

Florence Ryerson

#25 – *The Wizard of Oz*

Florence Ryerson was born Sept. 20, 1892 in Glendale, California. Starting in 1926, she was employed by Paramount Pictures to work on scripts with titles such as *Adam and Evil* and *Wickedness Preferred*. She easily made the transition to sound films, working on screenplays for films in the Fu Manchu and Philo Vance series. She is best known as one of the writers of the screenplays for the eternal children's classic *The Wizard of Oz*, which was one of her final film-writing efforts. Her co-writer for 10 films was Edgar Allan Woolf, who also worked on *The Wizard of Oz*. In the 1940s, she wrote three Broadway plays: *Glamour Preferred*, *Harriet* and *Strange Bedfellows*. She died June 8, 1965, in Mexico City.