

GONE WITH THE WIND"



The suspicion of many movie critics and either Louise Beavers or Hattie McDaniels will get the selection of the Mammy role in "Gone With The Wind," is gradually assuming the contour of reality. Though no official verification of this selection has been made yet, it is thought this star of "Imitation Of Life," "Rainbow On The River" and "Life Goes On," is Selznick's "person with more screen experience." There is a fine background against which Miss Beavers' splendid characterizations is etched. Pictured above is Miss Beavers in a scene from "Rainbow On The River."

Executive Mansion
Albany N.Y.

Jan 3rd. 1938 .

Dear Mrs MacDuffie ,

In reading this mornings news I was ever so happy to hear of your good luck for 1938a,
And I hasten to send you my best wishes and every success in " Gone with the Wind " as you know or at least Mack will tell you what a movie fan I am I shall be looking forward with great interest to this event of seeing you ,
And when its made and released to the theatres you bet I shall get a print for the Mansion as I am always able to get all the picture hits .
So will close with all kinds of good luck and loads of best wishes to you and Mack .

Very truly yours

Billie Harvey
Billie Harvey

TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

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815am

Washington, D.C., Jan. 3, 1938.

Mrs. Elizabeth McDuffie,
The White House:

Washington Kindergarten Club Federation Kindergarten Mothers
Morgan Kindergarten Mothers Congratulate you.
Unsigned.

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MRS IRVIN MCDUFFIE=

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CONGRATULATIONS I WAS TALKING ABOUT YOU WHEN THE RADIO

ANNOUNCED YOUR SELECTION BEST WISHES FROM ALL THE MACDOUGALDS

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU=

MRS EMILY MACDOUGALD.

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TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

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948am

New York, Jan. 4, 1938.

Mrs. Elizabeth McDuffie:

Congratulations on landing the role in which Gladys Jane
and Pidge join me.
Walter White.

WHAT HO! McDUFFIE ...

TELEGRAM

The White House

Washington
835am

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Alabany, N.Y., Jan. 3, 1937.

Mrs. Irving McDuffie,
The White House.

Congratulations and best wishes for your success.

Margaret Myers,
Executive Mansion.

TELEGRAM

The White House

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Washington DC 1030am Jan 4 1938

Mrs Elizabeth McDuffie
The White House

We consider it a rare privilege to extend greetings for your recent achievement

Colored National Democratic League

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The White House

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1250pm

~~Mrs~~

Delano, Fla., Jan. 3, 1938.

Elizabeth McDuffie:

Heartiest congratulations.

Mary McLeod Bethune.



Hollywood went to the White House in an attempt to fill one of the roles in the forthcoming production of "Gone With The Wind." Mrs. Elizabeth McDuffie, maid at the White House, was given five screen tests. Walter Winchell announced over the air that Mrs. McDuffie had been chosen for the mammy role, and it was after Mrs. McDuffie had received scores of congratulatory messages that she received a letter from Katherine Brown, talent scout of Director Selznick, informing her that the part had been given a person of more experience.

Atlanta, Georgia

January 4, 1938

My dear Lizzie:

Thank you so much for letting me know the result of your screen tests. I was very disappointed at the outcome for I, too, had hoped that your many trips to New York meant that they would choose you. It would have been wonderful, of course, if a born Georgian had been chosen to play this Georgia part, and I am sure that many other Atlanta people who have been keeping up with your screen tests through the newspapers will feel disappointed too. Two days ago Walter Winchell announced over the radio that you had definitely been chosen for the part of Mammy and this morning the Atlanta Constitution ran a story.

Cordially,

Margaret Mitchell Marsh
(Mrs. John R. Marsh)