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WORLD'S OLDEST LIVING LOT SPEAKS

(From Vitagraph to ABC)

by ISABEL DIETZ

The area where we live is one of the most unusual in all of Los Angeles, and we can say that without fear of boasting or exaggeration. Not only does it have a unique topography of hills and dales, housing and people of great ethnic and cultural variety, but it also houses one of the nation's more fascinating businesses, ABC Television. ABC-TV is located at the corner of Prospect and Talmadge on a lot which was at one time Vitagraph Studio. As we know, this general area of the city is filled with entertainment industry history and presence.

KCET, formerly Monogram studios and later Allied Artists, is nearby, and the old Disney buildings where Snow White was animated still exist on Hyperion. Mt. Lee, complete with tower, signalling the first experimental version of television Channel 2, is plainly visible from the hill at the intersection of Franklin and Mayfield, and the Triangle building, at the corner of Fountain and Bates, was the scene of interior shots for Tom Mix movies.

History tells us that the settlement by Europeans of Franklin Hills began with Corporal Vincente Feliz, who led the first settlers to Los Angeles in 1781. Feliz received a Spanish land grant of 6,647 acres, which stretched from the

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Franklin Hills acquired a new, "old" residence in Fox movie set at Los Feliz Hills School.

FOX DISCOVERS FRANKLIN HILLS

by ROSALIND LIEBERMAN

If Shakespeare Bridge prompts notions of fairy tale adventures, it's no accident. The picturesque charm of Franklin Hills has long attracted movie makers to our neighborhood. Walt Disney left his touch on homes and cottages on Griffith Park Boulevard. Earlier still, D.W. Griffith filmed the epic "Intolerance" partly on the lot where ABC Studios now stand. And John Marshall continues to be one of the most popular high school locations of the past half century.

Now Hollywood has discovered the bosky glen and verdant fields of Los Feliz Hills school. Late last December, representatives of the school and Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation contacted Franklin Hills Residents Association to obtain neighborhood support for the use of the school as a location site for the upcoming feature film, "Jack the Bear," starring Danny DeVito.

FHRA board members Tony Michaelis, Don Waldrop and Jessica Tachibana have been monitoring the proceedings.

In an open letter to school neighbors, Ken Sogg, President of the Los Feliz Hills School Governing Council, explained that financial difficulties have led the school to explore various sources of private and public funding, and that the fees derived from this location use would permit the school to continue through the end of the school year.

Kristan Wagner, the location manager for "Jack the Bear," also sought community support in a letter describing production needs. Readers may have already seen the facade-style residential block of circa 1970 Victorian clapboards, a la Oakland. Construction will have taken about ten weeks to complete. Actual filming

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