainers and he claims—Bessell began to get nasty.

Bessell says Scott tried to blackmail him over an alleged affair with a secretary. Scott was shown the door and all contact ceased.

But it is this incident with which the Liberals are making great play.

Bessell sticks to one basic assertion: that the payment had nothing to do with personal threats from Scott.

Frenzied The rest of the story began in a Barnstable courtroom last week when Scott made his frenzied and tearful allegation of an affair with Mr. Thorpe.

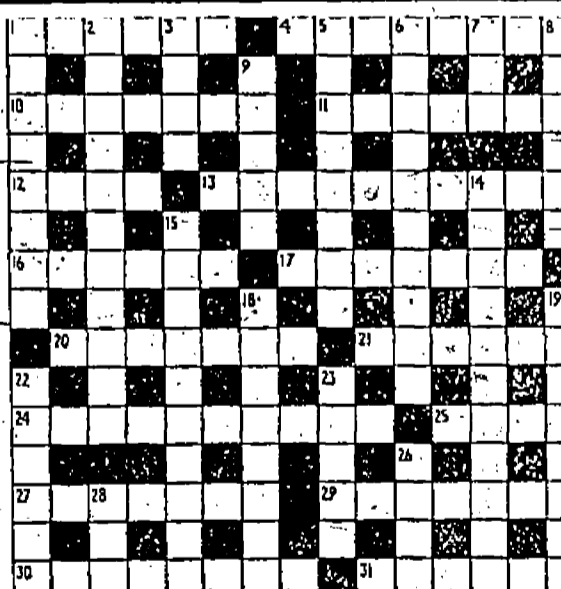
Bessell had left Britain in late 1973 owing creditors £15,000-plus. Until this week only his creditors, their accountants, and his family cared where he had gone to.

But those returns to Scott have become the key mystery in the whole affair and only Bessell has the answers.

Those answers have not always been repeated in the same way twice. And many questions remain unexplained. It will be back on his doorstep tomorrow.

## THE LARGE CROSSWORD

- Across
- End up bringing some fish in, perhaps.
  - Hubb in, we gather, a herb.
  - Back and then it give you further medical attention.
  - He painted the top silver.
  - Also stand and serve.
  - A conversation with the newly admitted patient.
  - That is to say on the bus outside that has show, in which fruit.
  - How long to make, in which fruit.
  - Always embarrassed about being treated with respect.
  - The photographic apparatus used by all before 1900.
  - Not featuring the means by which a doctorate is obtained, or just the opposite.
  - Saw I'd heard.
  - First used a politician is held in.
  - Have to do with a business.
  - Hispanic VHS film titles.
  - Came round for everything about a week back.
- Down
- Good-bye, hope you prosper.
  - Everything gone all right?
  - From which grass grows at Wimbledon.
  - Appears, alas, anti-dog.
  - Will it not grow up a stick?
  - Gracious, that doesn't sound like you.
  - That dog of a computer.
  - Here that makes one fat.
  - It's OK to an extent, but it's a waste, which should doctors in.
  - As can be noticed by a sheeted fellow.
  - Went back to the green plant outside.
  - No longer blamed the padre.



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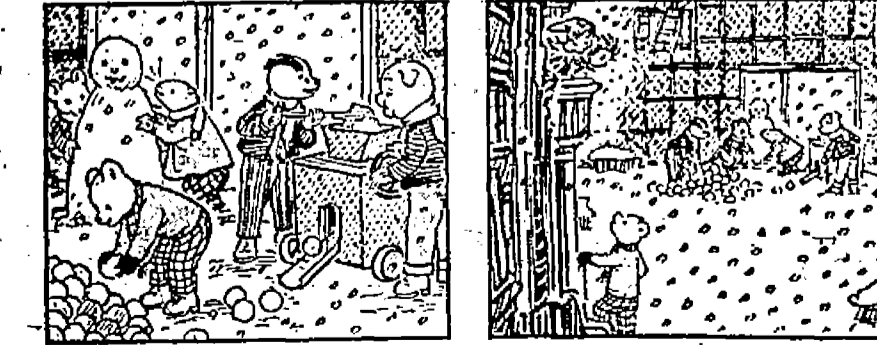
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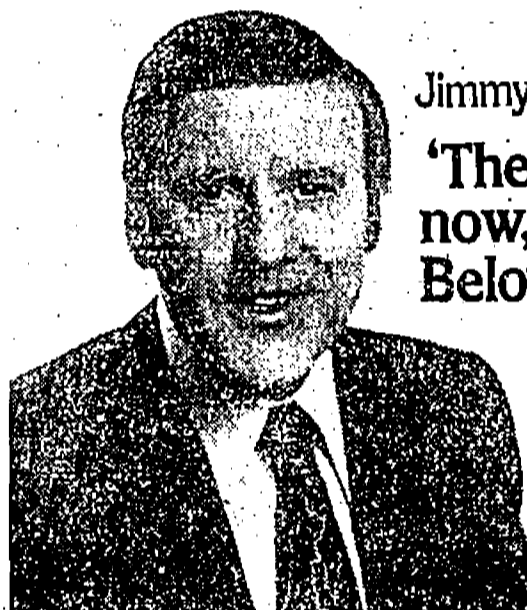
## Rupert and the Secret Snow—33



Soon everyone is hard at work. Bill pours snow into the funnel with his spade, while Algy turns the handle and Rupert stands nearby stacking up the snowballs as they roll from the spout of the snowballs machine. "This beats everything I've ever done," says Bill. "There couldn't be an easier way of making snowballs." "And we're getting on well

too," pipes up Gregory. "Willie and I have almost finished our snowman." Presently Rupert hears voices, calling him and sees Jack and Jenny fitting down from the little cloud. "So you're back!" calls out Rupert, as the two land on a balcony. "Stay there, I've such good news for you!"

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