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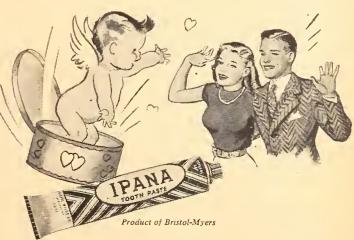
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GIRL: And what if I have?

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Several years ago, a great novel blazed its way into America's consciousness -James M. Cain's "The Postman Always Rings Twice". It was dialogue like this that held you: "I love you, Cora. But love, when you get fear in it, isn't love any more. It's hate!"

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At the time, many of us hoped it would be made into a motion picture. But the general opinion was: "Too daring... too shocking ... " Remember this scene: "Tomorrow night, if I come back, there'll be kisses ... lovely ones, Frank! Kisses with dreams in them ...

Recently, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer announced that it had produced"ThePostman Always Rings Twice" starring Lana Turner and John Garfield. And everyone



wondered how M-G-M would handle the more audacious scenes, like this one: "We had all that love out there, that night...and we kissed and sealed it so it would be ours forever!"

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Well, we have just seen the pictureand Lana Turner is breathtakingly beautiful as the temptress who is swept away by a love she can't deny. John Garfield, more vital than ever, turns in a masterful performance as the reckless young wanderer who wanted love more than he wanted life.

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Together, as Cora and Frank, they create one of the most memorable romances ever brought to the screen. And to match this great acting, there is a truly fine supporting cast including Cecil Kellaway, Hume Cronyn, Leon Ames, Audrey Totter, and Alan Reed.

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Congratulations are most certainly in order for Director Tay Garnett, Producer Carey Wilson, and Screenplaymen Harry Ruskin

and Niven Busch. Whether the Postman rings once, or the Postman rings twice, M-G-M has certainly rung the bell with this one.





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Heartsick over the war, Elizabeth (C. Colbert) bids her son (Dick Long) godspeed.

FANNIE HURST

SELECTS

"TOMORROW IS FOREVER"

■ "Tomorrow Is Forever" has what it takes for box office allure, from the moment the potential customer reads the come-hither advertising in the lobby.

The title is provocative.

The feature players, Claudette Colbert, George Brent and Orson Welles, have pulling power.

The picture, directed by Irving Pichel, is based on a novelette by Gwen Bristow, originally published in the Ladies' Home Journal and chosen by an organization known as the People's Book Club for the novel of the something-or-other.

"Tomorrow Is Forever" is the story of the disappearing man. This one, played by Orson Welles, lived in Baltimore, Maryland, during the period of the first World War. He, John Mac-Donald (later "Kessler"), is happily married when the picture opens, to Elizabeth, played by the beautiful and fastidious Claudette Colbert.

At the opening of this familiar story in new clothes, and good new clothes they are, too, Elizabeth (Claudette Colbert) MacDonald, and John (Orson Welles) MacDonald, are living happily in the first year of their marriage, in a Baltimore house that is delightfully true to period.

Almost immediately, we find ourselves on the eve of World War I. John MacDonald presents himself in uniform to his adoring young wife, and that is the first she knows of his decision to enlist. In fact, we barely know the young couple ourselves when this decision is likewise handed as a surprise to the audience.

Orson Welles, to whom the possibilities of a many-sided role must have appealed deeply, plays this first scene in the straight role of a young husband. In these early sequences, he is a rather chubby, nice (*Continued on page 8*)

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Lovelines

Glowing emblem of a gorgeous girl ... glorious hallmark of a magnificent musical!

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CENTURY-FOX PICTURE



"I DIDN'T MEAN A WORD I SAID" "MOONLIGHT PROPAGANDA" "DO YOU LOVE ME" "AS IF I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH ON MY MIND"

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fellow with a gleam of things-to-come indicated in the Welles eye. The husband goes off to the wars, and in the lapse of time, the gleaming young wife so rightly tailored so impeccably wife, so rightly tailored, so impeccably coiffured, fills in her spare time doing important research work in a local chemical plant.

The son and heir of this great establishment (none other than George Brent playing the role of Larry Hamilton) is consid-erably smitten with Elizabeth.

Time moves toward Christmas, and the long-awaited telegram finally arrives an-nouncing the return of the husband from the wars. The bride of a year awaits this return with a lovely fervor. But, alas, the audience does not get the

expected reunion. The story has been told with a swift-moving precision which climaxes into genuine shock when the telegram announcing the return of the soldier is followed up by another, announcing his death in battle. It is at this somewhat delayed date that we learn that the soldier's bride is about to become the mother of his child, thus intensifying the tragedy.

After what, in polite society, we call the "decent interval," the young widow, reca charming and personable man who is willing to accept his role as second-best, (Larry Hamilton) succumbs to his pleading. They are married. From this point on, we see her in far more resplendent environ-ment, surrounded by all of the beautiful settings into which Miss Colbert always fits

so well. There are two sons, one by her first husband and now another by her second. It is a happy family unit. Once more the director has covered his ground with

economy and good story telling. Stunningly the plot shifts to a hospital ward somewhere in Germany. To a row of beds which strike terror to the heart. On beach one, lies a soldier wounded in a horrible manner. That is, their faces have been torn away. There they lie, their heads like footballs swathed in gauze, tubes inserted where there should be nose or mouth.

Yes, you are right. One of these faceless casualties is John MacDonald. An Austrian surgeon is beside his bed, begging him to give some clue to his identity so that they may communicate with his family. The horribly maimed soldier, begging the doctor to let him die, refuses. It is a bitter and moving scene, the sur-

geon played with deep understanding by John Wengraf.

At its conclusion, it is apparent that John is not going to reveal his identity. Back then, after this grim interlude, we go into the gracious world of the Larry Ham-iltons. And what a gracious world! Happy marriage, happy children, luxurious home,

all of the accourtements of good living. Some fifteen years after his departure the missing man returns. Plastic surgery has restored his face, not feature for feature, but the eyes are still there and to this observer, at least, far too much of the young husband remains to make plausible unrecognized identity.

The soldier returns with a serious limp, a beard, a face into which is written considerable torment. In his custody is a little Austrian girl of about six years (irresis-tibly played by Natalie Wood), who to all intents and purposes is his daughter. This is where the Orson Welles teeth must have bitten with gusto into his role. Also from now on, the plot and the story interest begin to slip a little. The first husband returns to his native

Baltimore under the name of Dr. Kessler. He also returns with a German accent. He hurries surreptitiously to the house in which he spent his year of married life. It is vacant and boarded over.

From now on, Dr. Kessler's behavior becomes somewhat mystifying, in view of the fact that his one aim seems to be to keep knowledge of his return from his wife. He and the little girl take up residence in a Baltimore apartment. Apparently in the long interval, the returned soldier has be-come a chemist of no little eminence.

Yes, of course you have it. The learned Herr Doctor, his wife's destiny still unknown to him, although it might seem that the most casual inquiry would have re-vealed it, becomes affiliated with the chem-ical works owned by his wife's present husband—Larry Hamilton. In no time at all, Dr. Kessler and his

daughter are frequent visitors at the home of his employer. There is that anticipated moment when he faces his one-time bride without recognition on her part. There is another moment, over which every one of the players must have licked chops, when a woman stands before her two husbands without recognizing one of them. There is also that time-proof, moth-proof situa-There tion, where a man faces a son who does not know him.

Now we approach the meaning of the title: "Tomorrow Is Forever." By this time, the son by Elizabeth's first marriage is almost of age. The second World War rummost of age. The second world war tun-bles more than audibly. History begins to repeat itself. This boy wants to enlist. In angry, bitter, and determined rebel-lion, the heart-sick mother refuses to give

up a son as she gave up a husband. And standing by, unbeknown to both his son, and the mother of his son, Dr. Kessler watches the conflict with pride in his boy

and pity for his one-time wife. And ultimately it takes a little child to lead them. Dr. Kessler's small girl, who it transpires is not his real daughter, but the child of the Austrian surgeon who saved his life, is accidentally horrified by a shot from a toy gun. Indeed, she is thrown into a convulsion of terror, because the incident brings back to her the scenes of horror she lived through when the Germans killed her parents.

These dreadful scars against the memory of innocent childhood are what awaken Elizabeth to the righteousness of sacrificing once more in behalf of a cleansed and better world. And so with her full consent, her son goes forward into World War II. Tomorrow—not yesterday—her as yet un-identified first husband tells her comfortingly, is Forever. We must look ahead. Yesterday is gone.

The revelation of "Dr. Kessler's" identity occurs on the stoop of the vacant little house where he and his bride had enjoyed their first and only year of married life. She has returned there because of the urge of a deep nostalgia. He for the same rea-They meet.

This encounter is managed with restraint and dignity for which both participants should be honored.

The scene points irrevocably and with finality to Dr. Kessler's death which takes place immediately after.

It is an old, old story under a new name: "Tomorrow is Forever."

MAY ISSUE

"The girl with the beautiful profile all over"-that's Esther Williams. And if you'll get to your newsstand bright and early on April 12, you'll see her on our May cover.

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by Virginia Wilson

MOVIE REVIEWS The Ziegfeld Follies

■ Talk about viewing the world through rose-colored glasses! This is one picture you'll go see and come out muttering, "It's impossible, I don't believe it." Because "The Ziegfeld Follies" is a holiday for eyes: No plot, no dialogue, just individual scenes and color, gobs of riotous Technicolor that flows under and over and around you and leaves you breathless with beauty.

It opens with William Powell, the great Ziegfeld himself, puttering around his palatial suite in heaven, fingering the puppets he has lined up along the walls which represent all his great hits. "Sure I was the greatest showman of them all," he reminisces, "but what a show I could put on today, with all the new personalities that have sprung up since I—moved—up here." And that starts the parade of personalities.

Esther Williams in "A Water Ballet." Fannie Brice rolling her eyes over the winning sweepstake ticket her husband gave away and trying to vamp the landlord into giving it back. M.C. Fred Astaire whirling Lucille Bremer in "This Heart of Mine," a charming routine that tells of the thief who starts out to woo a lovely princess with an eye to her jewels—and ends up by having her steal his heart. Then there's poor little Victor Moore, the befuddled business man, who is caught spitting in the subway and gets hauled off to the clink. Edward Arnold's his lawyer, and every time Victor pleads, "Please, pay the officer the two dollars!" he answers, "I refuse. We'll appeal to a higher court." It ends up with Victor ordering his last meal before the execution and Arnold interrupting a golf game to visit the condemned man and reassure him "I won't pay (*Continued on page 12*)



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the two dollars—we'll appeal." It's impossible, of course, to mention all the acts, but there are two standouts we can't resist. One, "Number, Please," has Keenan Wynn a snazzy young man trying to phone Looie, the cigar store man. Kee-nan is connected with a Chinese laundry, the weather bureau, a Van Johnson swooner session and Oopa of South Africa swooner session and Oopa of South Africa (Keenan makes up the name on the spur of the moment, and darned if the call isn't put through!). He never does get to talk to Looie, but that phone receiver he ends up munching sure looks delicious. . . For sheer hysteria, catch Judy Garland's "An Interview." She's superb. About two platones of easer young reporters present

platoons of eager young reporters present themselves at the great actress's apart-ment for a comment on her newest picture. They kneel, lower their eyes, fold their hands across their breasts—and a hanky hands across their breasts—and a hanky the size of a football field edged in ostrich plumes flutters over their heads. "Dar-lings, how pre-cious," she gurgles, "how, how, but how *really*, y'know—" She writhes, flutters and coos "You may rise," then mournfully admits, "I don't always want to be tracic oncer my Occar winning want to be tragic, enact my Oscar-winning magic. I'm sick of the dregs, I wanna show my legs!" And she does, too! But it's all for naught, turns out her next movie's about Madame Kromotov, the inventor of the safety pin.

The two masters of the dance, Gene Kelly and Fred (Again) Astaire, turn up in "The Babbit and the Bromide" and do they keep each other stepping! Lena Horne comes in with a sultry down-Har-lem number, "Love," and Red Skelton is convulsing as the literal-minded announc-er for a liquor concern in "When Television Comes." Kathryn Grayson ties up the whole Technicolossus as she sings "Beauty." On a purple mountain.-M-G-M

P. S.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer bought the twoword title six years ago, and spent three years preparing the picture's sets, routines years preparing the picture's sets, routines and stars. 500 pieces of writing were read before the final 23 skits, songs and dances were selected...Forty-five sets were built in true Ziegfeld tradition, including re-volving pillars, merry-go-rounds with live white horses, a 100-foot waterfall of iri-descent bubbles, and an all-paper set studded with jewels...Seventy-five seam-stresses worked twenty-four hours a day stresses worked twenty-four hours a day to whip up such costumes as a skirt of 2000 ermine tails, a coat of fourteen white foxes, a dress with hundreds of pink ostrich feathers. . . . For 18 months the studio trained a group of picked beauties to show the chic and poise characteristic of the famous Ziegfeld Girls. . . . The set for the Fred Astaire-Lucille Bremer dance boasts a chandelier of one hundred tiny white birds, each carrying a lighted candle. The 18-foot figures on this set were modeled by hand and individually sculptured.

THE POSTMAN ALWAYS **RINGS TWICE**

You probably saw the pictures LIFE and MODERN SCREEN ran from this of John Gar-field and Lana Turner in *that* white bathing suit. After those pictures, a review of the movie is a waste of time. Wild horses

couldn't keep you away. Anyway, here are a few added details. Cora Smith (Lana Turner) has been living contentedly enough with her husband, Nick (Cecil Kellaway), until Frank (John Garfield) comes along. Sure, Nick's older than she is, and not a romantic type. But he owns a nice little restaurant and gas totain and he'r a good guw. Nuts about station, and he's a good guy. Nuts about Cora, of course, as who wouldn't be? Frank is a drifter. He goes from one job to an-other, sees the country, never worries

about the future. He stops off at the lunchroom because Nick has a sign out, "Man Wanted," and the location happens to appeal to him. It appeals to him a lot more after he gets a load of Cora in white shorts and halter. shorts and halter.

It doesn't take long for Frank and Cora to find that they are supremely necessary to each other. Nor much longer for them to decide that Nick is in the way. Maybe it's Cora's idea, maybe Frank's. It doesn't matter. What matters is that Nick has natter. What matters is that Nick has to die. The statistics tell you that people always are being killed by falls in the bathtub. So why not Nick? They arrange the details carefully. Cora has a sandbag the bit him on the back of the head It will to hit him on the back of the head. It will be very simple. .

The fact that it turns out not too simple at all is due partly to a motorcycle cop at all is due partly to a motorcycle cop who happens along at the wrong time, and partly to a cat. Anyway, Nick doesn't die. Not quite. And now the District Attorney (Leon Ames) has his eye on Frank and Cora. Frank leaves. But he can't stay away from Cora, and when he comes back the cituation is batter than our These de the situation is hotter than ever. They decide to try again, this time with an auto-mobile accident. So at last Nick dies.

Fate has curious ways of punishing evil-doers. You'll come out of "The Postman" shivering a little.—M-G-M

P. S.

With the role of Cora, Lana Turner gets her first really meaty role to prove her acting ability. She was so pleased with the part that things on the set went even smoother than usual.... Screen actors are so accustomed to upsets that a smoothly running picture often creates a tension, and sensing this, director Tay Garnett cooked up a gag with his cameraman. The lenser promptly shoved Garnett, fully clothed, into a swimming pool on the set. ... The same day, Lana strained her wrist ... The same day, Lana strained her wrist during a swimming scene. She said little about it and had it taped by a doctor that night. When she found the next day that she was required to wear a short-sleeved dress, she did the scene leaning against a doorway with the taped arm be-hind the door frame. ... John Garfield spent his free time on the set taking sketching lessons from Bill Mauldin, while Lana studied Spanish and Portuguese in preparation for her trip to South America. preparation for her trip to South America.

THE KID FROM BROOKLYN

Describe an atom bomb. Go ahead—one with red hair. You can't? Then how can we talk about that kid from Brooklyn, Danny Kaye? Because this picture's all Danny; bouncing, wheezing, unbelievably hysterical Danny who's a milkman who can't sell milk. A Romeo who doesn't recognize his Juliet until she accepts a proposal he never makes!

Burleigh Sullivan (Danny Kaye) is the lowest point man with the Sunflower Dairies. That means that unless his sales pick up, both he and Agnes are going to be out of a job, and with Agnes in a "delicate condition," that would be serious indeed. Agnes, you see, is Burleigh's horse, and when she suddenly decides to lie down in the middle of the gutter, milk wagon and all, and won't talk to him, Burleigh knows all, and won't talk to him, Burleigh knows that she needs a doctor—now. But where to get one? Suddenly, a window opens, and this blonde babe calls, "Here, use my phone." And that's how Burleigh meets Polly (Virginia Mayo). But his meeting with Speed MacFarlane (Steve Cochran) doesn't have such happy overtones. Be-cause Burleigh accidentally knocks Speed out while trying to protect his sister Susie out while trying to protect his sister Susie (Vera Ellen) from this mug's advances— and Speed is the Middleweight Champion of the World!

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When the Champ's manager gets wind of what happened, he starts tearing his hair, and when he sees who made it happen, he starts tearing at Burleigh. Then he calms down. How's this for an idea? Why not build up this milksop into a contender for the title? Easiest thing in the world, just arrange a few crooked fights by having "Tiger" Sullivan's opponents hit the canvas and when the big The Fighting Milkman versus Speed bout. MacFarlane, arrives, he, Gabby Sloan (Walter Abel), will place a neat fortune on Speed to win and presto—buckets of dough.

Life not only can be but is beautiful for a while as Burleigh rolls in money and headlines and sister Susie falls in love with Speed. The only hitch is that the Tiger doesn't know that his fights have been fixed and the whole thing goes to his head. He gets brass bands to announce him at parties, tiger striped boxing shorts and a ten thousand dollar ring for Polly, who promptly heaves it right back into his bewildered face with a "You're not the man I loved. Now you're a great big show-off. And not only that-you're a killer!"

Of course the breakup saddens Burleigh, but that "you're a killer" routine kind of pleases him. Until Susie comes running with a bit of news she's just overheard: All those fights have been fixed and Speed's out to murder him tonight, tonight being the night of the big championship bout at Madison Square Garden.

No point in reminding you that Danny Kaye is far too valuable to get murdered in "The Kid From Brooklyn." But just watching him yelling "Foul!" every time Speed even looks at him, then trying to hide in front of the referee, under the canvas or behind the ring ropes is murder in itself. You'll die laughing. Which only

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proves that death, too, can be beautiful ... -Sam. Goldwyn

"The Kid From Brooklyn" took more than five months to film, and contained many scenes requiring hundreds of extras. Added up, the total expenditures make it one of the most expensive comedies ever produced. . . Over forty sets were constructed, the largest of which was a sports arena on the order of Madison Square Garden, which completely filled the studio's largest sound stage with 44,000 square feet of floor space. The set was the scene of the one-round championship fight between Danny Kaye and Steve Cochran, which took more than two weeks to photograph with an audience of 2000 extras. . . A replica of the old Third Avenue L in New York was constructed within the Garden set for Vera-Ellen's dance of "The Old Fashioned Number." . . . In the field of unfettered imagination there was a fantastic dairy set, where beautified cows relaxed in satin and plush stalls on an imitation marble floor. Silk curtains and sculptured figurines decorated each stall. The prop man's topper for the picture was the call to supply each bovine with a set of three-inch eyelashes. . . . Danny Kaye's "Pavlova Number," an impudent satire on the ballet, is one of his most famous routines. It was written by his wife, Sylvia Fine, and Max Liebman. . . . The 1946 class of the Goldwyn Girls appears in the dairy scene, wherein the famous Goldwyn beauties milk the cows. Playing the matron of the dairy is Kay Thompson, famous in Hollywood as the only woman arranger of American music, in her camera debut.

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things. Like trying to bum a ride on a Westbound streamliner without a ticket-

Westbound streamliner without a ticket-or going after a man with no holds barred because, darn it, he's your kind of fella. But, of course, Kit Madden (Claudette Colbert) would never dream of such un-ladylike behavior. Kit's an attractive thirty'ish with bangs, good legs and very, very strong convictions about how the world should be run. So strong, in fact, that she's written a book about it, "Here Is Tomorrow." And now she's on her way to Hollywood to make it into a movie to Hollywood to make it into a movie script, but only because her producer promised that Cary Grant would play Mark Winston, its hero. She's nicely settled in her super de luxe compartment when a telegram comes, "Cary Grant cannot accept role due to conflicting commitments. Will inaugurate search bigger than Scar-lett O'Hara." That throws her, she won't do it. They promised her Cary Grant, she wants Cary Grant, she insists on—

wants Cary Grant, she insists on— Suddenly two Marines pop up in front of her. They're staring at the ceiling and making like she's not there. "Hey, some beetle, huh Rusty?" "Yeah, man, a beetle to end all beetles, Dink." Rusty (John Wayne) is 6'2", with brown wavy hair, a drawl, a slow, heart-mauling grin and a ridiculous resemblance to Mark Winston. Dink (Dop DeFore) is his sidekick always Dink (Don DeFore) is his sidekick, always ready for a laugh and a fight for the dear old Marine Corps, the corps with which they have just won the war. Straight off, Rusty proves to Kit that "Here Is Tomor-row" was written by a character who knew nothing about men chasing womenand vice versa. He buys her a drink, and she sends a wire to Hollywood, "Found unknown to play Mark Winston. Stop Must change love angle in book." They get off in Chicago to change trains

and Kit evades her studio representative in order to tag along with the boys. She



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needs Rusty for her movie, and anyhow, what's a beetle, she'd like to know.

They land in a small town, exhausted and broke, and Kit signs a check with her real name. (All this time she's been "Kitty Klotch" to the boys. "Klotch is a Lithuanian name, very old Lithuanian.") The townspeople go into hysterics, the Christopher Madden in their li'l ol' town?—then heave her into the hoosegow when the Hollywood papers release a prepared statement that Kit Madden is in their li'l ol' town. The boys have bailed her out and warned her about signing famous names to worthless checks when Kit's producer arrives and proves her identity. Rusty turns on his heel and goes off to sulk in the Marine Base at San Diego. After that it's up to Dink to play Cupid by remote control.—RKO

P. S.

Between scenes of the picture, John Wayne played chess with the cast and crew. He vanquished all comers, except his stand-in who vanquished him! For a scene with John and Claudette on a haystack, prop men sprayed the straw with a scented solution to protect the stars from hayfever. . . One set for the picture covered two whole sound stages at RKO —including a highway, rolling hills, haystack, moon, and twinkling stars. . . Claudette thought somebody was playing a trick on her when her pin-striped grey wool skirt began to give her electric charges! However, it was just weather conditions that made the skirt static. She had to grin and bear it—with a slight flinch now and then. . . When John Wayne and Claudette Colbert had to eat quantities of Spanish food for a scene, Wayne persuaded Mervyn LeRoy to import Chef Jesus Econides from Tiajuana, Mexico to whip up a delicious repast. From tortillas to huevos, the cast enjoyed their magnificent Southof-the-Border meal.

THE VIRGINIAN

Back in the genteel days of 1885, women were either ladies or *females*, and woe betide the girl who tried to cut away from the rigid pattern that was "good enough for me. and for your grandmother, too."

The right pattern that way good chough for me, and for your grandmother, too." But Molly Wood (Barbara Britton) can't see things that way. She wants more out of life than social teas or languid croquet games on the plantation, so she sets off for Wyoming. Maybe there she'll find adventure, even if only as a schoolmarm. She doesn't have long to wait because two days later her train is halted by a herd of cattle swarming over the tracks, and the dashing Virginian (Joel McCrea) gallops into view. She's agreeably petrified when he casually warns the train engineer, "Stampede these cattle with your whistle and I'll shoot you right out of your little window." But what promised to be a free-for-all turns out to be a grand reunion when the Virginian spots his best friend, Steve (Sonny Tufts), breezy, careless, and gallant to the teeth. So gallant, in fact, that when the train finally pulls into Medicine Bow, it is Steve who introduces himself to the wide-eyed girl and escorts her to the hotel. But Medicine Bow is feeling sick today. Trampas (Brian Donlevy) and his henchmen are in town and everybody knows what will happen if the outlaw and the Virginian tangle.

and everybody knows what win happen if the outlaw and the Virginian tangle. Molly and her protector are merrily leading the square dance at the open house her hosts are holding in her honor, when the sound of stampeding cattle is heard. Rushing off, the Virginian calls on the Sheriff for help in pursuing the rustlers, only to find that he too, is in league with Trampas and his men. So now it's up to the Virginian. He forms a posse, tracks the





outlaws to their camp—and discovers that Steve is one of Trampas' men.

The next morning he orders Steve and two of the others hanged. Riding home, reading the note Steve left him, "So long. I couldn't have spoke to you without playing the baby," he is shot in the back by Trampas, who had escaped the man hunt.

Molly is all tenderness as she nurses the Virginian back to health, but when she discovers that it was he who was responsible for having his best friend "lynched," she is horrified and prepares to return to Vermont. But on the way home, she realizes that she loves the Virginian all the more because of his strong sense of honor and returns, weeping, to the wounded man.

wounded man. On his wedding day, the Virginian runs into Trampas, who snarls, "Get out of town now—yellow belly." "Too bad you had to say that, Trampas," answers the bridegroom softly. There is a split second silence, then the two men whirl, and shoot. Trampas sags forward with a bullet through his head, a bullet the Virginian fired with Steve's favorite gun. All wrongs righted, Molly and the Virginian head for the open West.—Para.

P. S.

Written in 1885 by Owen Wister, the American classic was filmed for the first time in 1914 with Dustin Farnum in the title role. Again in 1929, "The Virginian" was produced by Paramount with Gary Cooper as the hero, and now the same studio has made the well-loved story in Technicolor... The time-proof qualities of the tale were proven when it was decided to eliminate the famous line, "When you say that, smile," and pressure from fans restored it to the script... Although a great part of the film was to be shot outdoors, production was deliberately set for the winter months, when California blooms its greenest under the rains. Four weeks were spent on location before the production started filming the cattle stampede and a few other incidents not included in the novel.

BAD BASCOMB

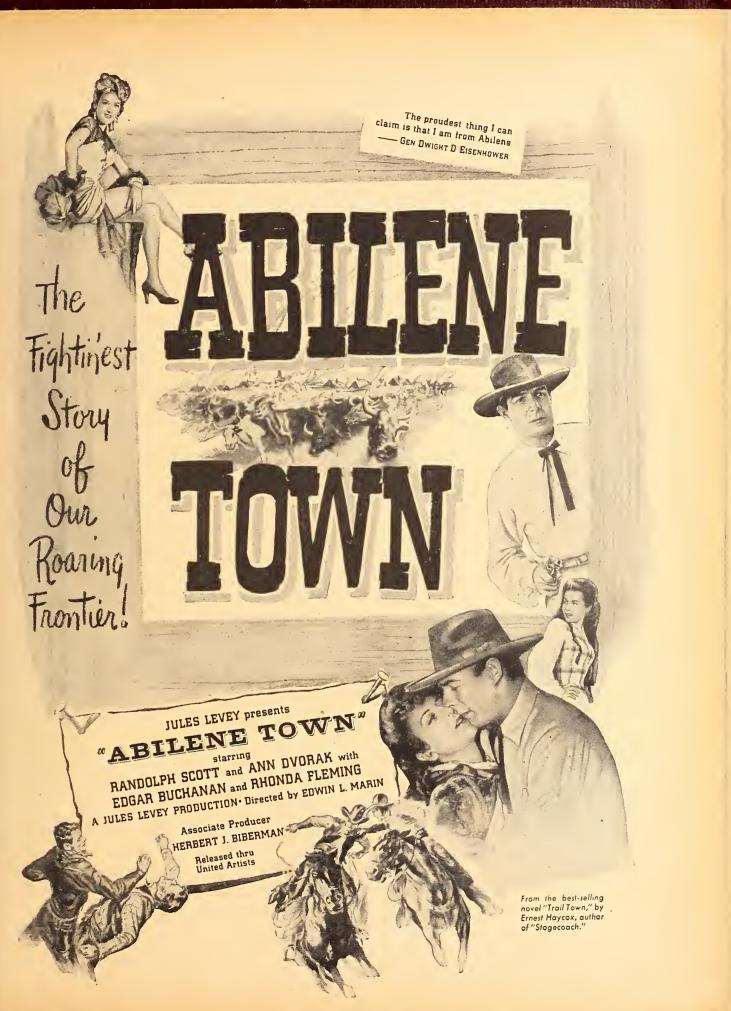
Without a doubt, Wallace Beery is one of the bravest men in Hollywood today. He'd have to be to play opposite that notorious little scene stealer, Margaret O'Brien. And he's such a bad man, too.

he's such a bad man, too. Zeb Bascomb (Wallace Beery) and his gang have been terrorizing the entire West with bank robberies, cattle stampedes and murder. Not that Zeb holds with murder particularly, but his partner, Bert Yancy (J. Carrol Naish), figures that dead men are less apt to give information on the gang's activities to any Federal agents lurking about, especially John Fulton (Donald Curtis), who's a mite too persistent for comfort. Jimmy (Marshall Thompson), is another Bascomb man. Jimmy wants to break away, but Zeb says he promised Jim's father, who died a glorious death in a skirmish with the law, that he'd take care of the boy, and the only way he can do that is to have him under his eye and teach him the tricks of the trade, isn't it? But Jimmy is wounded after they raid the Timber City Bank and the only way the gang can escape detection is to join up with a band of Mormons on their way

But Jimmy is wounded after they raid the Timber City Bank and the only way the gang can escape detection is to join up with a band of Mormons on their way to Utah with a large cache of gold for the hospital they are to build there. Zeb automatically becomes "Brother Ezekial," pious as all get-out and humble, but when, in accordance with Mormon custom, he is assigned to do all the heavy work for an unattached woman, Widow Abbey Hanks (Marjorie Main), his new meekness slips a notch. His friendship with her grand-

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daughter, Emmy (Margaret O'Brien), however, helps ease the sting of Abbey's shrewish tongue.

Zeb and Yancy are busy planning on how to steal the hospital funds when Agent Fulton catches up with the caravan to ask if anyone's seen Bad Bascomb. He's com-pletely put off the scent by "Brother Ezekial's" false information and rides back.

The bandits are all set to escape with the gold when little Emmy, who by now is madly in love with "Grandma's fella," is flung from her wagon during a river crossing and is nearly drowned. Zeb rescues her, and because only his presence can give her the will to fight off the pneumonia she's contracted, he decides to postpone the theft. But Yancy is not so easily put off. He kills the leader of the caravan and escapes with the loot. Zeb goes after him and retrieves the money, but when he returns, he finds that Yancy has incited the ordinarily peaceful Indians to attack the Mormon camp.

The leader of the caravan now by common consent, Zeb feels it his duty to break through the Indian lines for help even though he knows that when he reaches the Fort, the Federals will be there. Just as the Indians are closing in, Zeb returns with a rescuing regiment at his heels—and John Fulton not far behind.-M-G-M.

P. S.

Because the picture was filmed straight through the Christmas holidays, the cast and crew had to squeeze in their shopping in off hours. Maggie O'Brien found it difficult to whisk unnoticed through the crowds and was often followed by gawking admirers. One day as she was buying a gift for her mother, and completely sur-rounded by fans, she said to her aunt, "Now, how do you suppose I can keep this present a secret from mother when all these people know about it?" . . . Frances Gifford howled for quiet on the set the day she received a telephone call from her husband. He was calling from Rome, Italy. . . . Driving home from the studio one day, Marjorie Main had car trouble. The wind blew up the top of her conwith otew up the top of her con-vertible and the only person nearby to help put it back in place was a woman watering her lawn. Marjorie men-tioned her trouble in finding a house-keeper, whereupon her new friend offered her services.

PERILOUS HOLIDAY

Before the war, pictures about inter-national crooks and lovely lady tourists and Secret Service agents were always lo-cated on the Riviera. Now it's Mexico City which harbory these secretated characteristic which harbors these assorted characters. There, where the sun is hot and the tequila hotter, Pat Nevil (Pat O'Brien) meets a couple of gorgeous babes. They are Agnes (Ruth Warrick) and Audrey (Audrey Long) and they represent, respec-tively, duty and pleasure. At least that's the way it begins. Pat picks Audrey up in a bar, where he has been assigned by the U. S. Treasury to keep an eye on Agnes. He hasn't seen Agnes when he gets the assignment and gloomily expects a large bosomed female with three chins. When Agnes turns out to be a smooth, chic young woman who knows all the answers, he drinks a silent toast to his guardian angel.

drinks a silent toast to his guardian angel. About this time, Pat's other girl friend, Audrey, rings in momma and frequent mention of wedding bells. They can't, Audrey insists, Go On This Way. Pat agrees perfectly. He thinks they can't go on any way, and had better say goodbye, which is not what Audrey had in mind. She suspects Agnes of having something (Continued on page 22)

INFORMATION DESK (Questions of the Month)

by Beverly Linet



Right down to business with an introduction to new-comer MARSHALL THOMPSON, who enchanted you with his performance as Snake Gardner in "They Were Ex-pendable," and Jim-my in "Twice Bless-

ed." He was born James M. Thompson in Peoria, Ill., on Nov. 27, 1926. Is 6'1", 155 lbs. has blond hair and blue eyes, and is unmarried. Next pix are "Star From Heaven" and "Bad Bas-comb." Studio: M-G-M.



Another teen-ager going places is 18-year-old CONRAD JANIS, young star of "Snafu." He of "Snafu." He was born in New York City Feb. 18. Is5'10½"; has brown eyes and hair, and was recruited from the creation of the start o the stage. Write to him at Columbia Pictures. Has no special gal.



FRANK LATTI-MORE won your hearts as Irving in "The Dolly Sisters." He is 6' tall, 170 lbs., and has brown hair and blue arving H and blue eyes. He is unmarried and is a recent ex-GI. Most recent pic is "Shock." His mail goes to 20th Cen-tury-Fox, Beverly Hills, California.

You loved EILEEN BARTON when she sang with Frankie, and now she's on her own program on NBC, Sat. mornings. She is 19, 5' 2" tall, has red hair and brown eyes. Address her at NBC, N.Y.C. She'll be in pix soon.

"Young Man With a Horn" is what they call LEONARD SUES, and that, incidentally, is his next pix. He was born in El Paso, Texas and is 5' 8" tall and weighs 147 lbs. Is currently tait and weights 147 105. Is currently featured on the Eddie Cantor show. His other films include "Heat's On," "Strike Up The Band," and "Men of Boystown." NBC, Hollywood, Calif., is the best address.

Don't forget now. If you want to see more of these young people in MODERN SCREEN, vote for them on the Free Offer coupon. For info, direct your letters, and SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED EN-VELOPES, to Beverly Linet, Infor-metion Dark MODERN SCREEN mation Desk, MODERN SCREEN, 149 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. Oh and you'll have to forgive us for that typographical error we made last month. Danny Morton, whom you know as Bugs Kelly in "Crime, Inc," was born in 1918. 'Fraid we advanced his age 6 years. Sorry.

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The Cafe Zanzibar's leopard spots captured musicians as well as fans at Modern Screen's gay Fan Club Association party. Leonard Feather shared coffee and cake—and shop talk—with singer Jack Smith.



So suddenly it's almost Spring, and you feel like helping old ladies across the street, racing with the moon, and buying a million new records. Well, control yourself. Compromise. Start in more modestly, say with the records of the month. My choices this time are Duke Ellington's "Black, Brown and Beige" music for the best hot jazz, and Johnny Mercer's "Personality" for the best popular. More about these later. You'll notice, when you get to your clip-and-carryto-the-music-store list at the end of the article, that I've made a slight change. The third category (after Popular, and Hot Jazz) no longer consists of albums, but rather of music from the movies. I've listed movies with good music in them and, after the movie titles. I've listed the tunes, numbers, the artists and the recording companies. From now on, when there's an especially good album, you'll find it either in the Popular or the Hot Jazz column. since after all. an album has to be one kind of music or the other-only a little more of it.

Now that I've run that into the ground, I'd like to take time out to brag a little. For, recently, I got my dream band together and put on an all-star record session for Victor. A number of the fellows were winners of the Esquire 1946 poll, and a lot of people came down just for kicks, and to do me a favor. I got Duke Ellington and Louis Armstrong on the same record for the first time in history. Other terrific people involved were Red Norvo, Johnny Hodges, etc. They did some of my own tunes for a Showpiece Album (two twelveinch records) and it'll be out in April. I'll tell you more about it then.

By the way, I wish you'd all been to MODERN SCREEN'S party at the Zanzibar. You'd have rubbed noses with Jo Stafford, Jimmy Dorsey, Harry Babbitt—loads of musical celebrities. It was a lot of fun. And now go to (*Continued on page 90*)

by LEONARD FEATHER

Leonard Feather sips coffee, beams at his choices for All-American Band: Billy Sträyhorn behind the glasses and the keyboard, Duke Ellington of the casual collar, and trumpet-toting Louis Armstrong. There NEVER was a woman like Julia.



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to do with this, which is perfectly right. Pat hasn't figured Agnes out. She's a smart reporter who may or may not be on the level, and if she is, why does the Treasury want her watched? Agnes, meanwhile, is having her doubts as to where Pat fits into things. He says he's a gigolo, and for all she knows, he may not be kidding.

One evening when they're doing the town together, they meet an old acquaintance of Agnes'—Doctor Lilly (Alan Hale). The doctor is fat and benevolent looking, but his benevolence goes no deeper than that of a department store Santa Claus. He has a trigger man named Louis to discourage questions about his past. But Pat asks some anyway, and from then on he's unpopular with the doctor. The stabbing of a taxi driver, the antics of an amiable drunk named George, and little Audrey who just laughed and laughed, bring things to a climax.—Col.

P. S.

"Perilous Holiday" is based on the serial story of the same name which ran in a national magazine. Its author, Lt. Col. Robert Carson, won an Academy Award years ago for his script, "A Star is Born." . . . Because the picture has a Mexican locale, producer Phil Ryan sent camera crews to Mexico to make location footage, and his art director went along to visit hotels, night clubs and scenic points which were duplicated in the film. When a member of Mexico's Department of the Interior visited the set, he was so impressed by the authenticity of the scene that he invited Ryan to have the world premiere of the picture in Mexico City. . . With "Perilous Holiday," Pat O'Brien celebrated his 100th motion picture. His camera debut was made in the famous film, "The Front Page."

YOUNG WIDOW

"'Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all." And if you think that's corny, you're probably right, but it's also true. Ask anyone who has ever been really in love, and no matter how much heartbreak may have resulted, they're glad it happened.

A love that's lost. A husband killed in action. A young widow left to find her uncertain way back to happiness. That's the theme of the picture that brings Jane Russell to the screen. Jane is quite a girl and you'll like the way she handles the part of Joan Kenmore, whose husband was shot down over Berlin. After his death, Joan wanders, lost, from one place to another. She no longer has any interest in her newspaper job. She hasn't, in fact, any interest in anything, and living is just a gesture. She comes back to New York finally, because that's where she and Barry lived together. Every street corner is a reminder of him. Every bus is a bus they rode on together. A tune whistled in the night can tear her heart to pieces.

When a guy named Jim (Louis Hayward) turns up, Joan is aloof. As far as she's concerned, he's just another lieutenant in the Air Force. At first he's just wolfing. Later, when he gets to know Joan better, he falls really in love. But Joan just looks through him and smiles politely. Because she's remembering Barry....

There are a lot of pleasant people in "Young Widow." And a lot of amusing dialogue. But the basic situation is whether Jim can make Joan forget Barry. I think the ending may surprise you.—U.A.

P. S.

In view of Jane Russell's reputation as a pin-up girl and the star of the unseen "The Outlaw," audiences will be surprised at her acting ability. It should be no surprise, as Jane is the daughter of a Broadway actress, studied dramatics before she made "The Outlaw," and put in four years between pictures with Florence Enright noted dramatic coach. The role is highly dramatic, and relies mostly on acting and not on anatomy.... Four years to the day after she filmed her last shot for the unreleased "The Outlaw," Jane made her first scene for her second picture, "Young Widow."

MURDER IN THE MUSIC HALL

Here's murder to music. Here's ballet on skates. Here, in fact, is a chiller-diller with the chill coming from ice as well as fright. It is garnished by such pretties as Vera Hruba Ralston, Helen Walker, Nancy Kelly and Ann Rutherford. Not so pretty but just as effective, are William Marshall and Bill Gargan.

There is, it seems, an ice revue playing at the Music Hall. Its star, Lila (Vera Hruba Ralston), gets a note during the performance which sends her, terrified but curious, to the penthouse on top of the building. There she finds Carl (Edward Norris) who has been in jail for five years. He accuses her of having had a part in the murder which landed him there. Half an hour later, the police find Carl dead. Lila knows she didn't kill him but how can she prove it? Several of the girls in the show know that she went to meet Carl. They all knew him before he went to jail. Gracie (Ann Rutherford), the talkative understudy will probably blurt something out, even if Millicent and Diane keep quiet. Don (William Marshall), Lila's best beau, thinks the thing to do is for them to find out who did the murder and then confront the police with their evidence.

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The trouble is the evidence seems to lead in so many different directions. A note by the body leads to Rita Morgan (Nancy Kelly), wife of a Broadway columnist. She is identified as a girl from Carl's past, and her husband is found to have known Carl was blackmailing her. Then there is the blind man who was seen going toward Carl's apartment. And the girl whose identity no one is sure of.

Carl's apartment. And the girl whose identity no one is sure of. The police, meanwhile, are not just sitting around reading The Police Gazette, or whatever policemen read. They, too, have tound evidence that leads in many directions, and one is toward Lila. But in the end the clue that points out the murderer is a song, played by a dead man.—Rep.

P. S.

Vera Hruba Ralston did her ice skating scenes during Hollywood's warmest spell in years. After changing from light cottons to her ice skating costume, she huddled in a fur coat between scenes. The temperature on the set was 30 degrees. . . Bill Marshall was signed to a contract after his tests had been run for hundreds of studio stenographers and secretaries. They sighed and swooned sufficiently to put the brass hats in a dotted-line mood. . . . The feminine quintet featured in the film run the gamut of hair. Vera Hruba Ralston is a golden blonde, Helen Walker an ash blonde, Nancy Kelly has dark auburn hair, Julie Bishop is a flaming redhead and Ann Rutherford contributes blue-black tresses. . . All owners of 16 mm. projectors, the girls discovered they were all having the same trouble getting 16 mm. fim to run. They decided to form a film pool, and whenever one girl gets a print, she shares it with the others. . . Bill Marshall shaved every morning in company with his small son, Michael. Mike had just started to walk, was so fascinated by the shaving procedure that he insisted on having his own face lathered while pop made with the razor on his own beard.

DEVOTION

This is the story of the Bronte sisters, Charlotte, Emily and Anne. And of their brother, Bramwell, who has such an extraordinary influence on their lives. Back of the Haworth vicarage stretch the

Back of the Haworth vicarage stretch the Yorkshire moors, wild and lonely and terrifying "Wuthering Heights." They don't terrify Emily Bronte (Ida Lupino), who somehow feels that they are a part of the dream world she lives in. She doesn't mind having people laugh at *her*, she's used to hat. But she couldn't bear it if they laughed at "Wuthering Heights." So it is especially strange that she takes the new curate, Mr. Nicholls (Paul Henreid), with her.

Charlotte and Anne and Bramwell are all away when Emily becomes friendly with Mr. Nicholls. For weeks they roam the moors together. Then Charlotte (Olivia De Havilland) comes back, and with one glance takes Nicholls away from Emily. She doesn't even try to do it, for at this point she is not impressed with the curate. She is too worried about Bramwell (Arthur Kennedy), who drinks too much, to be impressed with anyone.

Charlotte and Emily go off to Brussels to school, where Charlotte has a brief, ambiguous affair with a school master. When they come back they find Bramwell dying. He reads Emily's secret love for Nicholls in her face, and reads, too, the signs of the malady which is to end her life. Charlotte and Emily publish books at the same time. Charlotte's "Jane Eyre" meets with remendous public acclaim. "Wuthering Heights" is popular only with the critics. But in them both is the strange, inexplicable charm of the Bronte sisters.—War.



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How do you rate as a date ? Here's your chance to be a quiz kid, with questions and answers to give you the lowdown on that fascinating person: YOU!

CO-ED LETTERBOX

The boy I go steady with will be eighteen next month. Mother says I shouldn't give him a present, as he's never given me one. What is your opinion ond can you give me any suggestions? H. A., Brooklyn, New York.

We think it's kind of nice ta remember birthdays, as lang as the gift isn't embarrassingly elaborate ar in poor taste. Haw abaut flattering him to death with his first pipe? Or ane af thase elegant jazz year baoks, for just a buck; ar maybe a subscriptian to his pet magazine. Steer clear af taa personal gifts, and dan't spend mare than a dallar or twa and we think yau'll please everyane, including your mam.

My guy is a returned veteran. He is nineteen and had one year of high school to go when he enlisted. He is anxious to go bock and graduate, but I—having waited two long years for him—want to get married. Don't you think I'm right? J. J., Elmira, N. Y. (*Cantinued an page 92*) Everything in the world is going to start growing again any week naw. Everything from those crocuses in your back yard to that tree over in Brocklyn. And we've been wondering where you stand in the deal. If you've been taking your cod liver oil and stuff, you've probably got all the inches you need, but are you growing up inside where it really counts? How about your ideas, your approach to things like your family and men, your copacity for taking responsibility? Can you stand up to a pretty big disappointment, grin when the joke's on you? Or are you the gal with the quivery chin, the one who's just too young? Give yourself this quiz to find out exactly how grown-up you are—and no cheating now! If it turns out that you're a bit of a bay-bee, then get in the swing with Spring, and start growing up!

1. Your big brother imports a smooth older guy for the weekend, asks you to dig up a 4.0 senior for him. You'll do yourself the most good if you (a) invite some drip who'll make you look terrific by comparison, (b) pretend you can't get anyone so that he'll have to ask you, (c) line up some super dream dust.

2. A strictly hubba-hubba lad asks you for a date. He's a wonderful guy, but notoriously jet-propelled when it comes to woo. To guarontee a return engagement, you should (a) pitch it hard with him in your nice dark livingroom, (b) keep his mind off the subject via stimulating chit chat all evening and a good night hamburger come eleven, (c) slap his face at the very first pass.

3. You've never had a date and are petrified of men. The best way to cope with man-shyness is to (a) steer clear of them for another little while and proy that it wears off, (b) take your courage in your two hot hands and make a desperate ploy for almost anybody you can get to look at you, (c) practise (*Cantinucd an page 102*)



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THE RECIPE

ALMOND BAVARIAN PIE FILLING

34 cup Karo Syrup,
Blue Lobel
3 egg yalks
1/4 teaspoon vanillo

1 teaspoon almond

1 tablespoon gelatin 2 tablespoons water 3 egg whites 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 cup chopped almonds

1 cup heavy cream or evaparated milk, whipped

Heat Karo to boiling. Beat egg yolks with rotary beater in top of double boiler; add Karo slowly, beating constantly. Place over boiling water and cock about 5 minutes, beating constantly until mixture slightly thickens. Remove from heat; add flavoring. Add gelatin, softened in water about 5 minutes. Stir until dissolved. Beat egg whites with salt until mixture stands in peaks. Fold in Karo mixture. Chill. When slightly thickened, fold in whipped cream and nuts. Pour into 9-inch crumb pie shell. Chill.

CRUMB PIE SHELL

Trick No. 1

Roll 30 vanilla wafers with rolling pin to make crumbs (1 cup). Add 3 tablespoons softened butter or margarine to crumbs; blend thoroughly. Spread this mixture evenly in 9inch pie pan, covering bottom and sides; pat down firmly with finger tips. Cut 10 vanilla wafers in half and place, cut side down, around pie plate to form a scalloped edge.

MARASCHINO BAVARIAN

Trick No. 2

Prepare as for Almond Bavarian Pie Filling, omitting almond extract and chopped almonds. Fold in $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped, drained, maraschino cherries with whipped cream, and increase vanilla to 1 teaspoon. Chill. When slightly thickened, pile lightly into sherbet glasses. Chill. Makes 8 servings.



Trick No. 3

FROZEN ALMOND BAVARIAN

Prepare as for Almond Bavarian Pie Filling, omitting the gelatin and water. After folding in the chopped nuts and whipped cream, pour into refrigeratar freezing tray. Set cold control for fast freezing and freeze until firm, about 1 hour. Set control back to normal until ready to serve. Makes 8 servings.

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THE STORY OF THE KEITHS



Rhythm and Romance for Jean and Alanas they traced the exotic pattern of the rhumba. Between dances, Alan couldn't keep his eyes off Jean's complexion-so smooth "and most divinely fair." She credits its softer texture to the Camay Mild-Soap Diet-says, "The very first cake of Camay helped awaken the sleeping beauty of my skin."

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MRS. ALAN FRANCIS KEITH —the former Jean Luke of Cleveland, Ohio Bridal portrait painted by Bulgard

Honeymooning at Niagara—and the Maid of the Mist never sailed with a lovelier bride. "I'm going to help my skin stay smooth and radiant," says Jean. "I'll stick with the Camay Mild-Soap Diet." For a fresher bloom in your skin get Camay—so mild it cleanses without irritation. Follow instructions on your Camay wrapper.

Please use every bit of Camay-precious materials still go into making soap. ■ First it was Parsons. Then Hopper. This issue, famous Broadway columnist Ed Sullivan writes his first radio column for us (page 56). All we need now is Winchell, and we'd have so much lowdown, you readers wouldn't be able to stand up straight!

What I like best about Ed is his dog. It's a jet black toy poodle, bigger than Mickey Mouse and smaller than Nibbles, Elizabeth Taylor's pet chipmunk. Bojangles is the name, and a fiercer, more intrepid hound you've never seen. As you come through the door, he growls deep down in his chest and stalks you implacably with blood in his eye. If you are brave like me, you ignore him and sit down. Next thing you know, if he finally decides he likes your smell (I must smell like a stewed rabbit), he's in your lap licking your face to the bone.

Ed is friendly, too. But busy. Poor fellow spends half his life in a bathrobe pounding a typewriter and the other half in a stiff shirt chatting with a microphone. Without a doubt, he's the most sought after master of ceremonies in the country. When he isn't m. c'ing some big event like the Harvest Moon Ball or the MODERN SCREEN Fan Club Party (watch for it in our next issue), he's guest-starring on some friend's radio program. People say he sleeps once in awhile, but people can't prove it!

Before I blow you all a kiss and say goodbye for another month, I think you should know that Ed is going on the air for MODERN SCREEN over the American Broadcasting Company network, March 16, 2 p. m., EST. He'll be presenting our first radio award of the month to Edward Johnson of the Metropolitan Opera. Listen in. It'll be your way of meeting Ed. And you wouldn't want to meet a nicer guy!

At Alcente

Deep conclove between Ed Sullivan and Nat Reiff, who, with Shirley Frohlich, helped Ed. m.c. our Fon Club Assn. porty. Read oll about it in our next issue!

out Inders...

dream boss...

"Whatta bass!" Betty Jordan beams. Especially an learning that A.'s radio acting on "Salty O'Raurke" netted \$2,000,000 in War Band admission



SO YOU'RE A SEC-

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YOU DREAM OF TAKING DICTA

TION FROM-OH, SAY

ALAN LADD?

WELL, THESE GIRLS DO!

By Jack Wade



1. It was the nurse's day aff, Sue was sick in bed, and bath the secretaries were busy. So Alan pitched in, spent entire day caring far Alana, graaned, "Waman's wark is never dane!"



2. Alana had been kept away from Sue for fear of catching the flu also, sa it was quite an accasion when the baby was finally allawed to see her convalescing mather. To celebrate, she scaoted outside, picked a bouquet!

■ One night last summer a pretty girl named Betty Jordan sat at a ringside table at Ciro's in Hollywood and happily pinched herself to make sure she wasn't deep in a dream.

That afternoon her boss had strolled into the room where she was working on his business affairs and casually inquired, "What are you doing tonight, Betty?"

"Why, I haven't any plans," she'd answered.

"Then how about going out to dinner with Sue and me?"

Betty wondered, after he left, if the boss knew it was her birthday, and if so, how he could guess that this year she was particularly lonely. Her Marine flyer husband wouldn't be coming back, although the war was over, because he had gone down fighting in the Pacific. She doubted if the boss could know all these things, because she'd only worked there a month. But she knew she was wrong, the minute the headwaiter at Ciro's poured champagne, and Carmen Cavallero himself, her very favorite pianist, played "Happy Birthday" especially for her.

That's when Betty dabbed at her eyes and pinched

dream boss...





3. After Sue went to sleep, Alan took time out, but Alana landed on his lap: "Read to me, daddy!" Boby had exciting Xmas. She's three naw, very abservant, and cauldn't wait while Alan unwrapped her many gifts.



4. A gaadnight kiss fram Alana to her doll, and a deep sigh from Alan r no ane in porticular. He still has ta undress, bathe, and put to bed h real doll. Moking movies (like "Blue Dahlia") is easier, he decide



5. Alana laves her both, especially when it's a bubble bath, with daddy to fluff up the suds. Lucky girl: Her father's bought 20 newsreels and is assembling a mavie history of World Wor II for his doughter's education.



6. All clean and shining, Alona (with pop's help) dons on old-fashtaned nightie ... and so to bed! As soon as building can be started, the Ladds will live an new 25-acre ranch, complete with swimming pool and a born. her arm—to find herself, a small town girl from Pennsylvania, the honor guest at a Ciro's party, sitting with Alan and Sue Ladd, meeting all their famous friends. That's when, too, Betty decided being Alan Ladd's private secretary was going to be a swell job.

She's been there almost a year now and Betty Jordan has never had occasion since to change that opinion. Nor has Diane Craigle, with three years' service stripes at the Ladds'. Together, that pair teams up to solve the peck of problems, private and professional, that swarm around a successful Hollywood star like bees around honey. They say no man is a hero to his valet, but that certainly doesn't work with secretaries—at least not with Alan Ladd's secretaries. They think he's wonderful—and that goes for Sue and Baby Alana and the whole household.

They wouldn't trade jobs with anybody in Hollywood. Alan and Sue have the happy habit of taking everyone who works for them right into the family, for one thing, and luckily it's a family that is not bothered with boredom.

"The wonderful thing about working for the Ladds," Diane and Betty chorus, "is that you never can tell what comes next. Anything can happen—and it usually does!"

Alan wants Sue with him constantly, so very often she is unable to take care of things as she would like to, so the details fall on Diane and Betty. Life is not just a basket of bills paid, letters typed, memos noted and contracts filed for Betty and Diane. Officially, they work in the big playroom back of Alan and Sue's Los Feliz home, but they're both. around and all over the main house all the day and sometimes nights, too, when a Sueand-Alan expedition gets going. And try and get those girls to go home at the end of a working day once they've mixed up in a Ladd family project! Like the time Alan and Sue set out for their Northern motor tour last fall.

That night Betty had promised her roommate at the Studio Club, where she lives, to come home early and go out to dinner and a show. At quitting time she phoned to say she'd be a little late. At six o'clock she said she hoped to get away soon. At seven, Betty called up and faced the awful truth; she'd have to call it off; there was too much happening around the mad Ladd house.

The telephones were ringing like a five alarm fire, with (Continued on page 107) • On Thursday morning (the housekeeper's day off) it occurred to Mrs. R. E. Powell, co-owner and operator of a delightful home in Brentwood, that it would be ever so married and matronly to prepare dinner for herself, her husband, and a choice guest.

She puzzled over the menu and buzzed around like Oscar of the Ritz.

With everything in the oven, she ran a finger down the cook book page. "The book says I have 40 minutes for a shower," she mumbled to herself. Being fast and efficient in such matters, she was out, toweled, dressed and lipsticked in twenty minutes.

Having run back and forth between bedroom, bathroom, and kitchen, she was complacent in the knowledge that all was going well.

At which point she heard geyser sounds from the bathtub. Rushing in, she arrived in time to find the water level rising rapidly in the tub instead of trickling away, and from the outlet came a gusher. Horrified, June stood transfixed. "My rug!" she squealed and leaped to rescue it. Having hung it on the line, she returned to find about an inch of water covering most of the bathroom floor.

It was Dick's rehearsal day at the broadcast, so June charged to the telephone and called the radio station. The only available line to Dick's studio was busy.

Back went his distraught wife to the bathroom to note that the waters were again rising. She shot to the telephone and called a friend.

"I'm being drowned. I mean my bathroom is. What shall I do?" gasped June.

"Call the plumber," said the friend.

"D'ya know the number?" June started to inquire, then she heard another suspicious sound.¹ Hanging up, she raced to the maid's bath-



Who con resist on invitation to Louello Parsons'? Not even the Powells, who've been honeymooning up till now! When our MODERN SCREEN spies heard the news, they grabbed their hots and comeros, raced to L.'s to record for history ... and you!



In Louello's bedroom, J. confides this is her first venture into the outside world. First two doys in new house, Powells osked guests to remove shoes à lo Chinese before entering bedroom or her dressing room, so's not to soil white string corpeting!

THE PLUMBING

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WAS MRS. RICHARD

POWELL FLUSTERED? YOU

BET SHE WASI



Teletype machine fascinated June, so Lauella explained what made it tick, allowed June ta send message. When J. was sick in bed with cald recently, Dick amazed her by entering roam playing trumpet. Repeated act with sax, clarinet, till J. yelled "Enaugh!"





A hat scaap scarched the wires in Lauella's attice, and J. unashamedly listened in. L. knaws Dick fram years back, when bath warked an "Hallywaad Hatel" radia pragram.

room. The waters were rising!

This was too much for June. She got the radio station on the phone. "I've got to talk to my husband!"

The operator was sympathetic—but firm. No artist was to be disturbed while on the air.

"But it's only rehearsal today," explained June. "Really it is."

"My report from the studio is that they are on the air," said the operator, and that was that.

To make a long story short, the dear good plumber arrived, rolled up his trousers and stopped the flood.

And, yes-the food! June charged to the kitchen and yanked out the steak and the potatoes. Everything looked just fine.

But when it came to the eating—that was another story. Dick couldn't have cut the steak with all the tools in the plumber's kit.

"We have a lovely dessert," June said in a choked little voice.

After two bites, Dick gazed at the little woman in utmost admiration. "What peaches!" he said. "Simply delicious. And this cake is absolutely out of this world."

"The peaches are canned, and I bought the cake," said June, bursting into shrieks of laughter which were joined by Dick and the dinner guest.

Well, that's marriage for you. The good and the bad. The bitter tragedies. And the beautiful, unforgettable moments.

Like last Christmas, for instance, June's chief gift from Dick is one of the loveliest of sentimental mementos. As you probably know, Dick designed June's wedding ring of gold, a star sapphire, and diamonds. Using the same design with three sapphires of larger size, Dick ordered a matching bracelet to place under the Christmas tree.

And then there was Heathcliff. Heathcliff is a cocker spaniel, strawberry blonde of coloring, and violently affectionate of disposition.

June set to work at once to teach him tricks, using dog biscuits as persuaders. It required nearly a week to teach Heathcliff to sit down on command. Another week to teach him to lie down. His understanding of the order, "Roll over" and the even more important "Go to bed" absorbed hours of June's energy. Finally, however, Heathcliff behaved beautifully. So his mistress (*Continued on page 126*)



Gabfest cancerned party at the Atwater Kents gang would attend next night. J.'s wearing Howard Greer designed dress Dick birthday-presented her with. D. chirped, "I don't care what color it is—so long as it's blue!"



Between two women dongles cocker spaniel Jimmy, whose cousin Heothclif belongs to the Powells. June nomed her pup thusly so she could hang out window how! "Heathcliff!" ond score neighbors into "Wuthering Heights" state of suspense



Kissing Louella goodnight gave the Powells ideos, so-o-o! Dick's used to seeing June in sweater 'n' skirt, thinks she's "elegant" all dressed up!

k congratulates June, who just beat him ot backgommon, with no coach-by Louello, either! J.'s ring ond brocelet, courtesy of Sonta C. ond Richord Dick had brocelet mode to motch engagement ring; J. was thrilled!

Their Hearts are young and Gay

A grond evening ot Henry Willson's (left) with Diono Lynn, Guy Modison, Goil Russell—and Horry Jomes on o record! Goil's very friendly with Guy, but there's olso Peter Lowford ond Billy De Wolfe in the running!



"MOST GIRLS TALK TOO MUCH," SAYS GUY MADISON. "ALWAYS TRYING TO IMPRESS A GUY! BUT GAIL RUSSELL-M-M-M-H!" By Cynthia Miller

Guy helped Henry ploy host, mode special egg coffee for guests. Guy's headed for stardom in "Till The End Of Time," with Darathy McGuire, though it's anly his second picture since bit role in "Since You Went Away."





Girls did o retouch job while Guy kibitzed. Diono's hoving tough time cooxing her mom to let her occept Loren Tindo ring. Introduced Henry to Loren, who've become best of friend



■ Guy Madison get into a black tie and stiff shirt? Not for his own mother—on Mother's Day! But tonight was different. Tonight he was stepping out with Gail Russell. So there he stood, an unhappy hunk of man, in front of the mirror, tormenting the black ribbon, while under his shirt the perspiration ran like ice down his chest.

"Henry!" he yelled. "Henry!"

Henry, of course, was Henry Willson, a chap of 32, who is assistant to the president of Selznick's Vanguard Pictures. Every MODERN SCREEN reader knows all about how Henry discovered Guy at a broadcast. Since then they've grown close as brothers, and the finest foursome in town consists of Henry Willson and Diana Lynn-and Guy Madison and Gail Russell.

The way Gail and Guy met originally makes a cute story. Luther Lester, drama coach at Paramount, and Gail were emerging from Paramount one night, as Guy and Henry arrived. Introductions were made and acknowledged formally, then Luther and Henry got to chatting. Gail and Guy said nothing.

The foursome returned to Luther's office, where Guy was to be coached. Guy and Gail smiled at each other, and Guy said, "Hi!"

"Hello," said Gail.

"I saw you in 'The Uninvited' (Continued on page 114)

"and so they were

BY FREDDA DUDLEY



Lucky Poul Brooks! He's doing whot servicemen in the South Pocific sighed obout when they voted Jeonne Croin os the girl they'd most like to come home to . . . only Poul got there first!



"Jeanne Croin, age, 20, occupation, octress." Poul fills out the opplication for a marriage license in Los Angeles an December 28th, o few days before the ceremony. It's the first *altar-ation* for both.



Jeonne returned from her honeymoon for retokes on new p "Centenniol Summer," to find o surprise visitor: Lon McCo lister. Heorty congrotulotions show Lon's no sore lose

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THEY MET AT A FRIEND'S HOUSE—FUN. THEY MET AT A CROWDED MARKET—FATE. AND SO THEY WERE MARRIED—FOREVER 'N' EVER, SAYS JEANNE CRAIN BRINKMAN

Comfortable, and so-a romantic, as Paul Brooks (né Brinkman) carries his bride over the threshold. The handsome groom's often mistaken for Errol Flynn; when a group of fans rushed him autside a theater one night, Paul abligingly autographed with Errol's nome!



■ It was four-thirty in the morning of the last day of 1945, when Jeanne Crain turned off the lights in the guest room in the San Fernando Valley home of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Kester, where she had been staying ever since her misunderstanding with her mother.

Hanging in the closet was her lovely white suit and in a hat bag on the dresser was a huge white felt hat. How incredible that these clothes she had bought on a casual shopping.tour should develop into her wedding wardrobe! Tomorrow, thought Jeanne, as she snuggled under the blankets, she would be Mrs. Paul Brinkman.

"Try to sleep, darling," Paul had said when he had kissed her goodbye several hours earlier. "Don't think. Just rest. Everything will turn out all right."

But she had so much to think about! From her bed she could see the gradual reddening of the sky in promise of a brilliant dawn, and about that brightening she remembered a line from some treasured book, "Happy the bride the sun shines on." So she was to be a bride in sunshine!

The sun had been shining the first time she had ever seen Paul—that she remembered clearly. The Kesters had called Jeanne one Saturday to say, "We're having a Sunday morning brunch at noon tomorrow. Bring your current dove and join us, won't you? We've invited an amusing crowd that we think you'll enjoy."

So Jeanne, after consulting her mother, had called a boy and tendered the invitation. Like all well-reared girls, Jeanne's social life was carefully regulated; she was not allowed to telephone boys except under specific circumstances approved by her mother. Even when 20th Century-Fox was giving some sort of an affair and wanted to make a professional appearance date for Jeanne, Mrs. Crain was consulted before any action was taken. Jeanne was seventeen at this time, sweet, untouched by (*Continued on page 94*) FOR A WHILE IT WAS ALL MIXED UP-WANTING TO SING AND THE NEW BABY AND LILLIAN EASING THE TIGHT SPOTS. THEN CAME THE BREAK. NOW EVERYTHING'S ROSY, THANK YOU. (LIFE STORY, CONCLUDED)

dennis morgan



The Morgons sure oren't night owls, but the doy Dennis signed a brand new 7-year controct with Warners', he blew Lillian ta a high time at Ciro's. Denny wouldn't sign, however, befare studia execs pramised, "No mare musicals!"

Stan Morner and Lillian Vedder were married on a balmy Indian Summer evening at Lillian's home in Marshfield. Half the town was there to watch the high school romance blossom in Doctor Vedder's garden, along with pals from Prentice and a sprinkling of Morner and Van Dusen relatives. Lillian was lovely in white and Stan was tall and trim, perspiring a little in dark blue coat and creamy white flannel trousers. It wasn't the summer heat that made his brow bead up, but the shakes that seize almost every groom, helped along by a narrow escape from stark tragedy. Because up until minutes before he walked down the aisle, Bridegroom Stan didn't have any pants to wear at his wedding.

He'd stopped in Milwaukee on the way to enlist his good friend, Bob DeHaven, as best man. Together, they'd ordered the ice cream color pants for the garden wedding. Bob was to wear his and bring Stan's when he came down the fateful day. But as the crowd gathered for the ceremony, Stan Morner paced up and down in Doctor Vedder's room, hair slicked, tie knotted, shirt dangling above his shorts. No wonder his bare knees trembled with the whips and jingles. The agony ended a few minutes before the nuptial deadline when Bob finally rolled up with the necessary trousers. Stan slipped into the pants and they raced to the starting line, on time but shaky.

Another minor crisis developed when Lillian's sister, Jeanette, sitting at the piano to play the Wedding March, saw a Wisconsin wind snatch the music off her rack and whisk it clear over the fence and down the block the minute the preacher signalled "ready." She. couldn't play without music; she had to sing the Mendelssohn. (Continued on page 116)



Just before going on the Screen Guild Broadcast with Bruce Cobot, Dennis received word that his ald Alma Mater, Carrall Callege, had conferred on him the hanorory degree of Dactor of Fine Arts—the first oword of its history!



BY KIRTLEY BASKETTE



Stan, Jr., ond Kris, Californio born and bred, take naturally to the outdoor life—even though it's Dod who's the Wisconsin woodsman. Dennis' next pic is "Two Guys From Milwoukee" with Jock Carson.

The Morgon ronch hos started specializing in breeding prize-winning fruits. Only problem naw is keeping Stan from shinning up the trees ofter the whoppers!

JOHNNIE JOHNSTON SANG IN BEER JOINTS ALL NIGHT;

DOROTHY WORKED DAYS. SO THEY MET FOR BREAKFAST-

i, Johnnie

AND HOARSE AS HE WAS, SHE UNDERSTOOD WHEN HE

CROAKED, "WILL YOU MARRY ME?" BY JEAN KINKEAD

■ Right off the bat the youngsters in Kansas City got on to it that the "new kid" was different. He was only four when he moved in from St. Louis, but he had an air, a swagger that set him apart. Even the big six and seven-year-olds noticed him. "Grousy, grousy new kid," they'd shout at him from their tricycles, but they'd always stop a minute and say, "What's your name?"

"Johnnie Clifford Johnston," he'd reply, and get on with the business of making mud pies or chasing squirrels. When he felt chatty he'd hurl the bombshell at them. The startling bit of information that was responsible for the swagger. "My mom and pop are champion bowlers." In the circles in which he traveled that was more impressive than having your parents in Congress, and in almost no time he was a local figure.

It was pretty darn wonderful having a mother who *did* something, but now and then a guy wished she were just a plain old everyday mom who was always around. It made you feel a little empty sometimes to come home and yell "Mom!" and then remember that Mom was downtown practicing for the next match. One big thing it did for Johnnie, though, was to put him on his own when he was very, very young. Aged ten, he was making his own decisions, making his own (*Continued on page 103*)



Vocotioning in Florida, Johnnie "rested" by sailing, fishing, swimming, golfing, and even got in a few sets of tennis at the Roney Plozo courts. His excuse? "I hod to get in shope for my opening at the Copocoband!"



In order to celebrate the invite to auditian for NBC in '37, Johnnie startled his pals by splurging \$60 af his \$90 bonkrall far a set of golf clubs! He and Benny Gaodman are galf inseparables.

Kibitzer criticized Johnnie's gin rummy technique, teased him obout that lock-over-the-farehead coiffure. Item: J. climbed trees for a drink af cacaonut milk! He's goy at night clubs, but na hard likker!

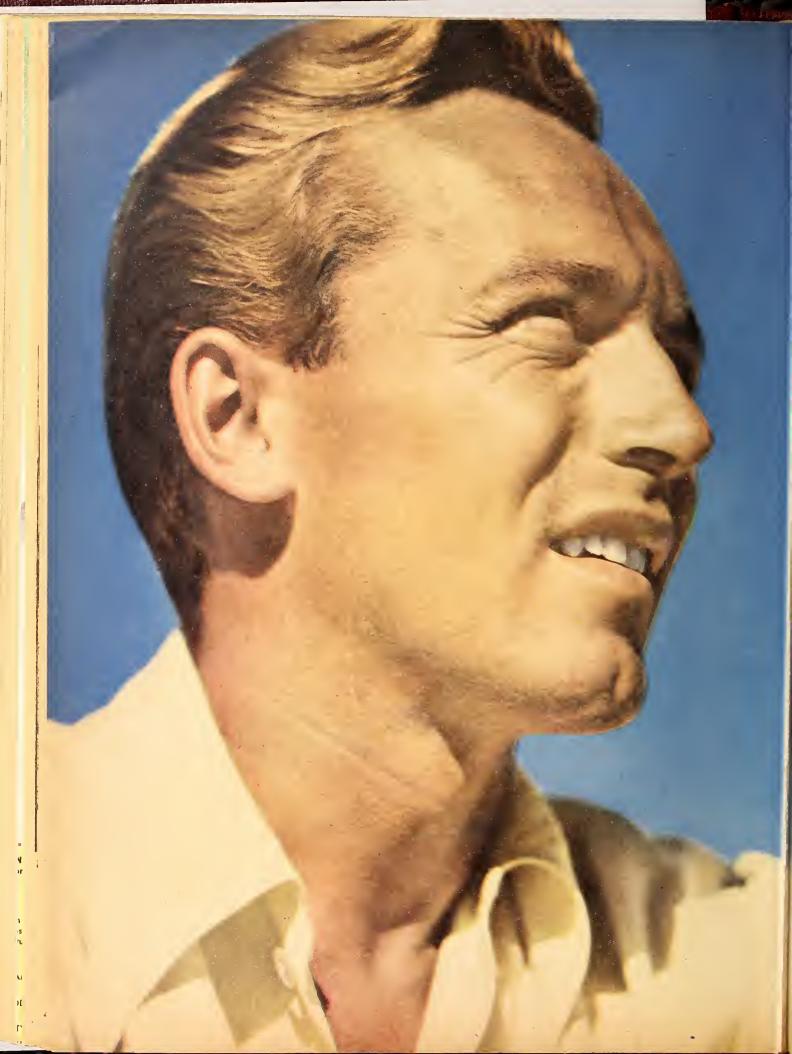




Hom Fisher, cortoonist-creator of fightin' Joe Polooko, gets some inside dope on boxing fram Johnnie Johnstan, ex-amateur ring champ. Weighing 125 pounds ot the time, Johnnie lost anly 3 bouts aut of 39!



Jahnnie spreods it an thick while lunching with Jae Pasternok. Time was when he warked far a doughnut campany far 50c a doy and two meols, consisting af caffee ond—yep!—sinkers.





plans. And making them well. You see, along about then he decided to go on the stage.

It happened like this. North East Junior High gave a colossal something called a "Jamboree" which had everything. Tumbling, a minstrel show, singing, dancing. There were fourteen acts and Johnnie was in eleven of them. He played a guitar, did a buck-and-wing, was end man—"Anthracite," by name—in the minstrel show, and sang "Singin' in the Rain" in a yellow slicker and big sou'wester hat. To be applauded eleven different times in one evening was really something. It went to his head. He was reeling with it. Going home with mom after the show, he exploded.

"Oh boy, the minute I get out of Junior High I'm going on the stage." Mom smiled at him in the dark and didn't say anything. It was a bright, dream-hung moment in a little boy's life. There'd be time enough to crusade for education tomorrow. Or the day after.

Of course Johnnie didn't go on the stage for years and years. He had a dozen jobs before he became a singer. When he was thirteen he was hustling pool. He was a long, lean kid, and when he slicked down his blond hair and stuck a cigarette in his mouth, he looked about seventeen, and it was nobody's business that the cigarette was only a Cubeb—made of herbs.

Job Number Two came when he was in high school. Ukuleles came in then, and Westport High had a uke club of which Johnnie was president (*Continued on page 103*)



Using his tinger to beot out the rhythms, Jahnnie checks musicol scare ot reheorsal with Dove Tyler and pianist befare his night club engagement. Chorus girls ganged up, but stood by, fascinated, when J. vacalized.



"Hold that smile!" Joseph Zappler, fomed partrait painter, sketches Johnnie under the palms befare finishing the job in oils. Sitting while sameane else sketches is a far cry fram Johnnie's sign painting days!



■ (We wanted a real, on-the-scene report on Don Taylor, so naturally, we went right to the source: His home town! All the way to Freeport, Pa., went one of our editors, to get you this first-hand account of Don's life from his mother and father.—THE EDITORS.)

With all the excitement, nobody would

have been in the least surprised if a voice suddenly rang out with, "Lights, action, camera!" That's how unbelievable it all was. MODERN SCREEN was throwing its big, stupendous, colossal Poll Party and if Harry Truman had been available at the time, he probably would have been there, too. Everybody else was. Hostess Louella Parsons kep ducking out from behind the mounds o heaped turkeys and hams to greet Pete Lawford and Rosalind Russell and Var Johnson, and you couldn't tie Mik Romanoff down. He'd provided th decorations, he'd thought up thos carved ice figures and darned if he wa "Learn a trade, son," Mr. Taylor preached. So Don studied law and sold subscriptions and even fell in love. But it wouldn't work, it couldn't dull the stardust • by Miriam Alberta Ghidalia



Penn State College social offairs always featured the "We Three" troupe. Don was a one-mon version of the "First Nighter," Daris Disney song, Leon Rabinowitz "killed 'em" with impersonations.



At 6, Don was tow-headed, all boy, with most of his time spent in refusing to tend boby sister Janet and tearing his clothes fence climbing. He had a passion for trick hats—said they helped him play actor!



As a kid, Dan was sure his dad's position on the Penn. School Board would make him "teacher's pet." It didn't, though—Mom Taylor kept getting notes from school complaining of her "wild Indian."



going to pass up this perfectly wonderful chance to kiss every female hand in Hollywood! When he finally got around to Phyl Taylor, he was sagging a little. "Fine wife you've got there, Don,"

he announced, "pretty girl." Phyl whooped. "He knows us! Dar-

ling, we are (Continued on page 79)



slithe spuri

Elizabeth tucked her autograph book into her new muff. "Do you think Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr. will give me his autograph, mummy? I'd rather have it than anything!"

"I think he will, dear, if you ask him nicely." Pretty Mrs. Taylor smiled at her daughter's enthusiasm.

"Doing a broadcast from the White House is about the most wonderful thing that could happen to a girl, isn't it? Oh, honestly, I'm so thrilled I could die!"

"Well, don't die till you come back. Hurry up now, the car's waiting. Are you ready?"

Elizabeth danced to the door, clutching her white muff dramatically to her breast. Her grey eyes with their black velvet smudge of lashes blazed excitement.

The car which was waiting for them had Cornelia Otis Skinner in it, and Elizabeth promptly bagged her autograph. As soon as they got to the White House, she added Mrs. Truman's signature to her collection. When tall, handsome F.D.R., Jr. strode into the room, Elizabeth reached for.her book again. But it was just time for the broadcast to begin, and there was a mad flurry of activity. Elizabeth was definitely jittery until she saw that Mrs. Truman was, too, which had a curiously calming effect. The broadcast went off smoothly, and then the newsreel men took over. Elizabeth left her bag and muff with her mother while she posed for the camera with Mrs. Truman and the others. Every few minutes she took a deep breath to ease the aching excitement in her chest. It was all so unbelievable, that she should be standing by the President's wife and the late President's son.

Right at that moment, the man in charge said politely, "Mr. (Continued on page 98) SO-O-O GROWN UP, THAT LIZ TAYLOR, WITH A FUR COAT, 'N' EVEN MAKEUP-TILL SHE FORGETS, AND ROMPS ON THE FLOOR WITH TWEEDLES, HER DOG.



Liz dotes an radio plays, camics, interviews, Garsan. Was turiaus because rain made her miss daily ride on King Charles, the harse Metra gave her. Na matter—she beat Shirley Jahns at ping pana!

by Virginia Wilson





by HEDDA HOPPER

"How do you do, Miss Hopper," said Mark Stevens, tossing me a level glance: "Where's the Gruen watch?"

Well, now, really! I gasped. I knew long ago that if I didn't watch out I'd soon be about the most popular gal in Hollywood, and not because I'm the cutest kid in town, either. When you go around doping winners for MODERN SCREEN'S Star-of-the-Month, and handing out beautiful Gruen wrist watches to boot—well, it's hard to miss. You're welcome in the best society. You're everybody's pal. Yes, indeed.

But I'd never had anyone come right out with the irresistible secret of my allure—not so soon, so quick, so brutally frank.

"Listen here, (Continued on page 72)

"Let's pool our change in o piggy bank," suggested Mark to Mrs. S. So after four manths they opened it for a splurgeand found \$1.15! They'd eoch been cribbing from it!

HE'S THE RUGGED

ROMEO WITH THE SMOOTH

APPROACH-HEDDA

HOPPER'S CHOICE FOR

STAR-OF-

THE-MONTH



Mark chortled, "A Gruen Watch, just what I wonted!" when Heddo Hopper presented him his award as Star-of-the-Month. Poor Mr. S. hotes mokeup, wore down from 175 to 155 lbs. on "From This Doy Forword" arguing the point ...



■ I'll make a confession. I make my living directing pictures; but underneath I'm a frustrated song writer. I'd rather have been one Irving Berlin or Jerome Kern than six Leo McCareys. That's life. You always want to be something you aren't. And I wasn't. At least not for Bing Crosby I wasn't. I'd wrestle around with lyrics, scribbling "moon" and "June" and "love" and "stars above" until I came up with something I thought was really pretty hot. Then I'd take them to my baritone beau-ideal, Bing.

"How about singing this?" I'd ask. He'd look it over, hum a few notes. "Okay," he'd sav. "Maybe I can run it in tonight."

But he never could. I'd pay cover charge and drink all the Prohibition ginger ale at the Grove waiting for Bing to croon a masterpiece of mine and make me famous. But no. I'd hear "I Surrender Dear," "If I Could Be With You," "Mississippi Mud." I don't think Bing thought so much of me as a songwriter. Some people are that way. My wife, for instance. She's heard all my songs, because all my friends get (Continued on page 128)

> I'm a Crosby 12.11



Leo McCorey's o fovorite golf partner of Bing's-even if he does beot the crooner. He owns stacks of Crosby records, secretly imi-totes "boo-boo" style in his shower! (Bing's next: "Blue Skies.")



Bing battled with his rodio sponsors when he felt he needed o rest. He's due for competition on the air from within the ranks: One of his older sons will have his own radio show — if papa consents!

by Leo McCarey Director of "Bells of St. Mary's"

NO MAN'S A HERO TO HIS VALET.

AND NO STAR'S A HERO TO HIS DIRECTOR, IN HOLLYWOOD.

BUT WHEN THE STAR'S NAME IS BING CROSBY, WELL . . . !

ED SULLIVAN SPEAKING ...

■ I never thought, honestly, that I'd make the Metropolitan Opera! Even though I've often played golf with Crosby and know Sinatra, Como, Johnnie Johnston and Andy Russell intimately, the Metropolitan Opera had eluded my wildest dreams. You can believe, too, that if ever anyone had suggested to Edward Johnson, general director of the Metropolitan Opera, that he permit a New York columnist to participate in a Saturday matinee of Ponchielli's "La Gioconda," even the wonderful suavity of the "Met" boss could not have been maintained. You can picture Mr. Johnson summoning Barnaba, chief of police in "La Gioconda," and directing him to toss me into the Grand Canal, main waterway of Venice.



Radio Editor Sullivan with the Met.'s Edward Johnson.

However, the impossible has come to pass and on one wall of the Metropolitan Opera Guild there hangs visible proof that Sullivan achieved the Metropolitan Opera during the March 16th, 1946 performance of "La Gioconda." The plaque which hangs on the Guild wall is lettered:

> THE MODERN SCREEN RADIO AWARD presented by Ed Sullivan

to EDWARD JOHNSON in recognition of the splendid cultural services rendered by his Metropolitan Opera broadcasts.

In selecting Mr. Johnson and the Metropolitan Opera

for the first monthly award of a series which will honor those who have contributed greatly to radio, MODERN SCREEN was very conscious that here was a man, and an organization, deserving of the loftiest recognition. Above and beyond the broadcasts themselves, Americans owe to Mr. Johnson sincere appreciation for breaking down the operatic barriers which had been maintained against young American singers. Perhaps his decision to open the Metropolitan roster to all singers stemmed from Johnson's own experience. When he trained for the Opera under Caruso's teacher, Vincenzo Lombardi, the young Canadian tenor was advised to bill himself as Eduardo Di Giovanni. From 1912, his debut at Padua, until 1919, when he returned as an acknowledged tenor star, Johnson sang under the name of Di Giovanni.

In his eleventh year as general director of the "Met," Mr. Johnson must derive deep satisfaction from a roster that includes such names as Rise Stevens, James Melton, Nadine Connor, Patrice Munsel, Eleanor Steber, Lucille Browning, Robert Merrill, Mimi Benzell, Richard Tucker, Dorothy Kirsten, Frances Greer, Helen Traubel, Maxine Stellman and so many others whose splendid dreams came true only because of his sympathetic understanding.

I'm delighted that this first award should go to Edward Johnson. My pledge is that these monthly awards will be on the same high level, even though I grant you that men of the professional stature of Edward Johnson are not to be found on every Crosley-Hooper rating.

I'd like to hear from you MODERN SCREEN readers. When something, or somebody in radio impresses you as having done something that warrants national acclaim, drop me a memo here at MODERN SCREEN. Your suggestion will be weighed carefully. Perhaps you'll call attention to someone who might escape this roving eye, and I'll appreciate your cooperation.

Of Mice, Men and Sponsors

Artie Auerbach, whose dialect jingle of "A pickle in the middle, with the mustard on top" added another comedy plus to the Jack Benny program, used to heckle me in my vaudeville act. . . In the Detroit Fox Theater, once, Auerbach was carried into audience view on the enormous orchestra elevator. It had seats for 60 musicians, but Artie came up on it alone. . . When Parks Johnson and his "Vox Pop" program fades temporarily from the airwaves April 22, happiest will be Parks. After 14 years of broadcasting, the veteran will be able to vacation all summer at Wimberly, Texas (unhappiest, however, will be Sullivan. Each summer, Parks and Warren Hull have used me as a pinch-hitter) . . . Steve Hannegan, when he took over the Jack Benny publicity chores, was amazed at Jack's nervousness. Recently, when Steve came back from the Coast, I was sitting at the Stork Club with him and Ann Sheridan. "How's Jack?" I asked. "Wonderful." (Continued on page 127)

HER RING-three set with severe beauty in platinum



Cornelia V. Clapp

charming young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth H. Clapp "Apple Meadow," Bedford, N. Y., is to be the bride of Lt. (j.g.) James R. Neal, Jr., U.S.M.S.







BOOKS FOR SAILORS-At the Seamen's Institute, Cornelia helps collect books to send out to the Merchant Marine, A friendly service as important in peacetime as in wartime. Cornelia is also a delightful hostess at a well-known and popular officers' club in New York. It was there she met her lieutenant fiancé.

"When Bob comes home from sea he's going to be a lawyer, and we hope to live in Virginia," Cornelia says.

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JEANNE CRAIN'S MOM ISN'T MAD ANY MORE;

VAN'S MENDING

AS WELL AS BREAKING

HEARTS; LADDIE

CAME HOME

If Susanna Foster's heart was broken and she carried a torch when Turhan Bey fell in love with Lana Turner-she is having mighty sweet revenge.

I happen to know that Susanna WAS very much in love with the Turkish Delight and that they had even gone so far as to discuss marriage plans when Lana came into his life.

At first, the little Foster girl was miserably unhappy. It was around that time that she first started discussing leaving the screen for an operatic career-an idea she has now put into effect-but NOT because she is still grieving for Turhan!

With his romance with Lang an affair of the dim, dear past-Turhan has been wooing Susanna with all the old fire and ardor.

Three times he has driven up to her home at Carmel to beg her to let bygones be bygones. On one occasion, his mother (who never approved of his romance with Lana) went with him. Mama always liked Susanna.

But the lady says it is all over, finished and definitely through. The real big interest in her life right now is the five sabbatical years she is taking off from her Universal contract to study for the Metropolitan Opera. Movies, Turhan and love are all behind her now while the blonde songbird concentrates all her attention on her singing career. And her heart is all patched up.

I say it is good, good, good that Universal is bringing Deanna Durbin back to the screen as her old sweet self in her first picture after the birth of her baby, in "Josephine." I never thought Deanna was the type to go sophisticated. Did you? Leave the wisecracks and the brittleness to actresses like Barbara Stanwyck. Deanna was our baby songbird and we loved her that way. (Continued on page 60)

Fon club prexy Corol Whelchel still con't believe it—being invited to Louello Porsons' with LOP owording her M.S.'s semi-onnuol Fon Club Assoc. Trophy Cup. Who's the club for? Done Clork, but natch....





Conodo's ski slides provided the T. Powers (ot "Leave Her To Heoven" premiere) with some much-needed reloxotion. Ty and Annobello spent his first week out of service ot a tourist comp 150 miles from H'wood.

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Good news

Academy Aword naminee Milland guested an the Screen Guild Show with Jane Wymon—ond o beord. Seems he needs a stubble far Pora.'s "Califarnia," and Roy believes in growing his own.



never been to Phoenix—and she and Dick were going to a dude ranch. You would have thought he was taking her to Cairo or to a Palace in Persia, she was that excited.

"Will I ride?" she kept asking him, "will we take hikes? Isn't it wonderful? We're going away together—oh, I'm so happy!" And all that isn't an "act" on the part of little Junie, either. She was genuinely happy to be going away with Dick and to be going to Arizona for the first time.

She was wearing a brand new Howard Greer dress. "My Pappy gave me six of these," she said—Pappy being Dick, of course. I noticed she wore little pumps with buckles and gloves.

June said, "I'll never again give any of these commentators a chance to criticize me for going around in slacks and bandanas."

Dick grinned and said, "You look good to me, honey, no matter what you wear." That's the way it is with the Powells.

But I think June is sensible to get a little clothes conscious. Stars should always look their best at all times, on all occasions.

This month I want to have a little talk with you about something that is happening with frequency in our movietown—and must be happening elsewhere, judging (Continued on page 66)



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Thot \$40,000 platino fox caot C. Colbert (here with producer Frank Rass) groces was from the "Tamarraw Is Forever" wardrobe. But Claudette was sa sensatianal, studia gifted her with it.

"Adventure" makes Greer's ninth film to open at N.Y.'s Music Hall, but now that ex-sea dog Richard Ney is home, wifie plans to do fewer pix per year. If passible, she'll co-star with Dick. For luck?

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Good news



At Beverly Hills Hatel, Sanny Tufts tells wife Barbara whaf he did an haspital taur: "I sang—nat gaad, but laud." Sanny last 16 lbs. last year when his hand gat infected, went dawn ta mere 203!



She huffed, she puffed, and Ginger R. Briggs blew out all 3 candles af third anniversary cake at Cira's with her awn personal pride af the Marines, Jack B.

from letters from unhappy daughters I have been receiving.

It is the old, old problem of mothers disapproving of the engagements and marriages of teen-age daughters.

Believe me, there was much excitement over the mother-daughter-fiance fracas just before Jeanne Crain's marriage to Paul Brooks. Now Jeanne is saying that it was never as serious as the gossips and the newspapers made out. But I think that even Jeanne cannot deny that there were many stormy scenes and tears when she told her mother she was marrying Paul.

Mrs. Crain had refused him permission to their home. One night, he came pounding on the door. Jeanne rushed out into the night and later eloped with the good looking boy who looks so much like Errol Flynn that he could pass for his double.

Well, accusations and recriminations flew thick and fast for a few days. Mrs. Crain sobbed (Continued on page 68) Shartly befare leaving far Sa. America, Lana Turner attended a premiere with Bab Huttan. When her plane landed in S. A., 5,000 ardent fans were an hand ta greet Lana—palice cauldn't hald 'em back!



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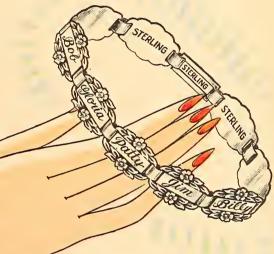
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that she had not even been invited to her daughter's wedding. Jeanne's little sister almost had a breakdown crying, "—and Jeanne said she would never be married unless I was her bridesmaid!" Now things seem to be patched up—but this is not the only tangle of Cupid with Mammas in Hollywood.

Mrs. Haver was deeply upset when she thought her cute, blonde trick of a daughter, June, was falling in love with Victor Mature and might marry him.

Diana Lynn's mother disapproves of all her beaux who threaten to become serious. "Diana is much too young to think of marrying anyone," her mother says.

What a wise woman Gertrude Temple was when her curly-headed little 17-year-old Shirley came to her and said, "Mother, I am in love and want to be married." Of course, Mrs. Temple knew that John Agar was a fine boy. But when she realized that Shirley was deeply and sincerely in love she said to me, "Shirley brought a great deal of happiness to other people when she was a little girl on the screen. Now that little girl is growing up —and she is entitled to happiness of her own."

I say, of course, if there are any real objections to a suitor—that is something else again. But don't object to Love on the grounds of youth. Mother frequently knows best, as the old saying goes—but not always!

Never in your life have you seen a bedroom set like the "boodwah" David Niven and Loretta Young are working on in "The Perfect Marriage."

When I dropped over to visit the popular David (just returned to the movies after five years in the British Army) and Loretta, I found them having tea—Loretta arrayed in a nightgown(!) and David in a knockout of a lounging robe.

Of course, that is what they are wearing in the scenes before the cameras and not what they might have chosen for the tea hour.

"Do women stars really just wear nightgowns as sheer as they look on the screen and with all those men around?" is a popular query I receive from my readers.

Since Loretta was wearing one, I'll let her tell you about it:

"Believe me, Louella, and you can tell the fans—we're just as fully clothed in these nightgowns as we would be in an evening gown. Usually they are made of satin, and lined, and getting that very sheer effect is just a little trick of the cameraman's which he gets with the right lighting," she laughed.

So, now you know.

CHUCKLES OF THE MONTH:

Gene Tierney's remark: "My husband and I havé our spats. But I give in a little, he gives in a lot—so we remain very happy."

The cagey maneuver of one of our best known actors who had a terrific crush on a certain girl. He gave her fur coats and jewelry. Then when the spark was no longer there, he suggested she let him have all the gifts for an insurance estimate. You guessed it—she never saw them again! Lana Turner's request to M-G-M that her South American tour be "absolutely without fanfare and minus interviews!" Oh, Lana hubba, hubba, hubba and a yuk-yuk! (Now you know!)

Guy Madison and Gail Russell are maaad for each other (at this writing!) Maybe it means marriage—and then again, maybe it's just a little fond affection. Anyway, Guy's boss, David Selznick, isn't any too happy about the romance. He has nothing against Gail—but he thinks Guy should get a couple of hit pictures to his credit before he says 'I do."

Richard Jaeckel, Dick to you, got leave from the Merchant Marine to take three months off to make a movie while his boat was in drydock in Long Beach harbor.

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The picture his studio had lined up for him was "Margie" with Jeanne Crain. I say "was" because Dick read the script, put his foot down and bowed out of it. That might sound temperamental from a young actor who has been off the screen so long, and who had but one screen appearance to his credit, "Guadalcanal Diary," before he entered the service, but Dick's side of the argument is this: The part calls for him to play a typical rah-rah high school boy in a raccoon coat with nothing on his mind but his next date.

"That stuff's just not for me," says Dick, "I've grown up in the Merchant Marine. The guys would sure rib me ragged if I played such a part."

Ann Blythe, the glamorous "daughter" who was so good being bad in "Mildred Pierce" is completely recovered from the serious accident of some six months ago when she broke her back.

She'll be starred in Mark Hellinger's first Universal movie, "A Swell Guy," with one of our top name romantic actors playing opposite her.

Incidentally, I heard a very nice thing about Ann. All the time she was ill she corresponded regularly with Susan Peters, our other little invalid who's been making such a brave try at a comeback.

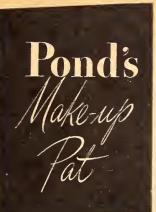
I still think Susan could return to the screen in just the right story. "The King's General," a very exciting book, has a heroine who is confined to a wheel chair. How about that for Susan, M-G-M?

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I thought I would go crazy denying all the telephone calls and rumors that Bing Crosby was dead!

The happy truth is—Bing was in the East taking his first real holiday and vacation in years. His brother Everett wired me, "Bing's fine! I'm the one who is wilting—trying to keep up with him."

And now we come to the end of another chapter—I won't be seeing you until next month. But once again I want to thank all of you who have been writing me—and I do mean ALL.





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ON HOW TO KEEP THEM COLORFUL AND GLEAMING.

HELP YOUR HANDS TO SOME FOUR-STAR GLAMOR.

by Carol Carter, Beauty Editor

Beauty Hand-outs.

Anne Jeffreys, who is so pretty in RKO's "Step by Step," never skips a step in her monicure routine! Here she smooths on hond lation and finishes a neat job af polish application. The Beauty Department has something for you. Hold out both hands . . . we're going to cram 'em full of beauty! Let's begin by striking a colorful note. We'll do away with fingertip monotony by remembering that there's a particular nail polish to team with every wardrobe color from that cherry jumper to chartreuse suit.

F'rinstance, there's a lilting, singing "fire fly" scarlet, so grand with pastels and prints. Or, could be that you want a strong, serene, true red to team with a clear green? Then by all means consider "flare red." Check off "red plum" to highlight mauves, violets and purples. Not planned to transcend red, but to supplement it for special occasions, there is "tortoise shell," a burnished, dramatic russet. And "proud pink" will do you proud when worn with Spring Navy blue!

Get the idea? Let your fingertips share in your glamor. Don't keep 'em in the background by dabbing on the same red over a period of weeks. Have





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repertoire as wide as Sinatra's. After II, he doesn't sing the same tune over nd over again, does he?

The best way to give your digits the pice of variety is to practice the "quick ick" technique. For lasting fingertip llure, apply one durable base coat, two pats of polish. When time is short, or hen you want to match a special polish a special outfit, apply one base coat and one coat of polish.

In the last few years some of us fetales have fallen into the rather lazy abit of quickly swishing on polish and overing the entire nail. The results are retty and I've nothing against that ractice. But here again we can do with bit of variety. First, of course, there this business of sheathing the entire ail. But for a different finger makeup ou might try leaving your half moons cposed. A third variation for your ilored and business-like moods is to ave both moons and tips exposed.

With fingertips so colorful, they are ound to attract the public's eye . . . so sep them pretty with a regular weekly manicure. Begin the procedure by arranging the "fixings" on a nearby table so you won't have to dash up, half way through, to retrieve the polish or cuticleremover you've forgotten. Then turn on the radio to your favorite program and devote fifteen cozy minutes to the business at hand!

For a clean start, remove old enamel with oily polish remover. Shape your nails with an emery board or a fine grained metal file. A gentle oval is the most becoming outline. Scrub your dainty digits with a brush and a fluff of warm suds.

Remove cuticle, using a cotton-tipped orangewood stick dipped in a special cuticle remover. Or you might try using the wonderful fountain-pen shaped gadget that holds a supply of oily cuticle remover and has a "nib" that neatly disciplines wayward cuticles.

Before going to work with your polish brush, apply a colorless base coat to smooth out any bumps and to provide a strong mooring ground for the coloring. Now, one or two coats of polish, as you will, and finish with one of those grand "toppers" that speeds drying time.

When polish has dried, pamper your glorified fingers with hand lotion or cream. In fact, don't reserve this beauty treatment for manicure time. Make it a daily practice. The results will show in smooth, soft, unchapped hands. Use lotion beforehand when you're about to embark upon any messy chores. And keep a bottle of lotion on tap to be used every time your hands have been in water, whether you've been washing dishes, stockings . . . or you!

All set now? Fine! But just in case you're wondering about polish brands or manicure item's, or even about the beautification of face, figure or top-knot, remember that Carol Carter is here to help you. For a prompt reply send your problem, together with a stamped, selfaddressed envelope, to: Carol Carter, Dept. B., MODERN SCREEN, 149 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y.

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WATCH MARK STEVENS!

(Continued from page 53)

young man," I began to boil, "suppose you keep your shirt on . .." Then I saw this tall guy with the crinkly, ginger-colored hair and the dark brown eyes crack a charming, disarming grin, and I melted. I found I had the Gruen watch in my hand, and was forking it over. Mark Stevens looked at it, turned it around admiringly,

looked at it, turned it around admiringly, latched it on his wrist and patted it "Just what I've been wanting," he grinned. Then he looked reflective for a second and sighed. "You know what?" he said. "I was just thinking. It's funny. I wouldn't sell this watch today for ten times its price—but a couple of years ago, I'd have chased right off to Uncle Benny's and hocked it for whatever I could get!" Maybe I was churging my jalonny out

and hocked it for whatever I could get!" Maybe I was chugging my jaloppy out over Cahuenga Pass toward Warner Brothers studio that morning when Mark was jerking his thumb at a stream of whizzing drivers who never gave him a tumble. Could be. Maybe, if I'd been the seventh daughter of a seventh son or some-thing. I'd have slammed on the brakes and thing, I'd have slammed on the brakes and said, "Hop in, for a ride to fame."

the hard way . . .

But it doesn't work that way. Mark hiked the whole six miles from Hollywood Mark hiked the whole six miles from Hollywood. He'd spent his last two bits getting up that far from Long Beach, where he was sleep-ing on the sands and eating hamburgers. He was headed for a test at Warners'. He was late but they shot it. He wore an old suit of Humphrey Bogart's that pinched him in the shoulders and split up the back. The wind ruffed his wavy hair around like a Hottentot's and he was too self-conscious a Hottentot's and he was too self-conscious to comb it in front of the camera crew

to comb it in front of the camera crew But somehow he got a stock contract and he hung around a while, doing nothing good, getting nowhere. Then he was fired Washed up in one easy lesson. A Holly-wood discard, like a hundred others, billed for oblivion. Just a couple of years ago. Sometimes I'm tempted to sit down and write my Congressman. "Please, can't you pass a law making more months out of th year?" It's like this-new stars are pop ping up around Hollywood like corn ove hot coals. The pressure's terrific. What a gal to do with Dreamboaty Dates wit Fate everywhere she looks? I could pic

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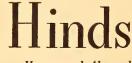
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give no names. Invite 24 studio secretaries. Let their verdict be final."

"And . . .?" I asked. "We did," grinned Bill. "The vote: twenty-four to nothing—in favor of Mark, of course!"

Then I went into a huddle with myself— and you should huddle with Hopper. I've a Hollywood memory like an elephant and the minute I looked at Mark Stevens, names ran across my mind like ticker tape. Lew Ayres, yep, looks like him. Dana Andrews, too. A touch of Alan Ladd. Lots of Tim Holt's looks and charm. Errol Flynn. Even David Niven, if you look Flynn. Even David Niven, if you look close. Those boys were stars. But I think the final clincher on the case was this: Mark Stevens is so typically untypical of Hollywood fortune—if I make myself clear. He's the kid who did it when it wasn't He's the kid who did it when it wasn't done—crashing the town cold, friendless, unafraid—getting his breaks in preposter-ous fashions (like those secretary votes), doing all the wrong things and coming out right. Getting in jams, sassing producers, walking off sets, getting married when he was out of a job. Making the grade and keeping his spunk and independence.

fireworks . . .

Mark Stevens should have been born on the Fourth of July. He's a walking Declaration of Independence, and that's something—even in Hollywood, where you see all kinds of things ambling along.

see all kinds of things ambling along. You can tell it the minute you spot his square-cut jaw. It's a good-looking face Steve wears, but on the cocky, belligerent side. He's almost a real redhead; as a kid, you just know he had copper freckles. Talks with a quiet, even voice with no apology-for-living in it. Maybe Mark packs a slightly cynical demeanor-well, he's been batted around a lot. Ever see a redhead without a temper, anyway?

redhead without a temper, anyway? Some time ago, while making "From This Day Forward," Mark, his producer and director came out of lunch at Lucey's Restaurant, right around the corner from RKO. A picture-snatcher was grabbing shots of stars because that's a great Para-mount-RKO lunch hangout. The RKO big mount-RKO funch hangout. The RKO big shots knew the bulb-boy. Mark didn't, and vice versa. They told the cameraman: "Here's a picture for you. Mark Stevens. He's playing opposite Joan Fontaine in her new picture. Better grab a shot." But the lens clicker was not impressed.

In fact, he was pretty rude. "Nuts to him," he barked. "I don't give a damn. Wait'll he gets famous and then maybe I'll shoot him. Right now, I don't want to waste film." All this right to Mark's face. It turned pale. He stepped up to the photographer. "I'll remember you," said Steve, icily

"You'll never take a picture of me, Bud! So don't ever try it!" The photographer's jaw dropped like a ripe apple. He'd been jostling actors around rudely for years and nobody'd called him. What made Mark sore was not the go-by but the rudeness. He's sensitive, and he's flash-tempered, and he's proud. That's a recipe for per-petual hot water, sure, almost anywhere, and particularly in Hollywood, but if you've got the stuff behind it, you'll get by. Look at Errol Flynn, Peck's Bad Boy, if Hollywood ever saw one, but he can write his own ticket. write his own ticket.

Errol's a friend of Steve's, by the way. Because it was at Warner's that Mark first ran into the frustrations of Hollywood, which was something like an irresistible force meeting an immovable object. The result—comets, shooting stars and loud explosions most of the time. Errol still chuckles about two times that tickled his own wicked funnybone. Once, when Mark, just a measly bit player, actually stopped production on Errol's picture, "Objective Burma," by walking off the set, and an-



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During that first Hollywood contract, Mark managed to keep his copper head bloody but unbowed. It's too scrappy a saga to handle without boxing gloves but here are some samples: His first "part" turned out to be a mere tails and white tie atmosphere dress job. "I'm no extra, I'm an actor," said Mark to the director. He took off the tail coat, hung it on the wall and walked home. Next time they sent him on location in a picture. "Where's my dressing room?" asked Mark. "Oh," said the assistant director, "just put your clothes on over there behind the wagons, with the extras." "Not me," replied Steve. He walked off again. Again, the studio gateman barred him roughly from entering the studio one day when he was on call. "Okay, Bud," said Mark. He went home. Mark got tired of a nasty assistant director "hey, you-ing" him around. He popped him. That did it. He got fired—but was Mark Stevens through? Not on your life. Darfyl Zanuck snapped up his contract like a trout snaps up a fly.

like a trout snaps up a fly. Steve's real name is Richard Stevens and he's mostly canny Scotch-English. He's a Cleveland, Ohio boy by birth, and his Dad was an American flyer in the last war, who couldn't settle down to family responsibilities after the fighting was over. So his Mother took Mark over to Folkestone, England, when he was three, to live with her parents. When they died, she came to live with her sister in Montreal, Canada, and that's where Mark grew up.

Only he didn't grow very fast and probably, 'he thinks, that's what made him such a problem child. You'd never believe it today, when you size up Mark's six foot, lean-muscled 165-pound body, but he was a peewee—only 5'-2" when he was sixteen. Result: He knocked himself out proving size wasn't important, like a lot of short orders have been doing, ever since Napoleon. Football, basketball, tennis, hockey—at King School, Argyle and Westmount Highs in Montreal. Mark was a mighty atom. He even played some pro hockey, and he trained for the Canadian Olympic Diving Team, until the high springboard betrayed him on a two-anda-half gainor and he smacked his back so hard that years later it kept him out of the Army. He sailed off the big 180-foot Côte des Neiges jump on skis—and busted his collar bone. He got to be a boxing whiz in the ring and tied into a champ who beat his ears in.

masquerade . . .

What Mark wanted he could always get —like athletic applause—and an illegal look at the movies. That's what I said illegal; because about that time in Canada there had been four disastrous theater fires which killed hundreds of children, so a law was passed prohibiting all moppets under sixteen from passing the ticket taker. Mark fixed that. He stole a pair of his mother's high heeled shoes and rose up in the world so he could pass at the box office. He was movie mad, as far back as he can remember, and he saw everything that came to town.

Of course, from what Mark admits, it was some sort of a small miracle that he ever got through school at all before his beard turned white. Because, what he didn't want, Steve promptly gave the back of his hand to—as he does today. He didn't

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ike lessons, for instance, and he has a perfect record of getting booted out of every school he attended, public or private. Mark sort of regrets this sorry academic record now, mainly because he realizes what a headache he must have been to his fond mother and doting stepdad. Mrs. Stevens remarried when Mark was twelve. She couldn't have picked a nicer father for Mark. James Cooke has helped his stepson out of many a pickle and always backed him to the hilt.

what's he got? . . .

Henry Hathaway, one of the best direc-tors in our town, thinks a lot of Mark Stevens. Henry's a rugged man's director and a tough audience and he's directed the best of them. So when I heard he'd tossed a birthday party for Mark, lent him his car when Mark's was laid up and palled around on the set between scenes, I knew Mark Stevens had something. Henry knew Mark Stevens had something. Henry Hathaway isn't won easily. I gave him a jingle right on the set of "The Dark Corner." "What's Mark Stevens got that rings the bell?" I asked. "That's easy, Hedda," came back Henry. "He's got depth, assurance, authority. He knows what it's all about. He's been around. He's not acting in the dark, like a drama school done"

drama school dope." What sent Mark off on a flock of tangents

was that old Yankee independence streak he was born with. He disagreed with his Mom that the best place to be was in his stepdad's plant, although he took a good crack at that first, and worked in every department in the place, from eight-to-five for six months. But after hours he strayed from the fold. He could sing like a thrush, so in no time at all he was nosing his way inside Montreal's night clubs, like the Edgewater Inn and the Norgate, taking a turn with the band and handing out patter at the mike between numbers. He snagged another after-hour job with the Corona Barn Players of Montreal. Right away Mark qualified for leads, even though half the time the Corona crew played in beer halls, where rowdy customers heaved empty bottles when they didn't like the show. Mark drew fifteen dollars a week and his share of the bottles. But he ducked most of them.

most of them. He couldn't dodge that stubborn streak of his, though."And when the glittery lures of a show business life beckoned him away from his factory desk, and there were complaints, Steve struck out on his own. The baits that hooked him were leads in a repertory stock company, the Atter-bury Players, which held out a glamorous tour around Canadian cities like Winnipeg, Ottawa, Toronto and Quebec. And after a heady sip of acting in Canadian Broad-casting Company radio thrillers, such as "Miss Trent's Children" and the "Canada Comes On" show, Mark thought Happy Days were here for keeps. He was only seventeen and the world was his oyster. So he plopped right into the stew, abandoning the advice of his parents. When the pot ran dry Steve was far too independent to come crying back home. He sold punchboards—until the cops

got after the company. He pumped gas in a garage until a customer bawled him out. He collected bills for a hardware store, but when the boss didn't pay off, Steve knocked down enough shelves of glassware to get even. He drove midget racing cars. He peddled haberdashery until he had a scrap with the manager. He drove had a scrap with the manager. He drove trucks, jerked sodas, ran a general store in a country town. He studied com-mercial art (painting's still his hobby), and painted window signs. He tied up with a miracle stocking wash that kept ladies' hose from running. Only the miracle dip ate the hose right to pieces, and he almost got killed by angry houseand he almost got killed by angry houseLANA TURNER . STARRING IN M.G.M.S .. THE POTTMAN ALWAYS RINGS IWICE"

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wives. He walked floors in a department store, peddled electric razors door-to-door. He sang in waterfront cafes. All along, Mark Stevens kept his red

topknot beligerently blazing. His radio experience in Akron, Ohio, is typical of the chip he packs around on his shoulder, which falls off very easily.

which falls off very easily. This time in Akron, Ohio, Mark came up with a job as turntable boy on station WAKR. He was an announcer inside of a month, an engineer next, a writer and a producer in a few more weeks. He worked fourteen hours a day, hopping around like grease on a griddle, and before that ich was over there wasn't anything that job was over there wasn't anything you could tell Steve about radio stations. He opened the joint up at six a.m., and he closed it at midnight, running the turntable, control board, the mixing machine, anouncing news when the news was full of tongue twisters like "Sevastopol" and "Veliki-Luki." Mark thinks the tuner-"Veliki-Luki." Mark thinks the tuner-inners must have had some bewildering programs the first week the station en-gineer went to war. His boss was an im-perious guy who told him: "If you can't handle the job—you're through." So Mark handled it, although half the time he mixed up Charlie McCarthy with Mister Anthony and had Bing Crosby singing in soap operas. But when he finally learned his stuff (and he can take a radio station apart and put it together

a radio station apart and put it together blindfolded now), terrible-tempered Steve discovered that the bone-breaker job he discovered that the bone-breaker job he was doing for \$35 a week had paid \$125 for the chap who was there before him and who did half his work. That did it. He quit cold, with a "Kindly go to heck!", walked over to the rival station WJW, and went right to work. Nobody has yet discovered a way to fool Mark Stevens for long, or push him around. WJW lifted Steve right up to a top an-nouncer, handed him the national pro-grams, put him covering elections and

grams, put him covering elections and special events, and finally gave him a man-in-the-street broadcast show of his own. He made decent dough at last and radio was a rosy future. But even with his marathon working hours Mark had found himself running off up to Cleveland, thirty-five minutes away on the inter-urban, and trying out for leads at the Cleveland Playhouse—winning them, too. That acting bug was still stinging away. One morning he rolled out of bed and quit, walked to the depot and bought a ticket to California-just like that.

pop pitches in . . .

It took him three tries to get past Chi-cago, but he finally made it. The third time, on a thousand dollars his ever pitching stepdad advanced him, he rolled all the way to the Coast. He still had most of the thousand when he arrived, and that turned out to be a big mistake. The sun and the stars and the glamor got Mark. But that's one thing in his favor today. He got "going Hollywood" out of his sys-

the got going Hollywood out of his sys-tem early—and when it hurt least. Anyway, he forgot what he came to Hollywood for, temporarily, and he got around to tackling just one studio all that time. An agent took a chance and got him an interview with the casting director of a minor lot.

a minor lot. The exec took one look at Mark and turned to the agent. "Are you kidding?" he said, and then to Mark, "My advice to you, Bud, is to go on back home." "Thank you very much," said Mark. "I will." And he turned on his heel and departed. The agent shrugged, "Why don't you forget this whole idea?" "Okay," said Mark. But he didn't mean it. He just acts that way when he's hurt. He visited Nat Goldstone, another agent

He visited Nat Goldstone, another agent he'd known from back East ramblings, and Nat said he'd see what he could de

While he was seeing, Mark turned beach-omber. For two months he slept on the ands down around Belmont Shores, get-ing by the best he could. He had just wo bits cash when his headquarters (the corner drug store), reported Nat Goldstone

wanted to see him. That's when Mark walked those six niles over the Pass to Warners. And beause his thumb wasn't working, that hike nade him late for the test. The Humphrey Bogart suit with the pinched-in back and hort sleeves didn't help. Nor the wild hort sleeves didn't help. Nor the wild nair he was too self-conscious to comb. Yor the fact that the makeup they meared on him made him look like a ombie, nor Mark's camera greenness-ne'd never looked into one before. But you've got to hand it to the Warner Brothers-they've got sharp eyes for tal-ent. In a couple of days, Nat Goldstone called Mark at his drug store office. "It's a contract if you want it," he said. \$100 a week." That sounded like all the noney in the mint to Mark. "Shall I take it?" he asked. "Well," said Nat, "I've got Metro and Cwentieth Century interested, too. If you an wait."

oostage stamp purse . . .

"How can I wait?" asked Mark. "I've ot three cents." Being Mark Stevens, that's probably one ood reason why he had a battle royal dl the year-and-a-half he was on the Warner payroll. The contract took him off he beach and made him beholden. Ask our favorite psychologist about that not our favorite psychologist about that, not ne. But the record is clear: All that ime Mark and his bosses didn't see eye o eye on a single issue and it's see eye o eye on a single issue and it's certainly rue that his dinky bit jobs in "Objective, Burma," "God Is My Co-Pilot" and "Pride of the Marines" got him nowhere very ast. I'll take that back—and so, I think, vill Mark. One, "Objective, Burma," was very, very lucky role. Because while he was having his scuffles

In that set, he met another bit player, and his character happened to be in a Warner office one day when Annelle Hayes, a retty Texas University co-ed, whom he'd net, was waiting and glancing around the wall at the contract players' portraits, to bass away the time. She had been brought out from the Austin campus by a talent cout for a test. Her eyes rested on Mark itevens' handsome, cocky face and she bserved, "TII bet he's nice." "Tm working on the set with that guy," aid the master fixer. "Like to meet him?" "Well . . ." said Annelle. I'm afraid it was a case of love at first ight. Although at first, Annelle con-esses, she sized up Mark as a pure Holly-wood playboy and a wolf with a line a nile long. But love has X-ray eyes and Annelle soon saw through the crusty shell in that set, he met another bit player, and

innelle soon saw through the crusty shell of cockiness hard knocks had draped It cockiness hard knocks had draped fark with. As for Mark, how could any-ody resist the dainty little Texas doll hat Annelle is, with her pretty, heart-haped face and winning Dixie ways? He lidn't long. They let the housing short-ige stall their plans for a while, but inally Mark, typically, took no sass from Tupid. Even though Annelle had to keep in staying at the Studio Club and he unking around with his friends; they ied the knot. Funny thing, too, the numied the knot. Funny thing, too, the num-er 13's their lucky matrimonial charm. Mark's a 13-birthday boy, so's Annelle. They were wed on a 13th and spent their they were wed on a 13th and spent their ioneymoon in a motel—of all places—in abin 13! Typically Steve, too, he picked he hungry spell right after Warners had iven him the heave-ho, to take a wife. Being out of a job," Steve explained to Annelle, "I can't afford to court you. So et's get married."

ONE MOTHER TO ANOTHER

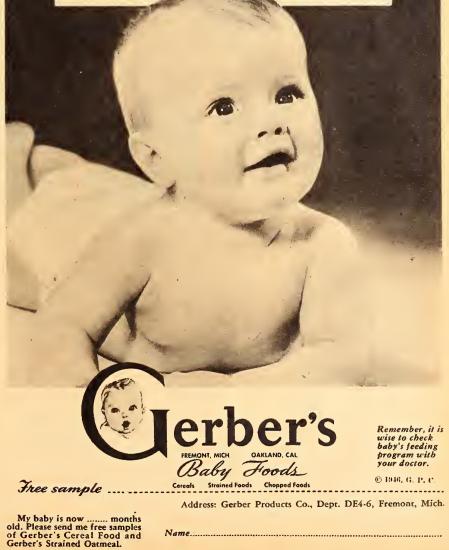
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very next month when Darryl Zanuck put Mark on his team at Twentieth Century-Fox. And it came through on another thirteenth when they moved into their first home as Mister and Missus---the cute little hillside guest house that looks right down on Pickfair, which used to house a perfect Hollywood romance, that of Mary Pickford and Doug Fairbanks. I doubt if Doug and Mary, in their

I doubt if Doug and Mary, in their honeymoon hey-days, had a cozier nest than Steve and Annelle, or "Baby," as he's likely to call her, have found to start their bride-and-groom days. Mark took me up to meet his wife the day I saw him. Mark's twenty-seven now and Annelle's twenty-one and he treats her like a china doll. When I asked about his hobbies, Steve grinned and said, "Well, I still like to fool around with watercolors and oils, but my real hobby's Annelle."

the big boss . . .

That old declaration of independence doesn't work around his pretty wife, either, and Mark doesn't want it to. For the first time in his life he's being bossed and he loves it. Annelle doles him out two dollars a day to toss recklessly around, because she discovered money had a way of leaking out of his pockets. She's his business manager, too, and signs the checks. Annelle's given up any acting ambitions for the present to pitch full time as Mrs. Stevens, cook Mark's favorite food, steak and asparagus with Hollandaise (when she can find the makings), coax him out of chain-smoking cigarettes, and let Steve beat her at gin rummy to keep him happy.

Mark manages to keep lean and tough working out with the bar bells in Easton's gym, now and then, although he can eat potatoes and cake all night and not put on an ounce. That old diving back injury, which kept him out of the Army, still haunts him enough to keep him away from what he likes—tennis and golf, but these days he wouldn't have time anyway. The way parts are popping at 20th-Fox, Mark Stevens should be twins. Sometimes he and Annelle get away for an evening's talk or bridge session with their friends, the Cornel Wildes, Zach Scotts, Cesar Romero or the Vincent Prices. But most of the time they're parked right by their own hearth, where Mark finds it an added attraction to be married to an actress.

Because, one of Mark's biggest problems to date has been to shake the clipped Canadian-English accent he grew up with, and he's been practicing out loud on Annelle in the evenings. He thinks it's sort of funny that the minute he got his diction right in the groove, up popped the part of an ex-jailbird in "Within These Walls," followed by a factory toughie in "From This Day Forward" and then a slangy detective in "The Dark Corner."

back where he started . . .

So now that he's talking out of the side of his mouth, what happens? Why, Darryl Zanuck's decided to star Mark Stevens in "32 Rue Madeleine," a war underground 'thriller. And where will it be shot? Why, right back in Mark's adopted country, Canada. But that's Hollywood for you. And confoozin' as it all is, Mark really doesn't mind a bit. It's been three years since he's seen

It's been three years since he's seen his mother, and that's a long time. Especially when you've got the sweetest girl in the world for a wife, who's long overdue to meet the folks.

But when the picture's made and the visit's over, all I can say is—Canada had better give Mark Stevens back. If they don't, from the way things look, a million fans will spring to arms and Hollywood will declare war, atom or no atom. EAGER BEAVER

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"He only knows us because he saw the uest list," Don sighed. Jimmy Stewart passed by, clustered

ith blondes.

"Umm, what I wouldn't do to meet him," rowed Phyl. "My, what a uniform does or a man.

"But he's not in his uniform," her hus-

and pointed out. "No matter," she glowed, "a man like hat doesn't need a uniform."

Jimmy passed again, his eyes overbright. "Hello, Mr. Stewart," Don piped from his orner, "I'm from Pittsburgh, too."

No answer. "So we're Names? Hah!" Don snorted. "Never mind, honey," his wife comforted, after three years in the Army, you can't expect a man to notice every little thing." Jon threw her a bitter look.

After a while he got desperate. "Hello, Mr. Stewart," he squeaked, "I'm from Pittsburgh, too." Then, "I'm from PITTS-BURGH." Then, "I'm from Pittsburgh."

No soap, Jimmy wasn't playing old home week. Three years in a war and he should now from Pittsburgh?

Now from Pittsburgh? Not that Don had really expected any ecognition. They'd never been introduced ind probably Jim hadn't even seen 'Winged Victory," Don's only movie ap-earance. But he couldn't help remem-bering that day long ago, when he and his id sister, Janet, had spent long minutes with their noses pressed flat against a with their noses pressed flat against a tore window, worshipping at the Oscar "You know what?" he'd muttered, yank-

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ing Janet up Main Street, "I'm gonna get me one of those some day." "One of what?"

"An Oscar. That's Jimmy Stewart's Os-car. Jim got it for being the best actor of

the year." "Well, why shouldn't he have? He's old enough. Anyway, you'll never get a Oscar 'cause you'll never be a actor. Daddy told Mom. I heard 'em."

"Yup, he sure is old enough. And I heard 'em, too.'

What a crazy world it was. Here a fellow wanted to be an actor, wanted to be such a good actor that some day he'd win an Oscar-and his folks had to go and queer the whole thing.

"learn a trade" . . .

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David Edwin Taylor never believed the proud parent routine. You had in the proud parent routine. You had children and taught them right from wrong. After that God bless them and when they made their bed they had to lie in it. Only thing, first they had to have a bed. Ever since Don was old enough to understand, his Dad tried to drum it into him. "Learn a trade, son, any trade. Carpenter, school teacher, book binder. Then go ahead with a career. That way on if things shouldn't—work out."

At first it made fine sense to Don. "Sure. Yeah, sure, Dad." Then, as he realized he wanted to act, "But Dad, that takes time. And I don't have time. I can't wait."

Don never could wait. Couldn't wait long enough after breakfast to brush his hair for school, couldn't wait till he could date

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girls instead of pulling their pigtails, couldn't wait till he found The Girl. Don's the boy who'd handed out three Sigma Nu frat pins to three different coeds one term, and then had to put an ad in the college paper: Would the wearers please step forward? He couldn't remember who had em! It wasn't that he hadn't liked the girls, he just never had a head for details.

Not that there was anything he'd ever really wanted that he couldn't get. Except maybe that once, that long-ago once when he was about seven. The baby fat all gone and the bones at his throat showing young and tender under the rumpled pajamas, his eyes crackle-bright with excitement. It was Christmas morning and he'd been a good boy and maybe, oh, Our Father which art in heaven make it a bike, oh make it a bike. With red wheels.

They stood at the head of the stairs, Don quivering with excitement, Janet all red and bleary-eyed, her moon face still dopey with sleep. Hypnotized, they crept down, the big tree twinkling unbelievable red and green and silver magic at them. Mom and Dad were down already, waiting near the packages that were big enough for a sweater, a doll, a train, but not very big.

sweater, a doll, a train, but not very big. Not that big— "Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas, God bless you, Don. God bless you Janet," they called to one another. They kissed and tore open packages and kissed again. "Well, son," asked Mr. Taylor. "Santa been good to you?" "I s'pose so," Don quavered, his big toe busy poking the green excelsior grass under the tree. "I mean, yes thank you,

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SIZE

Dad. I-I guess I'll go up now

As he turned to go, he spotted his mother in a far corner of the room. Funny. Funny place for Mom to be standing. Looked almost as though she were hiding-"Mom! Dad! Mom-Dad-golly-oh-golly-a bike!"

Pennsylvania had solid ice for six weeks that winter and everybody said the Tay-lors were crazy, letting the boy go biking on solid ice. But the Taylors couldn't help it-Don couldn't wait.

He didn't even like the idea of having to sweat it out for nearly a year waiting for that baby sister.

for that baby sister. "Aw, why you wanna go and mess up the place with a baby?" he quavered. "Cries and makes things dirty. Aren't I good enough, Mom?" "Good enough?" Jesse Taylor cried, withing him up in her arms "Why son.

"Good enough?" Jesse Taylor cried, catching him up in her arms. "Why son, you're the finest ever," she crooned. "But you're five now, too old for me to baby."

But it still nagged at him. Maybe it was that fog he was lurching around in ever since the news of the baby, maybe it was just plain bad luck, but six weeks before Janet was born he fell and broke his wrist. Then got bit by a dog. And finally capped the climax by knocking all his front teeth out on the porch railing the same day his hand caught in the washing machine.

woman hater . . .

Not that he was a bad boy-but just a boy, with too much energy to prevent his heart from running away with his head. Maybe that was the trouble, he needed af-fection and because in his code, men couldn't be softies, he didn't dare show it.

He found a kitten once, rolling and leaping over on its back, scampering after a fluttering leaf. He decided kittens only rolled and leaped on their backs when they were hungry, so he bought a cone with his last nickel and forced the poor animal to lick up the whole gob of ice cream.

"My, but that was mean of you, Don," Mom scolded. "You probably killed that poor beast with your thoughtlessness. You know animals can't eat frozen things!" "But ice cream's only very, very cold milk And she was hungar."

"A flame's only very, very cold "A flame's only very, very hot air but I don't let you play with it, do I?" His lower lip was starting to quiver and he didn't like the idea. "Well, I don't care, so there! Ol' dirty, ol' silly cat!" he pried and son off to bis room. Everybody cried and ran off to his room. Everybody expected him to be wise and grown up but as soon as he tried doing something on his own, "Donald, you're mean." That was why this new baby idea scared him. No matter what Mom said, bet she'd

pay lots more attention to it and he'd be out in the cold more than ever. "Donald, don't wake the baby. Donald, fetch some milk, Donald this, Donald that. . . ."

When Janet finally did get born, he was amazed. This was no threat, this was a-a pink nothing. Just a bunch of waving arms and legs. Woman-like, as Janet grew older, the more he snubbed her, the more she went out of her mind trying to please him. He heckled her during homework, tied her clothes in knots, made fun of her looks and buried her favorite dolls. But if there was an apple to be snitched or an alibi provided, Janet was always in there pitching. And man-like, Don accepted these favors as his due. But the one time she did turn the tables by kicking him in the slats for knocking down her sand

castle, he was joyously flabbergasted. "He's a growing boy," Jesse Taylor used to say defensively, as she'd fill Don's plate for the third time. And Don always cleaned it up, for didn't he need all his strength? He sold magazine subscriptions. He had a garbage route twice a week that paic 25 cents an afternoon. And twice a week he'd buy 25 cents worth of crullers and tootsie rolls and stow them under the bec

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"for an emergency." He had an orchestra with four other kids that charged a penny a performance. He even went into the a performance. He even went into the promotional field by staking out a Tom Thumb golf course on the family back yard. That netted Don a penny a round and Mr. Taylor a bill for \$86 at the end of the "season" for reseeding the torn up lawns. Of course Don had to sit through the penue lang latter a the finite course an hour-long lecture on the family equiv-alent of One World but privately, Mr. Taylor rubbed his chin ruefully and grinned. "Glad it happened," he chuckled, "shows the boy has gumption."

But the night Don nearly froze to death, that "gumption" crack lost some of its flavor for the Taylors. He'd gone off camp-ing with another boy. Nothing unusual about that. He often went off 10 or 15 miles away from home, set up camp, and spent the afternoon swimming and roasting wienies. Six o'clock came, seven, eight, nine and then it was midnight. Gradually, Taylor's loud whistling faded away Mr. Mrs. Taylor stopped darning the sock she'd

been mending ever since dinner. "Something's happened to the boy," she said quietly.

"Nonsense, Mother."

"Go and look for him, Edwin. We'll train him to be self-reliant when it's daylight . . .

those wonderful girls . . .

So Mr. Taylor hopped in the car and went off cruising in search of his son. He found the boy tramping along the State Highway, his lips blue with cold, drag-ging the remains of the tent with one ging the remains of the tent with one hand, his exhausted pal with the other. What had happened? Oh, nothing much. The tent had blown down, no cars came through because of a new detour sign, they were hopelessly lost and you know what, dad? It's swell to see you. But with that incident, Don had seen just about the last of his little boyhood. Because he hit his Girls, Girls, Oh Those Wonderful Girls stage comparatively early. Tall, loose-jointed, with an easy grin and grace, he jointed, with an easy grin and grace, he was a tantalizing date: A wisecracking gallant. Up to the time of Betty, however, he'd just been speed crazy.

There wasn't a jaloppy in the neighbor-hood whose insides he didn't know inti-mately. The way some people have a green thumb with growing things, Don had a tinker's heart—motors purred for him. But as he grew older, dating got to be fun. Until Betty, wonderful, sympa-thetic Betty, queered the game.

He was a frosh at Penn State that semester and having a wonderful time; basket-ball, band, school paper, little theater, an all-round man. The news seeped through that the Jennerstown Little Theater (where he finally did act in the summers of '41 and (22) was helding auditing. Na soint is esh 42) was holding auditions. No point in asking Mom to let him play hookey, she'd only say, "Ask your father, Don." And he knew Dad's theme song by heart, "We're Scotch Presbyterian, Donald. Solid. Level headed. Learn a trade." So Don hopped the 10:40 to New York. At dinner some feline female friend of Mother's was cooing, "Don's look-ing so well, dear. I saw him at Pennsyl-vania Station today. I didn't know that Penn State gave mid-week vacations"

Dad didn't speak to him for a week and Mother, who didn't believe in precipitat-ing crises until she was prepared for them, strung along. Betty was his only weeping strung along. Betty was his only weeping post. It was all quite tragic, in a poetic way, she pointed out, if you looked at it properly—. Then Betty's mother took to phoning. Don's mother took to wondering. What was this? Was Don being given the rush act? She pointed it out to Don. He got the idea. "Thanks for the tip, honey. Anyhow, it just oc-curred to me that I want a wife who'll



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depend on me. Betty's a brick but I'd probably die of acute lovin' in a week." But all Betty did was make him matri-mony-shy. He still liked girls. Only thing, now he plunked them in the same cate-gory as his auto buggies. Swell if they were trim and smooth with a slim chassis and good lines. But nothing built to last a lifetime. Not yet.

By now Don was getting to be a big man on the campus. He was still sticking pretty close to his pre-legal curriculum ("Learn a trade, son, learn a trade . . .") but more and more he found himself yearning towards the theater. Some nights he'd get to his dorm bone tired from waiting on tables in the frat mess hall, but he'd just rest quietly for a moment and then, almost without knowing it, find himself dragging over to the Little Theater. And when the head of the Drama Department yanked him out of a song-and-dance sketch to play the anguished Mio in the big production of "Winterset," it was like God slipping him a one-way ticket to heaven.

When Don and Leon Rabinovitz and Doris Disney announced that they'd teamed up and become the "We Three" acting group, the campus rocked. The tall, fidgety redhead, square, emotional Leon and the delicate Doris acting together? Ridiculous! So the kids gave up the drah-ma idea and became a vaudeville team, sort of a First Nighter company with songs and snappy sayings thrown in. Don used the most props. Carted along a bagful of trick hats and did impersona-tions to fit. The only time he ever hit a snag was when he came on with his Dotty Lamour number. Nobody thought he should've used a trick hat.

Commencement Day the two Taylor men attended a Father-Son luncheon. Mr. Taylor remembers it very vividly; the long rows of white draped tables, the tinkle of ice in glasses, the steady drone of man talk, with here and there a big boom laugh echoing against the clatter. And he remembers how quiet they were, he and his son, every time a hearty father guf-fawed, "Well, it's about time we old ones started preparing for a back seat! Suppose your young fella is taking over your en-gineering business, eh, Taylor?" He couldn't snub the man so he'd wince and onswer gently. "No powers not cuits answer gently, "No, no we're not quite sure, Sir." And carefully trace a crazy pattern on the cloth with his thumb nail. They were starting to take pictures out

on the front lawn and Don was standing tall and straight beside him, the wind whipping at his black gown, the sun mak-

ing blue-crinkled slits of his eyes. "Well, Don, are you still set on going ahead with this Hollywood notion?"

"I'm afraid so, Dad. But-" "Yes?"

"But I'll always do the best job I know.

Till always be honest with myself, like you taught me. But get off my back, Dad." "I'm sorry, Don," his father answered, turning to the cameras. "I'm sorry for us." I'm sorrier for me—I've just lost a son." It wasn't a question of being selfish or

thoughtless, Don just couldn't wait.

"At least stay with us until you're in-ducted," his mother pleaded. "But that's no good, Mom. Whatever acting I do before I hit the Army will be that much gained. And I know I will act.

The Epstein brothers saw me at State. They promised me a job in Hollywood.' "Promises! You know better than that.

And your father's had so little of you. He's

"Golly, Mom, don't make me feel more of a heel than I do already. The Epsteins are State alumna, they'll come through. And as to Dad, well, I'll be no good hanging around. The heart's gone out of it." The family took him down to the sta-tion. Very casual, very subdued. The

82 tion. train was just pulling in, its smoke billowing against the towering grey-faced moun-

"Mom, Dad, wish me luck," he cried. "All of a sudden I'm scared. I feel I'm never going to see these hills again. Please—wish me luck!"

Gently, his father shook hands and walked off. But he wouldn't say goodbye.

That was in June, 1942. Four months ter Don signed a contract with later M-G-M. And four months after that he was a GI and Pinky in "Winged Victory" and very wild in love. Right off, he went for her, the lead in the show. She was so high with a wriggly bunny nose and that haunting voice that's half shrill child and half Bergman. Sure he went for her, but what was this about Phyl being the daughter of writer Stephen Morehouse Avery with three or four carloads of junior deb glamor trailing behind her? Could be she was a Blue Book jerk.

They met under a dripping stage door one night, Phyl still with her makeup on,

"Silly thing, that," she remarked casual-"Silly thing, that," she remarked casual-ly. "You can die, you know." "Who can't!" he retorted.

"I mean walking off without a coat." And

then as the little alcove started bulging with kid fans, "I love 'em, don't you?

"Uh-huh. Gonna have 32 of 'em." "My sentiments exactly," she agreed. And then eyeing him judiciously, "But if I were you I'd throw out all the ones that didn't have red hair."

After that there was nothing else they

could do. They had to fall in love. They handed him the telegram after the

second act, thrust it in his hand as he came offstage weak and spent from the terrific emotional scene he'd just finished. 'Mother desperately ill. Come at once."

They had to bounce an A-priority manufacturer to do it, but he caught the plane ufacturer to do it, but he caught the plane at Akron. After a while, it got all mixed up. The steady roar of the engines, the cramped hardness of his soapbox seat, the little nag that kept pulsing behind his eyeballs, "Will I make it in time? Will I get there to see her—?" He didn't want to put ideas in God's head, he couldn't finish, "—to see her *alive*?" It was pearly two in the marring when

It was nearly two in the morning when they got in. As the plane quivered to a stop, vaguely Don could make out his father's figure in the grey mist, his shoulders unbelievably sagging, his head bent. He leaped down the steps. "How is she, Dad?" he called, his voice thin with worry, "How's Mom?"

Slowly, his father looked up, patted the boy's arm. "It's touch and go, son," he said carefully. "We don't know how long we'll have her with us."

Don cleared his throat. His lips were

Don cleared his throat. His lips were dry. "I prayed all the way in, Dad. I prayed so hard my heart hurts." Jess Taylor didn't know Don was home for almost three weeks. She'd been too doped up to know anything at all. Every-thing had happened so quickly. She'd been there here here here here anyth on a small shopping when her heel caught on a small stone and pitched her forward. When they got her to the hospital, the doctor said a fractured leg. Days later it was a blood clot, a blood clot that they couldn't dissolve and was traveling dangerously near her heart. She lay in the hospital for 80 days. The family blessed every one of those days. Mother was in the hospital, Mother was in the hospital and alive. .

Now that it's over, they can almost joke about it, about the way Janet, who's

20 now and so gently pretty, snapped out of her worry to tear into her brother. "Lock up your room, Don," she blazed. "Lock it up and let the mice take over!" "What did I do?"

"You listen to me. God knows I didn't mind leaving college when Mom got sick-

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but I will not pick up four sweaters, three pairs of pants, a box full of old hats from the 'We Three' days and two chewed base-balls for a nit-wit! Tell me," she implored, "how do your baseballs get chewed?"

"I get hungry. And lay off those hats. I may need 'em some day for a living. Better than eating baseballs . . ." "Eat the bats for all I care, but I will not --Oh, Nelly, lookit the time! Gotta go!" Sometimes the purpose aculat's strad it

Sometimes the nurses couldn't stand it, having Don around all day. He'd sidle into Mom's room with a big grin in case she was up and could see him. If she was he'd tiptoe over, his bones creaking from trying

"How's the gal?" he'd whisper, bending low over the bed, "perking up for that movie contract, lady?"

With an effort she'd open her eyes, stare at him dully. "Don. How nice—" Then fall back asleep, smiling a little. Gently, Don would ease himself into the big chair, his arms dangling over the big chair, his arms dangling over the

sides, his head thrown back, his eyes squeezed so tight shut the lashes looked

black against the fair skin. "Go home, boy," the nurse would say, nudging him awake. "Go home and brush your hair, you look awful."

So he'd go home and brush his hair. But he'd still look awful.

Once Mr. Taylor was jolted awake by a thumping and a sawing from the kitchen He flipped on the lights-five o'clock-and padded downstairs. There was Don surrounded by a gnawed salami and two empty milk bottles, busily carpentering a half finished end table.

"You're up early, Don." "Uh-uh, gonna get to bed late. Haven't turned in yet. Coffee?" And as the morning sky slowly light-

ened, the two men sat down face to face across the cluttered table, sipping coffee and marveling at how time heals as well as hurts.

There are two *Mister* Taylors now. Don, Jr.'s, out of the Army, tickled that his old civvies span across the shoulders, dying to get back into harness Phyl was in a show while he was in service and her letters gave him such a yen for Broadway he's dying to do a play be-fore Metro hauls him back to finish that contract. But whatever he decides to do he'll do in a hurry. Don can't wait. Can't even wait out the year for the first of those 32 little Taylors. Hasn't changed a bit. Except maybe for one thing. He won't throw out the ones that haven't red hair.

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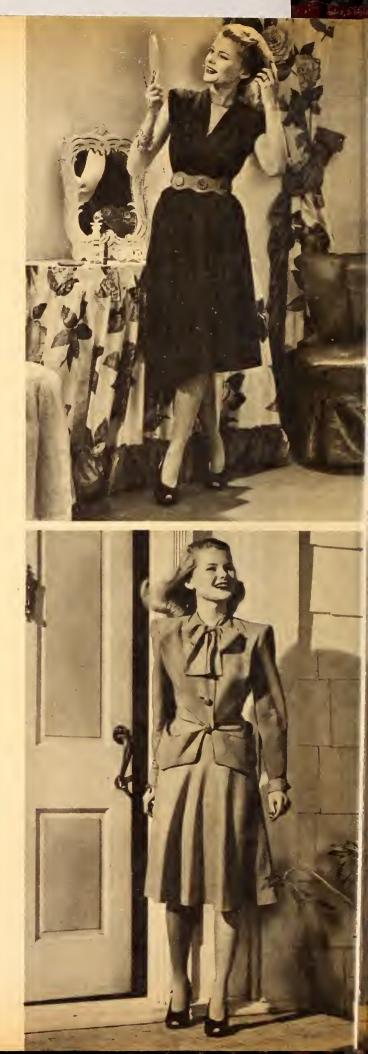
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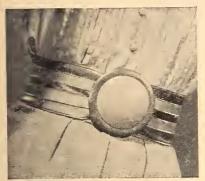
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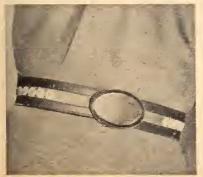
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SWEET AND HOT

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work on what we've got lined up here. **BEST POPULAR**

DAY BY DAY-Frank Sinatra (Columbia), Bing Crosby (Decca), Jo Staf-ford (Capitol), Monica Lewis (Signature) -Monica Lewis, who recorded this with the newly expanded Signature Record Company, is a pretty little redhead. She once sang with Goodman, but she's better known for the Chesterfield show on which she worked with Johnnie Johnston. She's now one of Signature's big stars. DON'T YOU REMEMBER ME?-Johnny

DON'T YOU REMEMBER ME?—Johnny Desmond (Victor)—Here's the first post-war swoon singer to get a terrific buildup —they're calling him the ex-GI Sinatra. Johnny was a big favorite in Paris, where he was a sergeant singing in Glenn Mil-ler's Army Air Forces band. He's twenty-five years old yeary good looking has black five years old, very good looking, has black hair. Before he went into the army, he sang with Bob Crosby and Gene Krupa. This is his first solo record, and it was made while he was playing his first solo engagement—at New York's Strand The-ater. As a result of which he started recording at 11 p.m., didn't get through un-til three-thirty. So you thought those wispy threads of sound meant romance, huh? Don't be silly, the kid was tired.

BEST HOT JAZZ

BLACK, BROWN & BEIGE-Duke Ellington (Victor)-Whether you consider this hot jazz or not is unimportant. The important thing is that it's wonderful music, and the most ambitious thing Duke music, and the most ambituous thing Duke has ever done. Originally fifty minutes long, it was cut down to its most im-portant parts, and you can now have the heart and soul of it on two twelve-inch records. Most people think "Black, Brown & Beige" was unveiled for the very first time at Carnetic Hall but actually it had a beige was unveiled for the very first time at Carnegie Hall, but actually it had a much less formal debut—at Rye High School, Rye, N. Y. The story is this. Dr. J. T. H. Mize, then Principal of Rye, was a terrific jazz fan (he's currently writing a book on jazz) and he invited Duke down to school to play his new work. I went too (they gave us a wonderful dinner) and Duke played for the students, and got suggestions and comment. As a result of these, he made some changes in the music before giving the Carnegie concert.

By the way fans, there's a book out called "Duke Ellington" by Barry Ulanov, editor of Metronome, and it's swell.

HEY! BA-BA-RE-BOP—Lionel Hamp-ton (Decca)—The title of this number is queer, I'll admit. It's really nothing but a little blues riff, only everybody sings it a different way, and everybody shars it a different way, and everybody takes credit for composing it. Helen Humes started the whole thing off on a Philo record. Her version of the riff goes Be-Baba-Luba. Lionel uses this Hey! Ba-Ba-Re-Bop in his rendition, which is hot, and he takes the vocal himself. On the West Coast, the phrase is E-Bob-O-Le-Bob, and it's such a craze out there that a certain band has

craze out there that a certain band has taken to calling itself the Boboli Bans. BLUE SKIES—Andre Previn (Sunset) —The other side of this is "Good Enough to Keep," and the title might very well apply to Andre Previn, the new sensation on the West Coast. He's sixteen years old, a French refugee who's only been in this country two or three years. He hardly ever heard any jazz before he came over here, in spite of which he now plays like a nere, in spite of which he now plays like a combination King Cole-Art Tatum. On this Sunset platter, Andre's ably abetted by Dave Barbour, the guitarist who's featured on several radio shows, such as "Blondie." He's also Peggy Lee's husband, which is rather pice too rather nice too.



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IT'S THE TALK OF THE TOWN— Shorty Sherock (Signature)—The band that recorded this wasn't really Shorty's at all. Record was made in January, 1945, when Shorty was trumpet player with Horace Heidt, and in my first column for MODERN SCREEN, almost a year ago, I wrote about getting this session together while I was in Hollywood. I teamed Shorty with six men from the Harry James band at that time. "Talk of the Town" is by Corky Corcoran, young tenor sax man who's leaving Harry to form a band of his own.

BEST FROM THE MOVIES THE ROAD TO UTOPIA-"Welcome to My Dream" is the number that was born along the latest "Road." Bing himself's done it for Decca, Dinah Shore for Victor and Jack Leonard for Majestic. Jack Leonard's another ex-GI. He was the first big name band singer to be drafted, 'way back when he was singing with Tommy Dorsey. Dinah Shore's waxing of this same "Welcome to My Dream' may be her last

"Welcome to My Dream' may be her last Victor release; she's already signed with Columbia. THE STORK CLUB—This picture in-troduced "Love Me," and Andy Russell (who did it in the movie) has recorded it for Capitol, while Frances Wayne does the vocal with Woody Herman and the boys for Columbia. By the time you read this, however, Frances won't be with Woody any more. She's going out on her Woody any more. She's going out on her own. Neal Hefti, Frances' husband—who used to play trumpet with Woody—left the band early in January to join Joe Marsala.

RECORDS OF THE MONTH Selected by Leonard Feather

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WAVE TO ME MY LADY—Elton Britt (Victor), George Paxton (Majestic)
WE'LL BE TOGETHER AGAIN—Les Brown (Columbia)

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Gosh, J.J., you're going to hate us for this, but we're on your guy's side this time. Granted you've had a long pull, we think you're taking a very short view of the question. Just skim through a "help wanted" column and count the jobs that say "high school graduate." There are quite a few, you'll notice, and the salary offered is invariably higher than that offered to non-grads. The question you should ask yourself is this: "Do I want to be a potential tycoon in 1947, or a perpetual office boy in 1946? We're pretty sure you know the right answer.

What preparations can I be making toward getting a summer job? D. A., Harrisburg, Pa.

You can be thinking over the possibilities—department store work, babyminding, tutoring, office work—and then dream up a really good letter stating your qualifications which you'll send out. Nine out of ten jobs are landed through wellwritten letters of application.

Is it all right to invite a boy over to your house if he has never dated you? "Jonesy," South Dennis, Mass.

Yes, if you do it ever so casually. S'pose you're walking home from school, or brewing up a stew in Chem lab (the two of you, we mean, natch), toss the invitation lightly and see how it hits him. If he pounces, make the time and day on the spot. If he hedges, for gosh sakes, don't pin him down. You know what to say, don't you? "I've got a gorgeous new Ellington," or "Ever eat a really terrific Dagwood sandwich?" It's easy!

I adore my best friend's brother. Would it be awful if I took her into my confidence and got her to plug me to him? N. M. Stamford, Conn.

On the contrary, it would be a very sharp maneuver. Get her to give you hints about what he likes and doesn't like and have her relay on comments abou you so that you can mend your ways o give him more in the same vein.

I am a mother of two girls, fifteen and sixteen. They both have lots of dates, and in my opinion stay out much too late When I step on them they tell me In obsolete. What would you consider a reasonable curfew? M. W., St. Louis, Mo Curfers times differ so in graines local

Curfew times differ so in various localities that we hate to issue an ultimatum However, for occasional school night stayouts ten-thirty should be the deadline Fridays and Saturdays, we'd say eleven thirty to twelve, depending on how lat your local movie gets out. And for very fancy fun—proms and holiday parties, on o'clock should be late enough.

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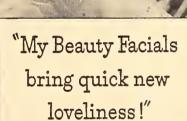
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What stories and features did you enjoy most in our April issue? Write 1, 2, 3 at the right of your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices.

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"And So They Were Married"	Watch Mark Stevens! by Hedda
(Jeanne Crain)	Hopper
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the world, a beautiful dreamer of beau-tiful dreams.

This Sunday morning she slipped into a gold linen slack suit, ran a comb through her extravagantly beautiful hair, added a faint touch of lipstick . . . and went out to meet Destiny who—at the moment when Jeanne was readying herself for the party -was shaving in the Brinkman family bathroom and had just nicked his chin. Destiny, in this case, was named Paul.

falling in love . . .

He also had another date. When Mrs. Kester, who is called Bobby by her friends, introduced the foursome, none of them caught the names of the others. Jeanne looked at Paul and thought, "Good look-ing." Paul looked at Jeanne and uttered Paul looked at Jeanne and uttered, under his breath, the 1943 equivalent of "Hubba, hubba, hubba."

There were so many people at the party that no conversation, other than the politely mumbled acknowledgment of introductions, took place between Miss Crain and the man she now refers to occasion-ally as "Mister B."

After breakfast, the Kesters showed a series of 16 mm. movies, and then the party broke up, so that was that.

Not for several months did Paul and Jeanne see one another again. One afternoon, Jeanne and her mother were driving down Sunset Boulevard and stopped for a red light. Up alongside them drew a sleek convertible with Mr. Brinkman at the wheel; he looked at Jeanne, remembered that Sunday morning, but couldn't remember her name for his very life. His memory tore his brain into excelsior in search of that missing gem-meanwhile he gave her the big eye.

Jeans looked away, demurely. She re-membered him, too, but she would have sold pencils at Hollywood and Vine before she would have admitted it. The two cars moved away from the signal, hub cap to hub cap, with Mr. Brinkman doing his best to look like an old friend of the family, and Jeanne hoping that the amenities could be satisfied in some way.

No use. Traffic honked and swirled to separate the two cars. The resourceful Mr. Brinkman memorized the license num-ber, drove to the nearest Motor Vehicle Department station and tried to talk the boys with the badges out of the name, address and telephone number of the reg-istered owner of Jeanne's car. The boys were understanding—sympathetic even— but unmoved. "No," they said firmly. But Cupid, though lazy and absent-minded, never gives up a project entirely

as long as he is getting mental cooperation from the two persons most closely involved. He decided on a prank.

He arranged for Paul and Jeanne to go to the Farmer's Market for luncheon on the same day. The Farmer's Market is a vast bazaar covering several acres on the northeast corner of Third and Fairfax in western Los Angeles, where one can buy everything from a pair of diamond ear-rings to a package of mothballs or a talk-ing Mynah bird. It swarms with people from dawn until closing time at six, and

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the chances against one person seeing another he knows is something that would interest Lloyd's of London. Jeanne was standing at the pie conces-

sion when an ingratiating masculine voice said, "I beg your pardon for not recalling your name, but I met you one Sunday at your name, but I met you one Sunday at the Kesters. I saw you on Sunset Boule-vard a while back, and did my best to flirt with you, but you didn't recognize me. In case you don't remember me, either, I'm Paul Brinkman." "And I'm Jeanne Crain," said the girl who wouldn't admit that she had any rec-ollection of the Sunset Boulevard epi-ollection of the Sunset Boulevard epi-sode. "Won't you join us? My mother and I have a table near the china shop." Their first formal date occurred on New Year's Eve, 1943, when Paul escorted Jeanne to Tex Feldman's Watch Party. Jeanne, so excited she could scarcely breathe, wore a white frock over a hoop

breathe, wore a white frock over a hoop skirt with the bodice and skirt decorations embroidered in gold.

auld lang syne . . .

At midnight everyone sang "Auld Lang Syne." Paul linked his arm through Jeanne's so that she could have the first sip from his glass of champagne, just as she had the first from his. And then, quite solemnly, Paul leaned down and kissed Jeanne.

"Happy New Year," he murmured after-ard. "Happy 1944." ward.

It was a wonderful year. Paul started to teach Jeanne to play tennis, but she was so busy making pictures that she didn't

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have much time to perfect that back stroke. On weekends, however, they could drive down to Laguna—one of the loveliest resort towns on the Pacific Coast-to swim. One night they strolled into Victor Hugo's romantic restaurant in Laguna, and, as they passed between the tables on the way they passed between the tables on the way to the spot selected for them by the head waiter—Jeanne could hear the sibilant comment race through the room. "There goes Errol Flynn. There goes Errol Flynn." She thought rebelliously, "No. He doesn't look like Mr. Flynn." He doesn't. Paul is much younger than Mr. Flynn, of course, and his coloring is much darker. Tall as Paul is, he is not uite as tall as the Blitzkrieg Boatman nor

quite as tall as the Blitzkrieg Boatman, nor is his frame as matured.

misunderstanding

During this period there was only one misunderstanding. Wynn Rocamora was giving a party for Louella Parsons, to which Jeanne and Paul were invited. Paul had been hunting, but had promised to call for her around seven.

At seven-thirty, she repaired her lip-stick. At eight, she re-combed her hair. At eight-thirty she began to stand at the window-discreetly out of sight, of course and scan the street for passing cars. At nine she gave up, removed her party dress with her blithe anticipations, and went to bed with dire resentment and a book.

In the meantime, Paul's car had flattired him to the extent of an hour's tardiness. He had called Jeanne as soon as he could reach a telephone, but received no answer—simply the usual ringing sound which is a sound effect and nothing more. (The Crains didn't discover until late the following afternoon that their telephone was out of order.) Thinking that Jeanne had gone to the party with other friends when he failed to

arrive on time to escort her, Paul scorched to the house, bathed, shaved, hopped into dinner clothes and went to the affair. He asked several people if they had seen Jeanne. Said some helpful soul, "Yes, she was here about thirty minutes ago. I think she left with someone—can't remember who it was."

If Jeanne, lying disconsolately at home, was smarting with the hurt of her first experience at being stood up, Paul was equally disgruntled before what he thought was a brush-off.

When Paul called, after the telephone was restored to service, and said rather shortly, "Sorry I missed you the other night," he was greeted by as crackling a sound as ever came over short wave. "I'll be right over to explain," he cried.

boy gets girl . . .

It was quite a discussion. Jeanne said he should have known that she wouldn't have gone to the party without him, not to speak of *leaving* without him, and Paul wanted to know how he should have guessed that the telephone was out of order. By the time each side had aired its reinverse they were at the heach It is grievances, they were at the beach. It is very difficult to cling to both dignity and anger on a roller coaster. End of argument.

By this time Jeanne and Paul had been een together enough around town for seen their friends to grow curious about their romance. It was clear to anyone with eyes that they were in love with one another. Mrs. Crain began to object, not to Paul as a person, but to Jeanne's seeing any one person to the exclusion of all others. "Go out with other people," Mrs. Crain begged. "Don't become serious. This is one of the lowalist times of your life and

one of the loveliest times of your life, and you should live it to the full without think-

ing of the responsibility of marriage." Jeanne and her mother have always been very sympathetic to one another's viewpoints, so Jeanne agreed. For four

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long, aching months, she and Paul did not see one another. Each went out with other friends; each tried to disperse his interest. Came Christmas Eve, 1945. Jeanne had made a date with Paul, but Mrs. Crain was

unhappy over the idea. She said that Christmas Eve was a family holiday, and that she wanted Jeanne at home on that evening. Because both she and Jeanne were tired and overwrought, each said things that they didn't mean and quickly things that they didn't mean and quickly resented, but the misunderstanding ended with Jeanne's going out to San Fernando to the Kesters. Jeanne, Paul and the Kes-ters discussed the problem. Before Paul left that night, they decided to be married on the morning of December

29 in Jeanne's parish church. What they had forgotten, in their upset state, was that the wartime dispensation excusing three readings of the banns, had been revoked. A church decision was handed down: They couldn't be married until January 6th.

Frantically, the two devout Catholic communicants went to Bishop McGucken to explain their reasons for seeking a dispensation. And the Bishop, a wise and kindly man, granted their plea. He said they might be married on December 31st. Actually, they hadn't planned to be mar-

ried on the second anniversary of their irst date—that was a fillip added by Fate. So these were the things of which Jeanne Crain thought as the minutes slipped by and became the dawn of her wedding day. Without having slept a wink, she slipped out of bed at six, shivering, and pegan to get dressed. She donned the suit and the white

nat, and went downstairs when she heard Paul park in the driveway. His expression, as he kissed her good morning, was mys-eriously triumphant. From one pocket he produced a jeweler's box. Jeanne lifted he velvet lid and gasped: It was the most he vervet hid and gasped: It was the most beautiful wedding ring she had ever seen: A design of interwoven orange blossoms studded with diamonds and baguette ru-pies. "I thought it would be a wedding-engagement ring combination," he said. By this time, everything had begun to

happen. Jeanne moved in a roseate daze to the church where a nuptial mass was belebrated by the Reverend Eugene Ivancovich, S.J. As she made the responses of he service and the ring was slipped on her finger, her chin brushed the orchids of the corsage Paul had brought her. Afterward, after the last triumphant

chord from the organ, and just before the

I SAW IT HAPPEN



I am a sailor, and while on leave managed to get to Hollywood, where I sneaked into a studio. Wandering around, I was stopped by a guard who asked me if I was one of the sailors working on a nearby set.

Thinking fast, I said yes, and that's how I got in to the set where John Payne was playing a sailor role. "Say," he said to me, "how do you keep that hat on the back of your head?" "Search me," I replied, "but I'll fix yours for you." Johnny sure liked it that way, but I had to laugh when the director made him change it to the regulation squared cap for the scene, in spite of Johnny's protests. Dave Williams, S 1 c Santa Ana, Calif.

photographer's flash bulbs began to pop, Paul said to his wife, "Say, here's some-thing you might like to have!" and slipped

thing you might like to have!" and slipped a platinum ring on which was set a huge square-cut diamond onto Jeanne's finger. This was incredible . . . dreamy . . . all part of a blissful unreality. "I want to telephone Mother," she murmured. But first they must go to Paul's home so that proper pictures could be taken. Paul wanted to carry his bride over the threshold. The studio wanted those pic-tures. Meanwhile, a newspaper man had taken it upon himself to call Mrs. Crain and tell her that Jeanne had been married. and tell her that Jeanne had been married. The news, broken in this way, was difficult for Mrs. Crain to bear—she left the house. And when someone told Jeanne how the news had been relayed, Jeanne broke down and cried desperately.

However, a meeting was arranged the next day at which Mrs. Crain gave her blessing, and currently she is a regular dinner guest at the Brinkmans' borrowed house, a cottage loaned by Huntington Hartford, Paul's great friend.

perfect honeymoon . . .

After the wedding breakfast at the Kes-ter home, Paul and Jeanne hopped into Paul's father's Cadillac and drove to Fur-nace Creek Inn, a delightful retreat on the Mojave desert. Jeanne, who has never spent even a weekend in Palm Springs had never before had the experience of a long desert vacation, so the five days they honeymooned there were glorious. They went horseback riding, they drove to the top of the six thousand foot mountain that rises towerlike above the Inn, which is below sea level; they spent one whole day exploring old mine shafts.

At the end of five days, the honeymoon-ers had to return to Los Angeles because Jeanne had committed herself to enact a radio version of "Seventh Heaven" with with

Tyrone Power, one of her favorite people. While driving anywhere together, the Brinkmans talk about their new house. All during the spring of 1945, Paul and Jeanne examined hill tops-which was the only spot on which either of them wanted to live. They found one magnificent spot, and Paul was about to buy it when he discovered that having the utilities (electricity, water, etc.) installed on the promontory would cost about ten thousand dollars.

Finally Huntington Hartford suggested that they look at some property not far from his own home. Together, they trudged to the spot, turned, and held their breaths out of sheer awe before the grandeur of the granden of the grandeur of the grandeur of the spot. the scene. Below stretches Los Angeles, Hollywood, Beverly Hills, and—in clear weather—the beach towns. And behind the site rise peaks which reveal, through intermittent canyons, the San Fernando Valley beyond. Paul slid his arms around Jeanne's waist and kissed her solemnly. "Here, we will really live," he said.

With curtains drawn against the night, with a fire roaring in the fireplace, with only candles burning in the far corners, the Brinkmans plan to spend a good many evenings listening to music and murmur-

"I've always wanted to go to Africa and make a real safari," Jeanne will say, as she has so often in the past.

has so often in the past. "We'll do it as soon as I can train some one to trust with the business for a few months," Paul will promise. "But I also want to take you to Banff and to Lake Louise, to Victoria and Vancouver and Alaska. And to Mexico City, then to South America. We're really going to be busy people." busy people.

The title of one of the songs Jeanne sings in "Centennial Summer" is "Two Hearts Are Better Than One." It is a joyous thought with which to begin mar-ried life.



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BLITHE SPIRIT

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Roosevelt, you're in a hurry, aren't you?

You can leave now if you like." The tall young man smiled. "Thanks a lot. Goodbye, everyone." He bowed to Mrs. Truman and started across the room Elizabeth stared in utter consternation

Elizabeth stared in utter consternation from his retreating back to the muff on her mother's lap, twenty feet away. Her auto-graph book! There was Mr. Roosevelt dis-appearing like a mirage, while she stood posing with Mrs. Truman. Her face mir-rored her agonized indecision for thirty seconds, and then Elizabeth moved. Like a small, black-haired streak of lightning, she raced to her mother grabbed the muff she raced to her mother, grabbed the muff, and tore to the door, calling, "Mr. Roosevelt! Oh, Mr. Roosevelt, please, just a minute!'

remember me long ...

Franklin wrote for so long that Elsa Maxwell, who was standing nearby, said jovially, "Looks to me as if you're writing her a letter, not just an autograph." He looked up gravely. "I want Elizabeth to remember who I am, and where she

was.

The minute Elizabeth got back from her trip East, she tore across the street to Anne's house. Anne is an ideal confidante. She's never catty or envious, and she gets a big kick out of the things that happen to Elizabeth.

"I went to the theater in New York!" Elizabeth announced gleefully. "And I wore my first black dress, and my first long stockings, and my first nail polish!" "Colored nail polish?" Anne demanded

incredulously.

"Of course not, silly. I wouldn't be caught dead with colored polish on. It would look ridiculous at my age." If Elizabeth was quoting her mother, she had serenely forgotten it.

Clothes are, at this point, all-important to Elizabeth. Which is pretty funny, be-cause a year or so ago all she wanted in the way of a wardrobe was a pair of blue jeans and a boy's shirt. But by last summer she showed a tendency to linger be-fore dress shop windows, and came Christhow she could inveigle her family into getting her a white lambs' wool coat. She tried all the arguments she could think of and got nothing but a monotonous series of "When you're older, dear." "She means sixteen," Elizabeth confided gloomily to Anne on Christmas Eve. "She

always means sixteen when she says that. I knew I wouldn't get it this year. It would be too good to be true.'

happiness, inc. . .

"Maybe they'll give you something just as nice," Anne said. Anne always tried to be comforting. "And anyway, your white blanket coat is very becoming." The next morning she got up and dashed

across the street to Anne's in her woolly housecoat and slippers. She always went there first because the Westmores opened their presents before breakfast, the Taylors their presents before breakfast, the Taylors afterwards. When she had exclaimed wildly over Anne's heavenly new sweater and the toy panda—promptly named Andy Pandy —the girls went back to breakfast at the Taylors'. There were lots of packages un-der the tree in the living room. Scarlet and white and green, with bright ribbon bows. It was fun opening them. There were ties and slippers for Dad, and per-fume for Mummy, and brushes for How-ard, Elizabeth's sixteen-year-old brother. There was the most exciting new grey suit There was the most exciting new grey suit

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"I thought it would be pretty with your blanket coat, dear," Mrs. Taylor said. "Oh, it will. It'll be sweet with it." It

would, of course. Only

"Mother, do you think when I'm six-teen I can have a lamb coat?" Elizabeth asked wistfully.

asked wistfully. "Gosh, what a single track mind," How-ard remarked with masculine disgust. Howard is her adored older brother. Mrs. Taylor smiled at them both. She turned to her husband. "Oh, we forgot that little brown package, dear. I didn't even get it wrapped. Would you go upstairs for it?" Suddenly Elizabeth's eyes got bigger and bigger. She iumped up and stood there and bigger. She jumped up and stood there, holding her breath till her chest ached. All the world seemed to be waiting in that moment of Christmas morning. Then suddenly, there was daddy holding-holding a white lamb coat!

Elizabeth shrieked. She ran-not to the coat, but to Mummy, and kissed her, and cried like crazy. Then she rushed to her father, who held the coat helplessly in one hand while his daughter gave him a wild bear hug. "It's too beautiful," she gasped. "Oh, Anne, isn't it *delirious!*" "I knew about it all along," Anne said smugly. "But I'd promised not to tell."

lady in distress . . .

So-when Elizabeth went to the White House, she had the lamb coat to wear. And when they got to New York, there was the theater, and she was dressed all up in the black velvet dress and the white coat and a corsage. It was her first corsage from a boy named Peter and Elizabeth could hardly believe it. Young Peter, son of Metro's publicist, Dorothy Day, sent it.

She did look lovely when she was ready for the theater. A rosy glow enveloped the dress and coat and corsage, a glow that came from the expression of bliss on her face. She and her mother went down-stairs to get a taxi. As they came out to the street, they saw what they had been too busy to notice before. It was pouring rain. Elizabeth saw it first and decided to

"There's a taxi, Mummy," she cried. "Let's dash and grab it. We simply must not be late for the theater." But Mrs. Taylor ignored the slim hand

tugging at her sleeve. She surveyed the teeming night, and then looked at Eliza-

beth's ensemble. "It's too bad, dear," she said, "but you'll have to go upstairs and change your coat. Put on a raincoat." "A raincoat! But, Mummy, I'm wearing

"A raincoat! But, Mummy, I'm wearing a corsage! And we're going to the theater!" "I know. In the rain. And we can't af-ford to ruin your lovely new coat. So go up and change, dear. Here's the key." Elizabeth departed like Marie Antoinette going to the guillotine. Head high, but heartbroken. It's tough for a mother to stick to her 'guns in a case like that, but it's also essential, if discipline is to be maintained, and Mrs. Taylor knew it. Eliza-beth was back in a short time with a hopebeth was back in a short time, with a hope-

beth was back in a short time, with a hope-ful look, still wearing the white coat. "You gave me the wrong key, Mummy. And I don't think it's raining as hard now." But Mrs. Taylor fished in her bag and came up with the right key. "Hurry, darling." Elizabeth hurried. When she came back, she had the violets pinned to the raincoat. She winked gravely at her mother. "You were perfectly right. It's raining much too hard for a white coat." That was a typical Elizabethan reaction. She never sulks. She's always gay and enthusiastic, with a vast affection for peo-ple. Children adore her on sight. Little Mar-

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studio school gave an informal entertainment. Elizabeth perched on one of the desks to watch. Butch promptly came over and wriggled up on the desk beside her. Margaret came shyly across the room and pulled up a chair by the desk, but that was still too far away—Butch was *much* closer.

He had grabbed Elizabeth's hand and was playing with the bangle on her bracelet in a proprietory manner. He smiled triumphantly at Margaret, who looked wistfully unhappy. Elizabeth saw it, and moving back a little on the desk, held out her hands in an inviting gesture. Instantly, Margaret was up, and into her lap. The three of them sat there in cherubic contentment throughout the evening.

nibbles and twinkles . . .

Elizabeth has a passion for animals that has had one curious consequence, besides getting her the role in "National Velvet." She has a chipmunk named "Nibbles," and she has written a book about him which is to be published in the spring. The book came about, believe it or not, because of Louella Parson's party for MODERN SCREEN. Elizabeth was excited about that party for weeks ahead of time. She and Anne had endless telephone conversations about it, which drove their respective families mad. The party, when it came at last, was sheer delight. Elizabeth met so many stars it made her dizzy, and they were all as charming to her as if she had been grownup. She also met Albert Delacorte, MODERN SCREEN'S young executive editor, and con-fided to Anne next day that he was "too handsome for words. I simply drooled when I saw him." She met Van Johnson, who is in a photo-finish at the moment with Gene Kelly, as her favorite male star. So with all this excitement, it was only natural that the next week when she was asked to write a theme at school, she wrote it about the party. Then she handed it over to the teacher and forgot about it. But

"You know, Elizabeth has a surprising amount of literary talent," she said seriously. "I thought so when I read the theme she wrote about her horse. Now with this story of the party, I'm sure of it." When Elizabeth came in from bicycling

When Elizabeth came in from bicycling with Anne and Carol, her mother said, "I hear you wrote a theme about the party."

"I did. You know, Mummy, I love to write. Sometime I'd like to write a book, if I had anything to write about."

"Why don't you try it? Write about things you know."

"But what do I know? Horses and dogs and chipmunks . . ." Elizabeth paused. "Nibbles. I'll write a story about him." She not only wrote it, she illustrated it,

She not only wrote it, she illustrated it, too. The illustrations have caused almost as much favorable comment as the writing. She's been drawing for years, anyway. For instance, one morning her mother was getting dressed while Elizabeth and her dog, Twinkles, played around the room.

"I ought to draw some pictures of Twinkles for my book," Elizabeth said idly, "Yes, dear, why don't you?" her mother

"Yes, dear, why don't you?" her mother said absently, and went into the bathroom to brush her teeth. When she came out, Elizabeth was lying on her stomach on the bed, slim tanned legs in the air, her head bent over a piece of drawing paper. "Which of these do you like better?" she inquired.

Mrs. Taylor peered over her shoulder in amazement. "These" were two beautifully executed sketches of Twinkles. He looked as if he was actually in motion, cavorting about the room, tail up and the devil in his eye, as usual. "When did you do those?" "Just now. While you were in the bath-

room. I have to work fast to get Twinkles." Fast! Mrs. Taylor opened her mouth and then closed it again. It would never do to let the child see how impressed she was. But Elizabeth preserves her balance

and her sense of humor without any trouble. One day her mother was quoting from the publisher's letter about the book. "He said Elizabeth's prose style was extraordinary. It was so well-formed, so round, so ..."

"Firm, so fully packed," said her irrepressible daughter, giggling, and went off into a libelous imitation of the Lucky Strike auctioneer.

One reason Elizabeth and Anne get on so well together is because they laugh like mad at the same things. They agree about almost everything, anyway, and haven't had a quarrel since three years ago. Elizabeth recalls that last one vividly, however. Elizabeth had been given a fancy winter outfit of corduroy slacks, a crimson ski sweater, and a fur cap with crimson yarn woven into two braids which dangled to her shoulders. Of course it was summer, and the thermometer was in the eighties, but Elizabeth just had to show off her new possessions. She got on her Flexees scooter, ("We were just infants, practically, then," she explains) whizzed down the sidewalk, red woven braids flying in the hot summer breeze. She passed Anne's house without a glance, then turned around at the next corner and sailed past it again. The third time Anne stuck her head out of a window.

time Anne stuck her head out of a window. "I never saw anything sillier," she announced to the world in a high, angry voice. "A fur cap with wool braids in this terrible heat! Some *children* just aren't old enough to have any sense!"

The next day, she met Anne on the street. With the sudden, unaccountable vagary of childhood, they both said, "Hello" amiably, and in two minutes were consuming forbidden sodas together at the corner drug store. Anne and Carol are rather interested in boys. Elizabeth likes boys, but she regards

Anne and Carol are rather interested in boys. Elizabeth likes boys, but she regards them with a friendly detachment. Howard's friends fill the house all the while, and Elizabeth thinks that when she does get around to dating boys, it will be handy having a brother two years older. Meantime, she is completely unself-conscious with them. She keeps a critical eye on Howard's girls, too.

"They're such kids," she tells her mother. "They just aren't smart. If they were, they'd know boys aren't interested in girls that rush them, and call them up all the time"

advice to the loveless . . .

So next time the girl called up, Elizabeth answered. "Look," she said firmly. "you aren't going to get anywhere with Howarc this way. I know him better than anyone I know why he liked you in the first place and doesn't like you now. Do you?"

and doesn't like you now. Do you?" There was a perplexed negative from the other end. "Well," Elizabeth explained helpfully, "he liked you because he though you were sort of shy, and that's the type he goes for. If I were you, I'd get shy again—fast. I'm telling you this for you own good."

own good." "Miss E. Taylor. Advice to the lovelorn, said Howard, who had come in during thi conversation. But he had to admit tha her analysis of the situation was correc' if somewhat blunt.

Here's an odd item about Elizabeth the no one has ever been able to figure ou Ever since she was a little girl, people hav thought she should be called Virginia. Th director on "National Velvet" called he Virginia all the while. Elizabeth, who like her own name fine, wouldn't answer. Prett soon the whole company was saying "Helle Virginia," and the director tried to get he to consult a numerologist.

"If your name was Virginia, it woul help your career," he assured her. Eliza beth just smiled politely and went c being Elizabeth. Her career, from whe we're sitting, seems to be doing all righ MRS. ROBERT MONTGOMERY ... as famous for personal charm as her celebrated husband is for brilliant acting.

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technique on your pop, your big sister's beau, the nice joe who brings the groceries, then-when you've gained some confidence -try them on the kids at school.

-try them on the Kids at school. 4. You've been stood up and your pride is shattered. Build it up again by (a) giving the lug heck in front of a consider-able group, (b) demanding no explana-tion, but accepting any that's given cas-ually and with dignity, and very coolly refusing further dates with him, (c) cut-ting him dead next time you see him and

ting him dead next time you see him and blackening his name all over town. 5. Your dad won't let you smoke, and all the girls you know call you a sissy because you don't. Best thing for you to do is (a) smoke on the q.t.—on account of what your pop doesn't know won't hurt him, (b) steer strictly clear of the gals who do, (c) explain to your dad that you don't plan to overdo it, but that you would like to take a puff here and there without a guilty conscience, and ask him to place you on trial.

6. Mom has to cut your allowance be-cause finances are a bit strained at home; you'll make out best financially if (a) you you'll make out best financially if (a) you get a part-time job and take care of your own cokes and movies, (b) you screech and whine about all the things the other kids have that you can't afford, (c) you simply resign yourself to being poor and shun fun.

7. There's a new gal at school. Cute and smiling and obviously fun. But her religion is different from the gang's, so all the kids snub her. You'd do well to (a) slap her on the back and show her that you're no snob, (b) in an unobtrusive

you're no snob, (b) in an unobtrusive way take her under your wing and give her a chance to show the kids what a peach she is, (c) follow the crowd, 'cause if you step out of line they may drop you. 8. Your church is planning a party. Vol-unteers are needed to plan the food, deco-rations, etc. You (a) sit back and let George do it, (b) volunteer like crazy and then find yourself so swamped with obligations you accomplish nothing, (c) pick out one thing you can do well and make a bang-up job of it. make a bang-up job of it.

7. b, 8. c. Answers: 1. c, 2. b, 3. c, 4. b, 5. c, 6. a,

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While visiting in California some months ago, I stopped at one of Beverly Hills' leading shops and happened to notice a lovely lady looking over some clothes. flustered and A evidently new salesgirl was try-

ing very hard to please her glamorous customer, and in her anxiety, she caught the fabric of a dress on a hanger and tore it. The head of the department came rushing over, but before she could say a word, the cus-tomer said, "Oh, I'm so sorry, how clumsy of me," and there wasn't a thing the woman in charge could say or do to the poor salesgirl. This gra-cious gesture was made hu none other cious gesture was made by none other than Irene Dunne.

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OH JOHNNY!

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He'd sit in the center of a gang of kids and swoon 'em with "I'm The Medicine Man for the Blues."

"Lookit, Big John, you're hot," they'd say to him, and he began to think, "Gee, I am." So he advertised that he'd give uke lessons for fifty cents a week. "I could use tessons for fifty cents a week. "I could squeeze four lessons in every afternoon," he figured, "and eight on Saturdays." And he practically needed a slide rule to com-pute his earnings. The way it worked out, however, only two pupils showed up. One was a lady. A nice, jolly, middle-aged lady who wanted to learn "The Poet and the Peasant."

Peasant." Johnnie gulped hard. "It's not exactly uke material." he said. "Would you con-sider 'Aloha' or 'Little Brown Jug'?" "I would not," she said, removing her hat and grabbing the uke. "What do I do first?" Business was business, so Johnnie showed her how. The other pupil was a man who wanted to learn to play for relaxation. Both students were rather slow, so Johnnie pulled down a dollar a week for quite a while, and don't think he week for quite a while, and don't think he didn't need it.

making ends meet . . .

He was just beginning to think about girls, and everyone knows what an exgirls, and everyone knows what an ex-pense they are. Take Johnnie's first date, for example. He had one hard earned buck to spend, and as he'd mapped out the evening, it was going to be ample. Thirty-five cents each for the movies, leaving thirty cents for food. If she ordered a fifteen-cent soda, he'd order one, too. If she ordered a twenty-cent sundae, he'd have a ten-cent coke. A buck would do the evening up brown, and Johnnie ushered the evening up brown, and Johnnie ushered the gal into the soda joint feeling good. They sat down and studied the menu. "How about a black and white?" Johnnie said, lighting a Cubeb. She puckered her brow "More I down

said. lighting a Cubeb. She puckered her brow. "Mmm—I don't think so." She read the menu from cover to cover and then grinned at him. "Let's shoot the works," she said archly. "How about a couple of jumbo banana splits?" Everything went black for a minute. Jumbo splits at thirty cents per. Oh no! "Tm not having a thing," Johnnie said, when he could speak. "Training rules." And he sat there and watched her gorge

And he sat there and watched her gorge. liking her less and less every minute. She was the smoothest redhead in the sophomore class, but she was poison to John-ston from that night forward. Boxing on the Heart of America team was an eventual source of income. There

was an eventual source of income. There wasn't very much of Johnnie when he was in his teens—he only weighed 125 pounds —but what there was could really fight. Of course, being an amateur fighter, he Of course, being an amateur fighter, he received no money for his wins, but now and then on special occasions he'd get a gold watch. He kept the first one, but subsequent ones he sold in order to finance his dates and his wardrobe. Clothes-wise, he was really a sharpie. Had lots of bell-bottom pants that were skin tight at the knees. The exact reverse of zoot trousers. The jackets had long, long lapels and built up shoulders. And his white shirts all had black and white checked cuffs, which were considered the absolute ticket in 1932. Sometimes his mother used to wonder about his clothes. "Do they all dress like that, dear?" she'd ask him. Johnnie would be outraged.

"Heck, no," he'd answer. "Most of 'em have no flash." He finished high school in 1932 and

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He liked to draw, and he'd studied commercial art in school, so he went into business painting signs. It was slow going. A sign here, a sign there. He earned barely enough to keep eating; never had anything left over to put toward the uke. And then came a windfall of thirty signs. Thirty nice, short, easy signs for ten dollars. All they were to say was, "Milkshakes, 15 cents." Johnnie was like one inspired. He did them brilliantly. In bright red paint with curleycues. In green with a row of exclamation points. In lush brown with a picture of a milkshake. He worked on them for twenty-four hours without rest and then went down to the drugstore with them.

too much of a good time . . .

"Mr. Jackson," he said, "I've got them all done." He couldn't wait to see his expression when he saw those signs. Mr. Jackson thumbed through them, his face growing gradually apoplectic. Finally, he turned on Johnnie.

growing gradually apoplectic. Finally, he turned on Johnnie. "I said 'Milkshakes, 15 cents,'" he boomed. "Curleycues I didn't specify. Geegaws I don't want." He pushed his angry face close to Johnnie's. "Stick to the facts. 'Milkshakes, 15 cents.'"

So Johnnie went home and did them over with black ink in plain block letters. It took him about an hour, and he got his ten bucks. It was his last piece of art work because he bought the ukulele on the spot and went to work as a stroller that is, a singer of ballads who goes from beer joint to beer joint playing for tips. Along about that time, he met Dorothy

Along about that time, he met Dorothy Marubio, the sweet-faced gal who has been Mrs. Johnston for nine years. It was a queer sort of courtship because Johnnie worked all night, and Dottie worked all day. What's more, she had a very heavy suitor, an ex-Notre Dame football star, who did not work nights, except at wooing Dorothy. A lesser guy than Big John would have figured that he didn't have a chance. Johnnie didn't figure that way. He'd tear over to her house about eight o'clock in the morning, heavy-eyed and sandpaper-voiced from a night of singing and he'd turn on the charm over a cup of coffee. And then one day he got completely fed up with the set-up.

They were having breakfast in a drugstore downtown, and he turned to her. "Look, it doesn't have to be like this. A couple of hectic seconds a day." He made himself talk slowly, matter of factly. They both prided themselves on their matter of factness. "We could get married, couldn't we?"

Dot's hand holding the cup of coffee shook a little. She knew that they were a pair of hard-boiled guys, not two silly kids, so why the heck did she feel like bawling? "Sure we could," she said unsteadily. "Couldn't we?"

He looked at her a minute, as if she'd just handed him the moon with a ribbon around it. "Yeah," he whispered, for all the world like one of those sentimental gents. "You bet we could."

They were married, and how they got along on a handful of dollars a week no one will ever know. But they were young and in love, and being poor was fun. Also they both knew it was only temporary.



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Dot discovered it first-that Johnnie was terrific, that some day he'd be big time, and she made him believe in himself as he'd never been able to before. The funny he a never been able to before. The runny part of it was that Dot was right. The stuff was there. Within a few months Art Kassel signed Johnnie on as singer-guitarist and band boy, and that was the beginning of the Success Story. Came a session with Roger Pryor's band,

came radio, came Hollywood. His sinuses drove him West in 1940, but once he got there he knew it was for him, sinuses or not. They had a darling house and a horse not. They had a darling house and a horse and a couple of dogs, and in 1942 they had Julie, their lovely little girl. Johnnie worked regularly, and two of the songs he introduced in the movies became smasheroos. "I Don't Want to Walk With-out You, Baby," and "That Old Black Magic." They weren't millionaires, the Johnstons, but there was chicken every Sunday, and life was pretty lush after all Sunday, and life was pretty lush after all

Sunday, and life was pretty lush after all the thin years. Johnnie used to say to Dot: "Could a guy want any more than this? You and the kid and a dog with a red beard" (Skippy *did* have a red beard, and more personality than most people) "and good friends and the best golf clubs money can buy?" And she used to come right back at him, quick as a flash, "We're lucky guys, J. J."

guys, J. J." Their best friends were a mixture of more solution and nonprofessional people: Martha Tilton, Johnny Mercer, Alice Faye and Phil Harris, Marilyn Maxwell. Then there was Chet Bell with whom Johnnie had gone to school and Arnold Gillespie, a cartoonist at Metro. All of them swell people. Dot and Alice would talk babies on the phone for hours at a time. Johnnie and Chet would compare gardening technique. In the evening they'd have dinner at each other's houses, play charades, gang around the piano and sing. It was a good, sane, solid way of life, but Dot and Johnnie things like playing golf in the rain and taking trips to Santa Barbara on horse-back. Things like teaching little Julie to make the razzberry noise when they sang "Der Fuehrer's Face.'

Johnnie taught her that when she was six months old. "Come on, honey," he'd say, leaning over her play pen. "We (razz-berry noise) and (razzberry noise) right in the Fuehrer's face." He kept at it till In the Fuehrer's face." He kept at it till his face got red and his eyes were popping, but he got nothing but the deadpan from her nibs. Exhausted and crushed, he gave it up as a bad job. "She can't seem to get it," he complained to Dorothy, his tone of voice implying near inheadling

near-imbecility.

"She's not old enough, goon," Dot told him. "She's only six months old, you know."

And then Johnnie put the Spike Jones record on the vic and sat down in a chair to listen. When it came to the razzberry part, Julie, unprompted, chimed in from her play pen as plain as anything.

famous first words . . .

"Did you hear that?" yelled Johnnie. "Hear what Julie said?" It went down in her baby book, "First word, six months old—razzberry." And no subsequent feats

were ever quite as thrilling. In 1944, Johnnie decided to trek East again. It was obvious that all really good again. It was obvious that all really good singing movie roles were going to Bing— and rightly so, he knew—so he pulled up stakes and went to New York with nothing in view but a guest stint on the Society of Lower Basin Street program. When that was over, they signed him for nine weeks, but other than that he was unemployed. There were no further radio bids, no noth-ing. Then one night a friend took him to ing. Then one night a friend took him to dinner at the Hurricane, and it turned out to be Celebrity Night. They asked Johnnie

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to sing, and he did, and next morning there were a dozen phone calls. In quick succession he signed for personal appearances at the Capitol Theater, a singing spot at the Copacabana, a new Chesterfield radio series. He brought Julie and Dot in from the Coast and they resumed their life together in a New York apartment. There were wonderful things to see-Central Park and the Zoo for Julie; the

There were wonderful things to see-Central Park and the Zoo for Julie; the marvelous shops, the theaters for Dot; the bands, the top-notch entertainers for Johnnie. It was fun and stimulating, but after eight months of it they are ready to go West again. Really thrilled to go, because Big John has a fat new contract with Metro now, and the Success Story is getting bigger and better. The principal characters in it are pretty much the same. Better dressed, perhaps. Better fed. But still two smiling, unspoiled kids who've had the world on a string all along, so what's all the noise about? The third character has changed from a wee baby to a bright-faced pixie with taffy-colored pigtails. A laughing little girl who wears shiny patent leather Mary Jane shoes and stiff starched pinafores. She can put jigsaw puzzles together and count to twenty. She can also sing "Frère Jacques" and the "Trolley Song" and "Accentuate the Positive," and her pop thinks she's good. And now there's a little brother-John Dennis -for Julie to play with. She has a fabulous collection of toys;

She has a fabulous collection of toys; gifts from a doting pa and many presents from Johnnie's fans. There's a tremendous rocking horse (which Julie has recently discovered is a rocking lamb—not a horse at all), a couple of life-size dolls, games, books, toy animals.

Johnne is awfully fond of the fans; they've done so many touching things. Like visiting him at the hospital every day when he had appendicitis. And bringing him gifts on the slightest provocation —a pair of silk pajamas, a lovely blue sweater, a brief case with his name on it. They are sweet, well-behaved kids for the most part, and only now and then do they cause any real disturbance. Like the time when Johnnie was sick from overwork. He just barely got through the Chesterfield show, and Bill Brennan was helping him out to a cab. The fans mobbed him, stuck fountain pens in his eye, clung to the running board of his car. There were eleven cops on hand that night, and the youngsters knocked them over as if they were matchsticks. It wasn't a very nice exhibition. Johnnie was pretty ashamed of his kids. But it doesn't happer often. They are usually so darn nice. As one of them put it, "We don't want

As one of them put it, "We don't want to embarrass or offend him. He's too swel —as a singer and as a guy."

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DREAM BOSS (Continued from page 33)

friends telling Sue and Alan goodbye, and vice versa. Upstairs, Alan and Sue were tossing this and that into their bags and then discovering they'd forgotten something else. So Betty raced downtown to rescue the lost items. Then Alana lost "Sandy" her favorite handkerchief, and started to cry; up whizzed Betty to the nursery to tell her a story and calm her down. Flashed next a terrible realization in Sue's mind—the radio contract Alan had signed had to go back to NBC before eight o'clock. Betty rushed down with it. She helped pack. She jotted down last minute instructions. Betty helped Sue brew coffee to keep them all fortified. It went on like that. Then Laddie got a bright idea, as it grew later and later. He peeked out the front window and saw a silvery moon bathing the terrace.

"We're getting a late start anyway," he said. "Look, Sue, let's start out about one o'clock and drive by moonlight!" Sue thought that was a romantic idea, so Betty helped make sandwiches before they started packing the back end of the car. She helped lug out travel items for that, and with it all safely stowed in, started to wave them goodbye, a little wobbly, at one o'clock in the moonlight. Then Alan switched on the headlights—and no lights. He'd packed the rear end so full the wiring was crushed. Out came all the bags and the pliers and Alan crawled inside the car while Betty held the flashlight.

frantic family . . .

Around two a. m., the Ladds finally rolled off on their moonlight excursion. Only Alan got dozy before they'd passed the San Fernando Valley, so they pulled into Joel McCrea's ranch and went to sleep. But Secretary Betty didn't know that, of course. She finally dragged into the Studio Club around three and tumbled across her bed in a state of exhaustion—happy exhaustion, though, because she'd loved every minute of the excitement.

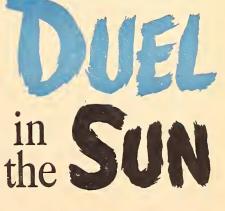
That's just a sample—but after pitching into a few family frantics like that you can see where a star's private secretary becomes more than a mere business girl and fast. By now, Betty Jordan—who got her job through an employment agency, and didn't even know whom she'd be working for until she walked in, met Sue and discovered she was Alan Ladd's wife entrenched firmly in the Ladds' affections. In fact, it's hard to see how the place would tick along without Betty and Diane. They rally to all the daily dramas—like the time Betty was there alone and the lady down the street called to report, "There's a man dragging your boxer dog, Jezebel, into his car. I think he's stealing her." She tore down the street in time to claim Jezzie, scare off the kidnapper and avert a Ladd family tragedy.

They're in on family surprises and secrets even before Alan and Sue are, more often than not. Like Alan's last birthday present, when Sue completed the gold locket which has an engraved still picture from every film Laddie's made. And the Christmas gift charm for his cigarette case, the tiny jeweled "Calcutta" airplane which brings it up to date. It's a cinch Alan didn't know about those until he got them with "Happy Birthday" and "Merry Christmas." But Betty and Diane did. They picked 'em for Sue and checked on the jeweler's progress for weeks.

Last December Sue and Alan were away from Hollywood right before holiday time on their tour of army hospitals in the Midwest. It's always an absorbing junket for



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that pair once they get going on a GI en-tertainment tour, and besides, this time, they made Camp Joseph T. Robinson and the Army Navy General Hospital in Arkansas and Alan went over to Hot Springs, his old home town, and tried to track down missing relatives he knew he must have in those parts. So they stayed away longer than they'd planned and the terrible realization suddenly smote them both that they ization suddenly smote them both that they would be smack up against Christmas by the time they got back to Hollywood. So they wired Betty, "Can you pick up gifts Sue chose before leaving and start wrap-ping them, as Alan wants to stay at the hospitals till the day before Christmas?" Betty wired back, "Love to," and by the time she rolled over to the Glendale station with Diane, Alana and the nurse, Jezebel, the pup and other Ladd menage mainstays, to meet Sue and Alan, all the presents were

to meet Sue and Alan, all the presents were wrapped with seals, stickers n'everything. Of course, she had made a couple of mis-takes. Like the pedal-pusher she tagged for a grown up gal friend of Sue's with a baby name, and the perfume she'd wrapped for a female moppet with a very adult sounding title. Alan and Sue, I might add, were not ungrateful.

to betty, with love . . .

Because the Christmas present they gave Betty was a two-week vacation to fly back to her home town, Easton, Pennsylvania and visit the folks. And when, just two days before her trip, Betty's plane reser-vations got cancelled and the dream blew up—well, Alan spent a whole day chasing down everybody he knew even remotely connected with an airline or train and turning on every calorie of heat, so that Betty left for home right on schedule, Christmas rush or no. Some boss? You can't knock him to Betty. And a girl like Miss Jordan, who gets mixed up in all the daily glamorous goings on of a star's home base doesn't necessarily wear rose-colored glasses. Betty and Diane laugh at Alan when he

comes out to greet them in the mornings when his eyes are still half closed with sleep "What's good about it?" when they chirp a cheery "Good Morning!" They are well used to the sight of Ladd

scuffing along in a pair of mud-caked gar-den shoes which even the Salvation Army would refuse to rehabilitate. They know what he looks like when he hasn't shaved, when his favorite pants, the tattered blue denims (that Sue has tried unsuccessfully dozens of times to bury) adorn his lower half with nothing but tan skin top-side. They know his weakness for the weirdest combinations anyone could think up-like the yacht skipper's cap he likes to wear over his Cheyenne frontier pants and cowboy boots! And they have been bystanders in several household crises where their star boss didn't exactly loom bright and shining in a hero's role.

There was the time, for instance, when Alan almost flooded the family out of house and home. That night Betty stayed on for dinner with Sue and Alan and during the course of the meal Sue injudiciously mentioned that a leaky faucet in the upstairs bathroom was driving her

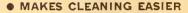
slowly mad. "I'll fix it after dinner," stated Laddie. "Hadn't you better call a plumber?"

Sue suggested. "Of course not," snorted Alan. "Very simple job. Besides, plumbers are busy

simple job. Besides, plumbers are busy these days. No sense in calling one in when I know exactly what to do." So, after dinner, Alan dug out hammers and wrenches and things and soon great clanking and banging sounds resounded through the place in fearful fashion while Sue and Betty sat downstairs and chewed their nails. Finally, the nervous gals heard him clumping down the basement stairs.



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"Where are you going, dear?" ventured

Sue timidly. "To turn the water off, of course," echoed up the stairs. But next minute there were ominous gurglings and splash-Johnstown Flood started sweeping over the house. Instead of turning the water off, the guy had turned it full on!

Sometimes, naturally, Betty and Diane manage to get mixed up in Ladd household dilemmas, whether they mean to or not. You can't be a private secretary and put your foot in the right place every hour of the day, and the last boss in the world to expect that is Alan, who likes everyone around him to stay relaxed and happy, and constantly keeps them kidded that way. If Betty bumps her toe on the flag-stone walk, he'll yelp, "That'll cost you five bucks to lay a new sidewalk—remind me to dock your salary." And he's always strolling into the playroom office with a slave driver look and growling, "From now on everybody works Sundays, holidays and every other night," just to start a banter bout. But in three years Diane has never seen Sue or Alan really burned up about anything she's done and that goes for Betty, too, in the year she's been on the Ladd dream job. And both admit there have been a few provocations to ruffle the feelings of any one half way touchy. By now Betty has learned to keep out of Laddie's way when he's due for a radio strolling into the playroom office with a

of Laddie's way when he's due for a radio broadcast. He races around the house like a madman those days and you're likely to get bowled right over if you block the track. By now, too, Betty knows better than to buy lamb when she markets. She did that the first week she was there and watched Alan turn a funny green and push his plate away at dinner. Now, if Betty markets, she sticks to the steaks he loves and she knows that artichokes and zucchini squash are about the only members of the vegetable family he'll swallow without gagging. She knows he's allergic to studio com-missaries, too, and if Sue's busy she whisks over to Paramount with the lunch which Alan likes to heat up on the hot plate in his housekeeping-style dressing room.

a man's treasure . .

She knows which are Alan's particular treasures in the playroom—the GI statu-ettes Dixie Crosby gave him when he went into service, the framed athletic medals he won in high school, the wooden duck that Webb, his studio makeup man and pal, carved for him, the lighter a soldier fan overseas made out of a 37-mm shell and sent the film enlicer Bill Domshell and sent, the film splicer Bill Demarest gave him for Christmas—so she gives them a wide berth when she buzzes around.

them a wide berth when she buzzes around. Matter of fact, nobody gets a bigger laugh than boss man Alan when Betty or Diane bang into a slapstick bit of comedy grief going about their unpre-dictable chores. Once Laura Lee, the special cook Alan and Sue have in for fancy parties, decided she'd prepare some of the food at home. When party time came, Betty and Diane volunteered to bring her and the fancy goodies over, while Alan and Sue got dressed. So they rolled over to Laura Lee's in the Packard, carefully tucked her in the back seat with carefully tucked her in the back seat with a scrumptious lemon chiffon pie and a bowl of tomato aspic which had taken her all the afternoon to make. Laura balanced one on top of the other carefully. But on the way home and in a hurry Betty slammed on the brakes at a crossing and—Squoosh!—the prettiest mixture of fermon-tomato-nic-aspic you cour for lemon-tomato-pie-aspic you ever saw flew all over the car and poor Laura Lee's snowy apron. Betty could have dropped right through the floor when she con-tronted Sue with the mess, but Alan had to go in the next room and roar. They (Continued on page 112)

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By NANCY WOOD

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■ J. Edgar Hoover and his boys always find what they're looking for! In this case, one of America's No. 1 restaurants, The Cock 'n Bull. They have eaten there often and found it just by listening to the comments of satisfied customers.

Eric Blore, famous for his English butler roles, ate at The Cock 'n Bull the day it was opened in 1937 and so headed the long procession of movie stars who have since enjoyed the typically English food served within those dark oak-panelled walls. The decorations, too, are quite English—polished brass lanterns, authentic old prints and etchings, Toby mugs, and autographs of historical celebrities like Robert Browning and an assortment of English kings.

This charming place is owned by screen writer Jack Morgan (Col. Morgan, if you want to be formal). Although born in San Francisco, he was educated at Oxford, which accounts for his special liking for English food. Originally, Morgan planned a tavern with a few snacks, but those tidbits were so good the menu grew and grew until today there's a magnificent buffet table spread with baked turkey, fried chicken, broiled squab, browned potatoes, an out-of-this-world horseradish, vegetables, piles of hot crumpets and, well, just heaps of beautiful food!

Also a bit of all right are the customers. At the bar there's a terrific turnover of Hollywood gossip supplied chiefly by newspaper men and press agents. In the restaurant you may find Joan Crawford enjoying some baked beans, or Jane and Ronnie Reagan starting their meal with Welsh rarebit. Frank Sinatra eats



If tables really da graan when laaded with deliciaus faad, this ane has a graan caming! Bill Williams and Barbara Hale are abaut to feast an same of the best faad in the cauntry!

there too-Nancy feeds him a lot of good home cooked food, but his youthful appeof tasty tidbits. Prominent out-of-towners include cartoonist Peter Arno, the famous Leopold Stokowski and, as we have already said, J. Edgar Hoover, always ac-companied by two of his men.

We're giving you some English recipes as received from The Cock 'n Bull, with only such changes as will make it easier for you to prepare a chef's recipes in your own kitchen.

YORKSHIRE PUDDING

1 cup milk 1 cup flour 4 eggs, beaten 1⁄2 teaspoon salt $\frac{1}{2}$ cup beef grease

Sift flour once. Measure, add salt and sift again. Add milk and well beaten eggs gradually, stirring smooth. Beat mixture vigorously 2 minutes. Place drippings in 10 or 12-inch square pan and heat to bubbling hot before pouring in pudding. Bake in hot oven (500° F.) for 20 minutes. Cut in two-inch squares and serve with roast beef.

NoTE: The average Yorkshire Pudding uses two eggs, if you're keeping an eye on the budget. Some cooks bake it about 35 minutes in a moderately hot oven (400°-425° F.).

WELSH RAREBIT

- 2 tablespoons butter 2 tablespoons flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
 ½ teaspoon dry mustard
 2 cups milk
- pound American cheese, diced
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 cup beer

Melt butter in top of double boiler. Add flour, salt, pepper and dry mustard and stir smooth. Add milk gradually, stirring smooth. Cook until thickened, stirring smooth. Cook until thickened, stirring constantly. Cook 5 minutes longer, stirring occasionally. Add diced cheese and stir until melted. (Do not overcook as cheese becomes stringy.) Add Worcestershire sauce and beer and mix thoroughly. Serve immediately on toast or buttered English crumpets. Serves 6.

ENGLISH TRIFLE

- 1 8-inch layer sponge cake

- ¹/₂ cup sherry
 ³/₄ to 1 cup raspberry jam
 ¹ recipe custard sauce*
 ¹ cup whipping cream Maraschino cherries

Cut sponge cake into 1-inch cubes and line serving dish with layer of cubes. Sprinkle with sherry wine. Spread with part of the raspberry jam. Add part of the custard sauce. Repeat this layer of cake, wine, jam and sauce until all ingredients are used up. Cover with whipped cream and sprinkle with maraschino cherries. Serves 6 to 8.

* Custard sauce should be chilled before adding to Trifle. Prepare as follows: Beat 4 egg yolks, ¼ cup sugar and ¼ teaspoon salt together. Add 2 cups milk which have been heated to scalding point in top of double boiler. Return mixture to double boiler and cook, stirring constantly until mixture coats metal spoon. (Do not use too high heat or overcook or mixture will consistency). If whipping cream isn't available, beat remaining egg whites until stiff and add ½ cup corn syrup gradually. Add ¼ teaspoon salt. Top Trifle with beaten egg whites.



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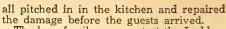
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The lone family sore spot at the Ladds which includes everybody who lives or works there—is the case of the missing automobile keys. In a house where so many people buzz off on something or other at all hours, car keys disappear like magic and always at strategic times. There's the Packard and the Buick and never a key for either one when somebody wants it. Alan finally went grimly down to the locksmith's and had ten different sets of car keys made —but they still disappear.

Next to his baffling burnups at elusive car keys—the only time Betty recalls seeing Alan having an unhappy moment at anything traceable to his secretary staff involved—of all people—Baby Alana. She's at the into-everything-chatterbox stage now (she'll be three in April), smart as a wink and cute as a bug. Alana still has her nurse, Kathleen O'Conner, but on her day off Betty and Diane love to dress her, curl her hair (when they can get her to sit still long enough) and generally fuss over the dainty little doll. And on any other day, with the way Alana is getting around these days, she's likely not to be far away from Betty and Diane. She's Little Miss Perpetual Motion and Little Miss Echo all in one, at this point—and everybody at the Ladds' is her devoted slave. Alan has a dozen

She's Little Miss Perpetual Motion and Little Miss Echo all in one, at this point—and everybody at the Ladds' is her devoted slave. Alan has a dozen fancy names for her—like "Imogene," "Lillybelle," "Ramona," "Fifi"—and usually calls her a different one each time, although her official nickname by now is "Lonnie." The girls can't resist teaching Lonnie catchlines and jingles because it's so cute to hear her say them.

to hear her say them. Well, the other night Sue and Alan entertained some friends they didn't know too intimately, and right in a lull of dinner conversation up piped Alana thus:

"Who threw the overalls into Mrs. Murphy's chowder?"

phys chowder: Everybody roared, but Alan was a little embarrassed. He told her to be quiet, and later that night Sue said he shouldn't have done it. "You'll thwart her developing personality," she argued. Alan said he guessed Sue was right.

fast talk moppet . . .

So they had another dinner party not long after and this time Alana sprant a new one, "Anybody here seen Kelly?" she sang out, "Kelly with the jelly belly?' Everybody had to laugh, of course, and even though Alan blushed he kept quiet So seeing she'd made a hit, Alana came out with another nifty, "Mary had a little lamb—and the doctor fainted!"

even though Alan blushed he kept quiet So seeing she'd made a hit, Alana camc out with another nifty, "Mary had a little lamb—and the doctor fainted!" Alan had to stop her then, thwartepersonality or not, and the word wen 'round to lay off teaching Alana precocious patter. But even he has to chuckle when he thinks of how funny it was. Next to Alana and Sue, the Numbe Two love in Alan Ladd's life right nov is a hunk of Mother Earth, an idvilie rand

Next to Alana and Sue, the Numbe Two love in Alan Ladd's life right nov is a hunk of Mother Earth, an idyllic ranch nestled close to the hills in Hidden Valley forty-odd miles north toward Santa Bar bara from Hollywood. To show you hov fast things can pop in the Ladd house hold: When Betty and Diane left wor Saturday afternoon, neither they nor Ala or Sue had any idea that a ranch w about to come into the family. When the came to work Monday, Alan said, "If any one wants me, I've gone to the ranch, and grinned. "What ranch?" they chorused and that was his cue to tell all about i He and Sue had taken a drive Sunda fallen in love with this abandoned Hic den Valley ranch—and bought it in ex actly one hour!

But really the back to the soil urge ha been building up with the Ladds' for months. It started, in fact, away bac when Alan was set to make "California

at Paramount. He knew he'd need to brush up on his horsemanship, so he started driving around to Griffith Park every morning to get instruction from Dave Laird, a professional horseman. Laddie and Dave clicked right away and became pals. So when he had his spat with Paramount and "California" was off his schedule, Laddie kept right on seeing Dave and riding. So right now when their base isn't

So right now, when their boss isn't making a picture, Betty and Diane have an easy answer when the telephone rings. "Mr. Ladd is out at the ranch." He's all mixed up with barns and bulldozers, corrals and water systems, alfalfa and hay. He roars out at the break of dawn and they don't see him unless they stay late and then he's no glamor boy, with his dusty dungarees and cracked fingernails.

Because it's no freak fancy. Alan's al-ready putting up a small ranch house and stables for the horses. He and Sue plan to spend every spare minute out there until they get the breeding place started, and then if their good luck keeps up, they'll build a big ranch house for themselves and retire when they get old and creaky—which is a few years away yet—to raise colts and fillies and Alana right along with them. As for Betty and Diane, they'll just have

to turn horsey themselves—they know any other job would be dull as dishwater comhow could you ever desert a couple of bosses who think about your happiness every moment?

A while back, Diane's soldier husband, who was overseas for two years with the Army Air Corps, wrote the glad news. He was on his way home. Diane almost tumbled over with joy, but the homecoming posed a problem too. She'd moved in with her family and the housing shortage made it look like a house all their own was an impossible dream. It worried her, but it worried Alan and Sue Ladd even more.

second honeymoon . . .

"You've just got to have a second honey-

"You've just got to have a second honey-moon," said Sue romantically. "That's all there is to it." "That would be wonderful," sighed Diane, "but where, where?" That looked like the jackpot question for sure. Two days before the returning hero arrived, Alan and Sue called Diane up-stairs. "We've got something to tell you ..." they began. So when Sergeant Al Craigle stepped off the train at Union Station and into his wife's embrace, she led him to a car, slipped in the driver's seat, and with a mysterious smile guided it out on the beach highway along the Pacific Ocean. They rolled along dreamily, and Sergeant They rolled along dreamily, and Sergeant Al thought it was a beautiful ride, but when Diane pulled up before a beautiful beach house and said, "Well, here we are,"

he couldn't talk. He knew they were at Malibu Beach but he certainly didn't know exactly where or why or what made Diane say crazy things like, "This is our home for the next two weeks. Like it?" "Of course," he gasped. "But where are we? What's this all about?"

we? What's this all about?" "It's Bing and Dixie Crosby's beach house," explained Diane. "Alan and Sue called the Crosbys and arranged to let us use it for your homecoming." So they walked inside and there were

So they walked inside and there were cartons and cartons packed with all the groceries a honeymoon pair would ever meed, and a note from Alan and Sue. "Have a swell honeymoon," it read, "and lots to eat—but don't get too fat!" When Diane tells about that she says, "It was just like a fairy tale!" And so it was, of course. But that's what you run into scoper or later when you hang around

into sooner or later when you hang around the Ladds for very long.

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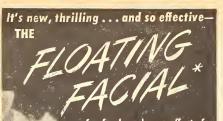
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THEIR HEARTS ARE YOUNG AND GAY

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and in 'Our Hearts Were Young and Gay.' You can certainly be different." observed

Guy. "I saw you in 'Since You Went Away'— and you can be natural," answered Gail.

Afterward, Guy said to Henry, "That's an unusual girl. Do you know why I think she's unusual? Because most girls, when a fellow first meets them, talk a blue streak. They try to be witty or gay or something. She didn't try to be any-thing. She was perfectly natural. She didn't say anything at all until I spoke to her, they che was pleasant and since

didn't say anything at all until I spoke to her, then she was pleasant and sincere. Nice girl." Gail, talking to Diana Lynn on the set next day, said "I met Guy Madison last night. He's nice... the least actor-y man I've met in Hollywood. He doesn't have a line, and he doesn't bother to manufacture conversation, yet he doesn't seem nervous about silence. He's relaxed and genuine. Quite a man."

Their first date was not really a formal date at all; Henry and Guy, Loren Tindall and Gail all sort of got together at Diana's house. After having played recordings for a while, Loren seated himself at the piano and took the ivory route to stardust. Loren is undoubtedly one of the best pianists in town; he is so good, that he is perfectly willing to play before Diana, who is Miss Iturbi herself. Whereas Diana is changing techniques at present, so doesn't like to play before guests, Loren is perfectly willing to toss off notes on any occasion.

With a roaring fire in the fireplace, with congenial group in the room, with Mr. Tindall at the piano, Guy is convinced that

the world is a very fine place to be. Occasionally, the foursome dance and dine at one of the Sunset Strip nightclubs. Their table conversation is usually very merry. Gail is a terrific mimic. She does an imitation of Diana that just kills every one who sees it.

one who sees it. Diana is as convulsed as anyone at the antic. One night Guy said, "I guess the reason I think that stunt is so funny is because Diana enjoys it, too." Someone said, "It'd be funny whether she thought so or not."

Guy couldn't see it that way. "A joke isn't any good unless the victim thinks it's funny."

do unto others . . .

He carries this consideration for others into every situation. One night, Guy and several others were discussing a local Hollywood character. Just after the conver-

sation dwindled, the man himself appeared. Someone said, "Everything we said was the truth. But I do hope he didn't hear us." Said Guy, "I'm positive he didn't. I was keeping a sharp lookout, because 'Speak of the angels and you hear the flap of their wings.' I figured that he might come strolling in. We weren't saying anything that wasn't absolutely true, of course, but who wants to hurt a guy?

It's fine, decent personality traits like that which bring Henry so close to Guy. Basically, the two men are much alike. Both loathe and abhor phoniness of any kind; both hate dishonesty, no matter how trivial nor in what form. Both are in-tensely loyal to their friends and families.

At Christmas time, when there was a good deal of excitement in Hollywood, Guy elected to go home for the holidays. It was the first time in his life that Guy had been able to buy at least a portion of heart's desire for each member of his "I keep going and comfortable, too

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family, back in Bakersfield. He talked it over with Henry; should he purchase the gifts in Hollywood, or should he wait and shop at home? "Which would you rather?" asked Henry.

"I mean, what makes you hesitate? Most

fellows would simply go out on a buying spree without consulting anyone." Said Guy hesitantly, "This is what I've been thinking, Henry: Don't you suppose that—if I'd get the kick of my life out of planning swell surprises for my family -my mother would enjoy it even more? Suppose I gave her a check and told her, because she's heard them talk, to buy the thing each wanted most, wouldn't that tickle her to pieces?" Henry said quietly, "You've got the right idea, Guy. Just see that she doesn't spend

all of that check on the family. without planning anything for herself. Mothers do things like that, you know." Which ex-plains why Guy took his mom shopping!

As soon as Guy was out of the Navy, he did some shopping for himself. Planning a personal wardrobe that will be as sharp on the screen as when seen on Wilshire Boulevard isn't an easy thing; it requires a person with a 'camera' eye to know what will be right and what wrong. Naturally, Guy took Henry along on the shopping tour, so as to have the benefit of his motion picture know-how. They decided on a gray flannel suit, and

a navy blue with a pin stripe; a brown tweed, three pairs of slacks and three mixmatch sport coats. Henry, prowling among the hangers, came out with a sport coat

that was strictly Crosby! Guy shook his head. "Not for me!" "Just try it on," urged Henry. "No fool-

ing. I think it's great." Guy tried it on and admired the tailor-ing and the cut of the jacket. "Somebody had a good idea, all right, but he should have stayed out of the paint factory," he said. "It might be okay for one season. But. Henry, I keep my stuff a long time, I'll be wearing most of those coats for the next five years." next five years.

Henry looked horrified. "Not with the kind of wear you give a jacket. Why be conservative? Let yourself go." "Would you wear it?" demanded the unconvinced Mr. Madison. Henry regarded the conservation in

Henry regarded the garment wistfully. Tm not the type. But if I were

So Guy bought the jacket for the simple eason that he wanted to please Henry. Which was kind of an unusual thing to do, unless you stop to consider that pleas-Ing people is Guy's job nowadays. And from behind Henry Willson's executive desk, it looks as if the big fellow's going to make a great success of it!

I SAW IT HAPPEN



Last summer I went to see the "Tars and Spars Revue" in Buffalo. After the show, I went around το the stage door to get Victor Mature's autograph. When he came out, all

the fans ganged up on him. Vic signed their books without protest, but in the middle of one signature. Vic stopped, took one girl's hand, looked dreamily over the crowd of female faces gath-ered around him, and said, "Do you know where I can get a date for tonight?"

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But Stan and Lillian said the proper words at the right places, Bob came through with the ring at the crucial mo-ment, Lillian tossed her bridal bouquet, and at last they were Mr. and Mrs. Morner, racing together down the front walk in a pelting hail of rice. Stan roared the family car toward the highway, and after he'd made enough distance to stop and cut off the cowbells and old shoes, he headed happily for the country he liked best—the dark pine woods of northern Wisconsin. They spent their two-day honeymoon at Essex Lodge, on Clear Lake, to establish an added attraction at that resort which has been doing all right ever since. Not long ago a friend of Dennis Morgan's

Not long ago a friend of Definits worgan s passed through Clear Lake and stopped at the Lodge. "Got any good cottages to spend the night?" asked this party. The proprietor snorted. "Well, sir," he said. "Got the cottage that Dennis Morgan spent his honogram of the cost of the cost

spent his honeymoon in. Guess that ought

to be good enough for you, Mister!" But back when Dennis Morgan was plain Stanley Morner, the bridegroom with the golden voice was just another singer in the Windy City trying to get along.

just like home . . .

They started housekeeping in a tiny Chicago apartment with a kitchenette and a pull-down-in-a-door bed. It wasn't much shakes as a town house, but to the newlywed Stanley Morners it was cozy and it was home. The first day, came a timid knock at the door and Stan and Lillian opened it together, wondering who their first caller could be. He turned out to be a gangling, rawboned man with the kind of square face familiar to both of them

since they were kids. He doffed his cap. "Goot morning," he sang in the familiar accent. "My name's Yohnson, and I bane the vanitor." the vanitor.

When the door was closed, Stan and Lillian fell into each other's arms and rocked with laughter. Wasn't Stan half Swedish himself? "Gosh," they

"Gosh," they chorused. "We're right back home in Wisconsin!"

They had their early domestic crises, of course. Like the first breakfast Lillian cooked for her husband. She got up before he did, slipped into the kitchenette and made what had always been a festive breakfast dish at the Vedder house, apple sauce. But when Stan sat down he gave it a quick, unhappy look and pushed it aside. It happened that apple sauce was one thing he just didn't vibrate to, in the morning or at any other time. "What's the matter?" asked his bride, a

little belligerently.

"Nothing, darling," said Stan, "except that I don't like apple sauce."

"But I worked so hard . .

"But I don't like apple sauce . . ." "If you loved me, you'd eat it anyway!"

cried Lillian tearfully. Then the contract to sing with vern Buck at the Palmer House Empire Room Buck at the Palmer House Empire Room came up. Stan was a solid hit. The six weeks' agreement stretched into twelve and then twenty-four. He ended up sing-ing twenty-five straight months at Chi-cago's Number One glamor room. He couldn't have asked for a better showcase to display the voice, looks and personality that were to make Dennis Morgan famous. Chicago's biggest movie theaters, the Chi-cago and the State-Lake, signed him for featured engagements. When the opera, "Xerxes," was staged, Stanley Morner sang one of the leads. Radio grabbed him and the strong young voice of Stanley Morner

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rang out as soloist on national programs such as Realsilk's "Silken Strings." When he wasn't taking on extra engagements, Stan spent his spare hours from the Empire

Boom studying voice. But all Stan's new opportunities, it seemed, came at night. As he worked harder and harder, he stayed up later and later. Lillian adjusted her daily program to a noon-to-midnight schedule, and she loved it. The Morgans had few nights that weren't packed with Chicago activity, and that was swell—until the doctor said one that was swell—until the doctor said one day that a girl so near to being a mother should live a more quiet, regular life. So Lillian packed up and Stan saw her off on the train to Marshfield. There her uncle, Doctor Jim Vedder, brought into the world their first child, one crisp October night They named him Stanley, Junior. But Stan didn't know he was a papa until hours after the event And it was eleven days before he saw his first born. born.

He was singing on the stage of the Chicago Theater that night. When the operator finally got the call through, it came to a friend backstage who didn't want Stan to go completely berserk with joy until he was through the night's performance. After the last show, the pal took him out to a late supper with some other Chicago chums and when they'd all sat down, he said, "Would you be interested in learning that you've just become

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the dad of a husky nine-pound boy?" Stan almost knocked the table over get-ting out of there. "Would I!" he yelled. He kept the phone busy all that night to Marshfield. But in spite of all the fes-tivity, Stan was a sad dad. Because he was so busy he couldn't sneak away down to Marshfield for the thrill that comes once in a lifetime. And when he finally did break away for a peek at the newest Morner he had to run right back to town the minute he made sure that Lillian and the baby were absolutely okay. Because a lot of things had happened in Chicago, and exciting prospects were popping around Stan Morner's head like firecrackers

It had all started one prophetic evening when Stan, in his best form, was singing his feature solo at the Empire Room. And Mary Garden, who had once been the greatest operatic star in America, strolled in Mary Garden was in Chicago to stage

an opera, and she had other plans up her sleeve as well—to get together a "Carmen" company and rehearse in New York for a road tour. She didn't tell any of this to Stan that night, but she did send over her name with a note. When he came to her table, she asked him down to the audito-rium to sing for her.

He was there the next afternoon. Mary Garden had him sing some familiar arias. At the end of the impromptu recital, she knocked Stan right off his feet. "How would you like to sing the lead with me in 'Carmen'?" asked Mary Garden.

He couldn't answer with the shock Miss Garden went on to explain.

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all about the DuBarry Home Success Course. Miss,

looked definite. But there would be a rehearsal in New York and Stan would have to go there, learn the opera and risk the venture with the rest of them. But if all went well it should be a big feather in his cap. This was Lillian's affair, too, so Stan called her and talked it over. She said, "Go." Lillian always had backed Stan in every venture.

In Chicago, as in every town he had ever lived in, Stanley Morner had made hosts of friends and admirers. One who had spotted him early as a singer of promise was wealthy music lover James Mac-Ise was wealthy music lover James Mac-Millan. For months he had backed and encouraged Stan in all his serious voice study and work. The minute MacMillan heard the news he offered to finance the trip to New York. That decided it. Stan arranged for Lillian and the baby to stay with the folks in Marshfield. Then he quit his Empire Room job and took the train to New York

quit his Empire Room job and took the train to New York. They took a tiny apartment in the Fifties, Stan and his music teacher, Victor Chenais. For two weeks he barely stirred out of the place, learning "Carmen"—the whole opera, from start to finish. It was a Gargantuan job, but he did it. The only time he had budged from the job at hand time he had budged from the job at hand was to look up some contacts in Radio City—just in case. But the big programs, he found, weren't buying any unknown singers, thanks. And then one day Mary Garden called at Stan's little apartment.

break in the clouds . . .

"I've got bad news," she said, right off. "The "The 'Carmen' production has fallen through." Stan could feel his dream castle tunbling. He managed a smile, Hatte all right. It's been a wonderful experi-ence . . ." But Mary Garden was still

"Don't be discouraged. I know you have talent and I've got an idea. I think you'd be perfect for pictures and I have a friend at M-G-M, here in New York. I'm going to tell him about you at once. If he agrees to make a test, will you do it?" M-G-M. Hollywood! Stan hadn't even given Hollywood a thought—not yet. The

possibility had always seemed remote to him, but now he said, "Why, of course

"I'll be back," said Mary Garden. She was. And with the break she had promised to make up for Stan Morner's dis-appointments with "Carmen." Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer would be happy to test the young singer.

That was on a Saturday, and with the good news Stan and some pals of his he'd met in New York decided to toss a mild celebration. The party set out from Stan's place about seven o'clock, driving across town to the dinner spot. Stan was at the wheel. A heavy rain had blown in from Long Island and the city streets were slick, reflecting lights like mirrors. The traffic bulb changed to green just as Stan approached Sixth Avenue and he started to cross. But another driver coming up the Avenue whized through the sudden red light, and the glare of wet pavements blinded both drivers. To duck him and avoid a crash, Stan swerved his car andcrash!—he slammed into one of the solid girders that held up the old Sixth Ave-nue "L."

The doors flew off his car and the pals popped harmlessly out onto the slick pavement. As for Stan, he felt a stunning blow in his face and when he woke up the sirens were wailing. The ambulance carted him and his pals off to the Queensborough Bridge Emergency Hospital and bolodgi bilage unitergenergy fispital allegenergy for stalley Morner 'he verdict was, "Severe facial lacerations 'tusions, body bruises." They took



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sent him home. He wasn't seriously hurt, but what was to pay off Monday-his face and his singing apparatus—were not what you'd call in the pink of condition.

In fact, probably no prospective movie star ever showed up for a screen test a more woebegone sight for the eyes-and the camera lens-than Stanley Morner. his eyes were black. He looked like he'd run into a combination of Joe Louis and a meat grinder. He looked like just about anything but a guy who was a bet for a future Hollywood hero. Some kindly studio soul granted a two-day delay, but it was then or never. And Stan made it then. Maybe his face was a mess, but he could still sing—and how! In a few days he had his answer. It was an offer of a contract. He spent far more than he should have making a long distance call to Marshfield. "Get ready, Lil," he sang over the wire, "And I'll be by and pick up you and Junior. We're going to Holly-wood. And I might give you my auto-graph if you're very nice."

Stan bought a big old Packard from a New York garage. It was in fair shape— a wagon that had been relled around town and that's about all. He paid—or promised and that's about all. He paid—or promised to pay—\$700 for the heap to take the family to California. He plunked down what remained of his New York stake, \$200, and signed up to pay \$20 a month from then on. He rolled out of Manhattan in September, headed West. Victor Che-nais, his singing teacher, went with him. In Marshfield they picked up Lillian, Stan-ley Junior, and Stan's sister, Dorothy, to make it a major migration. Baby Stan was an infant of only a few months and still on a formula diet. Stan packed in the sterilizer, pots and pans and a sterno sterilizer, pots and pans and a sterno canned heat stove, blankets, bedding, and a baby crib. "From then on," Lillian re-calls with a sigh, "the pioneer mothers had nothing on me!"

pop goes the tire . . .

Inconveniences and all, it was still an adventurous lark, modern covered wagon adventurous lark, modern covered wagon style, until the tires started popping. One by one the casings gave way and each time he had to trudge to the nearest town and buy a new tire. When he left Marshfield, Stan Morner had collected all the money he had in the world. It seemed enough to make the trek comfortably. But he hadn't figured on a set of new rubber tires hadn't figured on a set of new rubber tires en route. So one town he will never forget as long as he lives is Alamogordo, New Mexico. That's where he went broke.

Mexico. That's where he went broke. Ten years later, Alamogordo was to usher in the Atomic Age, for near there, in 1945, the first atomic bomb was tested. But there was an explosion, too, back in 1935, that to Hollywood-bound Stanley Morner was just as dismaying and twice as personal. Right outside of that desert town his last remaining tube collapsed with a fa-tal bang. What made it so tragic was that Stan had only a couple of dollars and a few cents in his pockets—and that was all. And he was due in Hollywood, the contract said, not later than noon, Sep-tember 16. This was September 14. But he couldn't run on his rim. So

But he couldn't run on his rim. So Stan pulled over to the curb and the weary party trooped into a roadside café for coffee and a council of war. There weren't any suggestions. Tires cost money and nobody had any. Misery hung over the Morner migration like a pall as they silent-ly sipped coffee. Even Stan. Junior, sensed ly sipped coffee. Even Stan, Junior, sensed the depression and started to cry. That's when this strange man mosied over.

He was an affable, well dressed Westerner with a sun-reddened face and twinkly blue eyes. He wore faded jeans and a rough leather jacket. With the exception of a

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hundred-dollar Stetson, he didn't look like he had a dime. But he had a friendly voice. "Son," he addressed Stan. "Now I de-

clare you look downright downhearted." Stan looked up wearily. He said, "I am." "Well, now," chuckled the stranger. "Just what seems to be the trouble?"

Ordinarily, perhaps, Stan Morner's pride would have prompted him to retort that it was none of his business. But there was something about the New Mexican's honest manner that broke his defenses. He found himself telling the sad plightabout the tires, the desperate urge to get to the Coast, the lack of money for tires, gas, food and lodging. "Now about how much," asked the

stranger, "do you reckon you need to make it?"

Stan said he figured about \$75.

The man pulled out a roll of bills that would choke a cow and peeled off the amount.

"Oh, no," protested Stan. "I could take it." But the man had a way "I couldn't of take it." But the man had a way of wheedling away protest. He pressed the money in Stan's hand. What's more, he wouldn't come through with his name or his address. "But I won't take it unless I can pay you back," declared Stan flatly. "Pay somebody else, sometime, when they need it," said this altruistic character, hus-tling out the door, "Good luck, podner!"

stake for a break . . .

Well, Stan has done that, many times over, since then. But he still wishes he knew the name of his benefactor. He'd like to write him, and thank him.

So they rolled on into California with the new stake, but not exactly as they had imagined they would. It seemed they'd never get there, but at last a lighted sign fuzzed through the fog, "Culver City Hotel." They pulled up, piled out and Hotel." They pulled up, piled out and staggered upstairs to their rooms. Stan fell into bed, tired and dazed a bit but still happy. "Well, honey," he told Lillian drowsily, "we made it." The next day would be the 16th. Then life would begin. It was still damp and gray when he got

up. No sunshine, no flowers, no oranges. Just little wooden bungalows and stark telephone poles. But Stan could hardly be depressed with the scenery or the surround-ings of the bare little hotel room. This was the day of days. The gang all saw him off like a conquering hero. He walked down the main stem to where the big sign said "Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer." As he walked in, Stan looked at his watch. Five minutes to twelve. "Well," he told himself, "I said I'd be here and here I am!

"Who did you say you are?" said the receptionist at M-G-M, with a frown. "Stanley Morner," repeated Stan.

"Stanley Morner," repeated Stan. "Who you wanna see?" Stan told her. They were all out to lunch. He could wait here. "I'm just out from New York," said Stan hopefully. "I've just signed a con-tract. I'm supposed to be here today." The girl shifted her gum around. "You can wait here," she repeated.

So Stan waited.

Finally the girl got a call through to somebody who'd know about this Morner guy. "Okay," she waved him in.

It was the barren office of a minor executive that Stan entered. And even that gent wasn't impressed. "Yeah," he said, "We got the letter from Rubin (the Loew's vice president in New York) about you. Go see the casting director. It's that way." And he pointed down the hall.

If Stan's hopes rose at the magic phrase, "casting director," they didn't stay risen. The man was nice but brief and definite. "Glad to meet you. I've got nothing for you now. But—" he pressed a buzzer—"I'll get a boy to show you around the lot. We'll call you





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The Morgans managed to scrape through six lean weeks. Stan floated a loan at the bank on the strength of his contract, and they moved to a tiny apartment over a store in Culver City, big enough but not too big, for the whole gang. The first time he finally faced a camera was not even on the M-G-M lot—but down

on poverty row, in an independent quickie that took nine days to shoot. He wangled that "break" only through the good offices of his friends, John Carroll and Steffi Duna, who were in the picture, too. The epic was "I Conquer the Sea," and handepic was "I Conquer the Sea," and hand-some Stan Morner of the golden pipes played a greasy whaler, a sort of poor man's Moby Dick, where he got his arm chewed off by a whale. He scowled darkly through the picture with his arm strapped up. Lillian and Stan took in the preview in a neighborhood grind house. As the fumbling picture unwound, people started to get up and trail out. As each group got up grumbling and departed, Lillian sank lower and lower in her seat and Stan's face grew more stony. They drove home in silence. Even Lillian couldn't think of anything to say.

crooner by proxy ...

It's hard to believe about Stan Morner that the biggest studio in Hollywood didn't that the biggest studio in Hollywood didn't even halfway discover him until right before he left. In two years, for some reason still utterly incomprehensible to Dennis Morgan, they kept picking up his options, until when he left he was drag-ging down \$750 a week. And in all that time a handy extra player could have taken care of what he had to do. The topper to Stan's "triumphs" occurred in "The Great Ziegfeld." Allan Jones, M-G-M's pet tenor, had recorded a song, but when shooting time came around he was tied up with another picture. They

was tied up with another picture. They decided to shoot Stan in the picture to sing the song-but with Allan's voice. His stint in that was to mouth the words of the song

in that was to mouth the words of the song that Allan Jones sang! Fortunately, before he blew up like an atom bomb, a chance came for Stan to let off steam. A Los Angeles production of "The Student Prince" was getting under way downtown. He was offered the sing-ing lead. It meant going off salary at M-G-M if he took it. But that was worth it to get back his self-respect. Stan signed up for the production (they had nothing for him to do at the studio) and plunged into work. This was like the old days at Carroll and Chicago. And because he was

I SAW IT HAPPEN



Walking down the street in Holly-wood one day with my mother, we spied Andy Russell going the other way. A swarm of bobbysockers was pursuing him, and before I knew it I was caught among

moments I found myself face to face with Andy, and he was saying, "To whom shall I address this?" "To my mother," I said promptly. "She's crazy about you!" A little startled at this "Okay, I'll just say To Mom? How's that?" Well, that was swell, and mother's been bragging about it ever since!

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happy, he was good. The critics weren't stingy with praise. The word even pene-trated the thick walls of M-G-M and reached the ears of Louis B. Mayer, its grand mogul. He sent a pink memo around to his production heads. "Go downtown and see this Stanley Morner fellow. He must have something." And just when his stock was rising at last, the craziest episode of all happened to Stan. A studio talent scout approached him backstage after one of the performances

of "The Student Prince." "Say, Morner," he began, "I just caught you and you're great. Listen, I think I can

you and you're great. Listen, I think I can get you a contract at the studio. Would you be interested?" "What studio?" asked Stan. "Metro - Goldwyn - Mayer, the best," boomed the scout. "With what you've got, kid, we'll make you a star." "Well," said Stan drily, although he had to grin. "You've had me there two years and nothing's happened yet!" The poor scout almost dropped through the floor. scout almost dropped through the floor.

scout almost dropped through the noor. So his success paid off—Lut too late— at M-G-M. Right after "The Student Prince," Louis B. Mayer called Stan into his office. He said he had a part for him in "Maytime," the big Jeanette Mac-Donald-Nelson Eddy operetta extrava-ganza. The part turned out to be another bit. They still couldn't really take Stan hit. They still couldn't really take Stan Morner seriously. He knew then he'd better move on.

sweet-tempered blockhead . . .

"No," said Stan, "I won't do it." People don't say no to the M-G-M grand boss very often. There was quite a long argu-ment but Stan knew what he had to do and he didn't budge. "But," argued Mr. Mayer, "when you're with M-G-M you're with the Tiffany of the motion picture business."

"That's not the point," said Stan. "Maybe this is Tiffany's, but I can't sparkle when I'm kept on the shelf." Mr. Mayer finally shrugged and signed his release. That was that, figured Stan. Now, to get the heck out of this town.

He made plans to go back to New York and even started packing-but back in the rear of his noggin a disturbing thought bounced around like a loose bearing and that was this: He was running away and for the first time in his life he was a failure. This chucking the whole thing over gave Stan a vague, uneasy feeling that wasn't familiar or comfortable.

So he was ripe for the offer from Paramount. At the moment, in fact, it looked like a lucky second time up at bat. Paramount signed Stan. Again good money. Again promises that he'd get leads in pictures for sure. And again the second chap-ter of "The Forgotten Man"—only worse. Because Stan not only ran into the doldrums at Paramount, but into an inter-studio political scrap—with himself in the middle taking the punches.

I won't go into the agonizing details. But here, as Schnozzle Durante would say, was de condition dat prevailed: The King of the B's at that moment at Paramount was handed Stan to groom for better things. He had a feud on with the fellow who had signed Stan and he aimed to show him, via Stan Morner, that he was all wet. So instead of casting Stan in imall wet. So instead of casting Stan in im-portant picture parts—he slipped him the most murderous Mickey Finns of movieland, villainous bits in quickie pictures—mainly so he could say—"See? You're paying this big lug a star's salary. And what he does I could buy for twenty-five bucks a day from a har avtra Are five bucks a day from a ham extra. Are you dumb!" That was about the size of the situation.

He started there as "Richard Stanley" because the first thing they did was work over his name. The fact that Richard



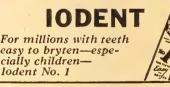
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Stanley is confined to limbo forever is absolutely okay with Dennis Morgan to-day. In one epic he was a purser on a ship and said one line, to wit: "Don't do that!" Then-bang-he was drilled "daid." Exit. In another they put a fierce black moustache on his handsome face and made him a fierce menace. And in "Persons in Hiding," he even played Dillinger, or Pretty Boy Floyd or Baby Face Nelson or some such lethal character. Stan didn't get it. He tackled the B-keeper producer. "Listen," he said, "these mug parts are

a little out of my line." "Don't tell me, I know your type," snarled the big shot, "You're a heavy if I ever saw one and that's what you'll play here. For everything else you're dead at Paramount!" Stan knew he was so right on that last remark. He resolved since he was to be dead, to play possum. After a few months more of indolence they kicked him out of his contract and he was never happier. This time he packed his bags grimly and for keeps.

But before he got his Paramount walking papers, an important producer of big pictures at Paramount had heard Stan sing. Charles Rogers knew talent when he saw and heard it. He begged the studio to keep and neard it. He begged the studio to keep Stan and stick him in with Bing Crosby's picture, "The Star Maker." But the front office couldn't see "Richard Stanley" for sour apples, and neither could Richard Stanley see Paramount. So that flopped, but Rogers told his story to his friend Jack Warner, over one weekend, and the Warner Brothers' boss promptly said, "I'll test him." So again, on the brink of his

test him. So again, on the orne or his getaway, the offer came. This time, Stan Morner told the agent bearing the tidings, "The hell with it!" He'd seen plenty.

third time's the charm . . .

Already he had theater bookings for a singing tour of the Midwest. Lillian and the kids would stay in their Hollywood house. But before train time arrived, the

house. But before train time arrived, the agent pressed the Warner test on him. And Lillian wisely persuaded, "Why not make the test? You can't lose anything." "Okay," Stan told the agent, "but Warners will have to make that test before Thursday. Be-cause I'm leaving when that train pulls out!" They hustled up the test. He had been singing two davs at the Riverside Theater in Milwaukee when the wire came. "Cancel tour at once," it read. "Contract on your terms at Warner Brothers. Lead in 'Waterfront,' starting week from Monday." Stan whistled. "Well, I'll be darned." He hadn't thought this would happen. He thought Hollywood was as much off him as he was off Hollywas as much off him as he was off Hollywood. But this looked like a real chance at last. First he called Lillian long dis-tance, and they talked it all over. She didn't try to influence him one way or the other. "I want you to be happy," said Lillian. "Do you think this will work out?" Stan had a hunch. "Yes," he said, "I think it will." And the third time was the charm.

He arrived back in Hollywood on a Saturday. He started work in "Water-front" Monday. For two years he had barely a day off. He did nothing but leads. barely a day off. He did nothing but leads. Not the studio's prize pictures, of course, but at Warners' they made the best B's in the business, with the wizard, Bryan Foy. So Stan knew he was getting somewhere and he wasn't wrong. Everything seemed to click—even his new name. Jack Warner picked out "Dennis Morgan" for him and it was uncanny how the new name took. Today Stan's old friends and Lillian still call him "Stan," and occasionally he gets "Tuff" from an old school chum, but Dennis Morgan seems to fit him. As one fan wrote, "Before I saw your name, I knew right off you were Irish." Irish!— It's your sacred duty to tell your daughter...

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the big Swede! But still that's how he looks and oddly enough, a lot of his real personality carries a touch of the green. Especially in the luck department.

Because it was pure shamrock stuff that gave Denny Morgan his introduc-tion to major movie stardom in "Kitty Foyle."

He was a standard article around Warby then, settled in a cozy house in the ners San Fernando Valley, definitely on the team. When you're that solid at Warner Brothers, you don't stray very often. A studio policy is "They're our stars, aren't they? Okay, we don't loan them—we use 'em ourselves." Stan hadn't had a breath-'em ourselves." Stan naon t had a structure ing spell and none was coming up when he took a look at the script of "Kitty Foyle" and said out loud to himself when he'd turned the last page, "I've just got to do this!" But "Kitty Foyle" wasn't in the works at Warners; it was at RKO.

Sam Wood, who remembered Dennis 'way back in the M-G-M dog days, when he had him for a bit in "Navy Blue and Gold," sent Denny the script. He was to direct it and he had Dennis in mind for the doctor. But Dennis only had eyes for the Main Line boy whose bitter-sweet affair with Ginger Rogers' Philadelphia working girl gave the screen one of its most tender romances. He knew that role was what he'd been waiting for, what he could prove himself in for the big league. He told Sam Wood he wouldn't even test for the doctor; he wanted that lead with Ginger, and after a test Sam thought so, too. But how to get permission from Jack Warner, his boss, who was allergic to loan outs? That's where Stan's luck came through at last.

kitty foyle . . .

For one thing, Brynie Foy, who had him already cast for another B picture, went to bat for Dennis. Like the good sport he is, Brynie wrote Jack Warner he'd decided Dennis wouldn't work out in the B part. Couldn't use him. That was a white lie, but Foy knew the score and he's one to help a pal along when he can. The second break was-Dennis Morgan's boss happened to be on vacation in Hawaii. Maybe the tropic breezes and the soft skies put Mr. Warner in a relaxed, generous mood. Anyway, when Dennis wired him for permission to make "Kitty Foyle" it came right back. "Okay. Go ahead."

At that, it was a constructive slip for all concerned because, as everyone knows, "Kitty Foyle" proved to the world that Dennis Morgan was a great romantic actor. He won the Movie Critics' Award and that's the kind that makes box office registers play "Happy Days." Last year, for instance, the two biggest moneymaking movies Warners' produced starred Dennis Morgan—"Christmas in Connecti-cut" and "God is My Co-Pilot." That's been the story of Dennis Morgan at Warner Brothers all along since then and he proved it didn't have to happen away from home, a little later on. Because "The Desert Song," far more even than "Kitty Foyle," rocketed him right to the very top. Since then he's collected more fan mail than any other actor on the lot. And "The Desert Song" was an all-Warner party, in honor of Dennis Morgan. To Denny, too, it meant far more than just a mere hit. He'll never make another picture that packed such a personal thrill as that one. All his young life, "The Desert Song" had been Stan Morner's good luck charm, and to make it into a picture, to reveal at last the thing he treasured most, his voice—had been his ambition. He made the picture on location in Gallup, New Mexico, and while he was stranded 'way down there Lillian went to the hospital to have their baby boy, Jimmy Irving. There was some fear she wouldn't recover then,

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and Denny paced the sands desperately as telegrams flew back and forth. But she got well, completely well, and Denny sang "One Alone" as he'd never quite sung it before. No wonder that Dennis Morgan's theme song occupies a particular soft spot in his heart, his sentimental heart. Because success and applause and wealth and fame haven't done much to change Dennis Morgan. Down underneath it all he's still "Tuff" Morner, grown up as he ever will be. He shows that all the time.

The great outdoors is still Dennis Mor-gan's first love, and he runs off back to Wisconsin whenever he can to hunt and fish in the familiar woods of his youth. One of his best pals and constant tennis partner is Don Phillips, an air line pilot, who went to Carroll College with Dennis. Dennis keeps in touch with the folks back home; right before last Christmas he made a special movie reel for owner "Cap" Thurwacter to highlight the 25th anni-versary of the Waukesha Theater where Stan Morner, the college songbird, made his first professional bow

As he did back in Wisconsin, Dennis Morgan solos once in awhile in the Hollywood Presbyterian church choir, and his glorious voice, along with the choir under the inspired direction of Dennis' good the inspired direction of Dennis good friend, Charles Hirt, has made that group one of the finest in the nation. They re-cently scored a double record of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "The Lost Chord" and the entire profits go right back into building up the choir. That's a hobby Dennis has clung to since high school days, devotional singing.

high school days, devotional singing. Besides having for a sweetheart the same girl he had in high school and col-lege, and a swell family of three bright, husky children, Dennis Morgan has his mother and dad living near him too, and it's Dad Morner, the former Prentice banker, who handles every item of Dennis' financial affairs. Sister Dorothy too now financial affairs. Sister Dorothy too, now married to Captain David Foster, just back from overseas action in France, spends half her time with Lillian and her brother at the La Canada estate.

It's one of the loveliest estates in all California. There's a marvelous Mediterranean style mansion, two guest houses, an elaborate swimming pool. It's furnished in carved, imported furniture, has outside formal garden statuary, marble fishponds and even peacocks to divert the eye. But do you know why Denny Morgan bought the place? Because of the towering pine trees. He'd always felt a stranger wherever he lived in treeless southern California. Lillian knew this, so when she forma. Lillian knew this, so when she spied this piney estate on a house hunt, she raced to the studio and yanked her husband right off Stage 5, in the middle of a scene. They bought it that after-noon because, as Dennis sighed happily, "It looks and smells like Wisconsin."

take me out to the ball game . .

Denny had a kick last Fall at the World Series in Chicago. His dad and he were called back there on a family matter and had a few days in town. The Cubs were battling the Detroit Tigers and the park was sold out. Dennis remembered some-thing from 'way back in his schoolboy days at Prentice, Wisconsin. He recalled his dad, the banker, coming through for the uniforms for the back lot kids team. He recalled the fervor his dad had for all recented the lervor his dad had for all sports, especially baseball. He had said dreamily, back then, "Some day, son, I'm going to take you to see a World series." But somehow, that had never come about. That gave Denny Morgan an idea. Maybe he could make a dream come true.

"Dad," he said, "let's go to the World Series." His pop's jaw dropped. "Gee," he said, "that would be wonder-





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ful, but of course it's impossible. That game's sold out.'

Denny just smiled but after a while he Denny just smiled but after a while he came back to the hotel room and laid two box seat tickets in his dad's lap. They went to the park. Not only that, they went down to the players' dugout during the game, met all the sport heroes his dad worshipped. After the game, they traveled down to the showers, talked over the next day's strategy with Manager Charlie Grimm of the Cubs. Dennis could Charlie Grimm of the Cubs. Dennis could see his dad was in a daze of delight. He'd

never dreamed this would happen to him. Dennis knew if he'd taken Pop Morner to a Hollywood party, introduced him to Gable and Garson and—even—Garbo, he wouldn't have batted an eye. He knew, too, that the fact that his own son was Dennis Morgan, the movie star, impressed him not one whit. "Son," asked Pop Morner now, "how do

you know so many important people?

Dennis had to laugh. He didn't explain that often he worked out with the Cubs when they trained in California, that maybe the reason they let him do that and got to know him was because he was Dennis Morgan, the movie star. He just said, "Oh, I get around."

But no matter how much Denny Morgan gets around, the chances are he'll always be "Tuff" Morner as long as he lives, the Wisconsin boy who made good, and now can make his family and friends happy by being not only a star, but a real person. At least that's his ambition, and it's a pretty good one, if you ask me.

THE LITTLE WOMAN

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decided to show him off to MODERN SCREEN'S Jane Wilkie (who was the donor

of Heathcliff originally.) "Wait until you see what's happened to Heathcliff," bragged June when Jane arrived at the house one evening. "It's a transformation. Really!"

June and Jane strolled out to the patio. "Hello, Heathcliff," she said, as the pup came waggling down the walk.

Heathcliff sat down, lay down, rolled over, and rushed off to bed. Then he returned at a gallop for his dog biscuit, having handled the situation with great speed and not paid the slightest attention to his mistresses' commands.

Said June defensively, "Well, he's a VERY smart dog!"

Aside from an occasional misadventure, the Powell house is genuinely appealing. For that reason, June and Dick are usually reluctant to go out. Oh, they plan big, but when it comes right down to making a definite date, the trouble starts. With a fireplace in one hand, a dog in the other, a wife on a knee, and a pepsi in the offing, it's easy to see why Dick heaves a sigh and pulls that no-place-like-home routine, night after night.

But when Louella Parsons asked June and Dick to come visit, they just couldn't say no. Why, it was practically a command performance, as Jane Wilkie pointed out. And because it was also an Occasion, Jane just had to have some pictures taken for MODERN SCREENERS. "They'd never forgive me if I didn't," she informed June, turning on the hearts and flowers patter.

And it was fun... as you can tell easily enough by looking at the pictures! So maybe now the Powells—having taken the plunge—will leave Heathcliff in charge once in a while and step out more often. But not too often, we can hear Dick saying. Because there's always home-and the little woman-to come home to.



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beamed Hannegan. "There never was anything wrong with him, I guess, that four weeks of good jokes couldn't cure." *

June Bombing Notes

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We've all heard so much about the rapid expansion of television that a lot of us sort of have been looking forward to seeing the Joe Louis-Billy Conn fight from the vantage of a cushioned chair at home or in a theater . . . Well, I decided to find out from NBC and CBS just how much chance there would be of that thought materializing. The answers were not too optimistic . . . NBC engineers told me, and CBS agreed, that the June 19th outlook is not for any tremendous coverage. Television at that time may be operating on a line from Schenectady to Washington, D. C., which would mean that New York, Philadelphia, Schenectady, Albany, Newark, N. J. and other cities and towns in that area would be able to see a televised fight. For the rest, they'll have to go to the newsreel and motion picture theaters, or hear it over the radio. Broadway theaters lack screens:

I asked if it were possible that a Broadway theater could arrange to have the Louis-Conn fight televised on a screen large enough for audiences. "No theater yet has a television screen large enough to project such a fight to a huge audience," regretted NBC. "Paramount has been dickering with the idea, may come up with the answer before the night of the scrap". . . Television crews of about the same size as were assigned to the Army-Navy game at Philadelphia, will televise the Louis-Conn fight. CBS estimated they'd have 25 to 30 television engineers at the ringside, if and when Mike Jacobs makes a contract for such coverage.

Lowdown on the Crosby Affair.

What persuaded Bing Crosby to drop from the air? Why did he suddenly decide that



My home is in Hollywood. I have

lived there all my life up until now, and needless to say, I have seen many movie stars. One day my girl friend and I were going on a picnic. We happened to land some film, so we brought

the camera to take pictures. While we were walking up Vine Street to catch the street car, we saw Red Skelton signing autographs. When the crowd cleared away, we asked him if we could take his picture. He smiled that cute smile of his and said, "Sure, but not alone," and with that he put his arm around me, and my friend snapped the picture. Now that picture is one of my sweetest memories of home and of Red Skelton, the nicest star I've ever seen yet.

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he'd rather do one program a month, instead of one a week? Everybody has guessed at the reason. Instead of guessing, I asked "The Groaner" how the litigation with Kraft started.

"It's simple, Ed," said Crosby. "I got the idea as a result of those 'Command Performance' broadcasts we did for the troops overseas. It dawned on me then that the proper way to do a broadcast was to first play it before a studio audience, and learn from them what jokes to cut out, what songs to sing. Then when the thing is letter perfect, put it on a record. If the first record isn't top-notch, well-break it, and make another record until you get exactly the pace you want. You rarely get a perfect studio broadcast to send out over the air. I think that a recorded program is the answer and correction of all the human errors that are inevitable in a studio broadcast."

Crosby goes Gaelic:

Before he left New York and went back to the Coast, Crosby made at least a dozen records for Decca's shrewd, able Jack Kapps. ... Largely, they were Irish records. One of them you'll be hearing is "Dear Old Donegal," which Bing made with the Jesters and a hot band fronted by Bob Haggart. This number happens to be Pat O'Brien's favorite. and Pat sings it at the drop of a shillalah. So Kapps and Bing determined that at some point in the lyric, they'd have to work in a reference to their pal, O'Brien. When you hear the record, as Bing reels off a list of Irish names, you'll hear one phrase: "And Pat O'Brien showed up late."

Record Records:

Just how many records Crosby has made since he first plattered "I Love You Truly" and "Just A'Wearyin' For You" back in 1934 would require a staff of CPAs. I asked Kapps, instead, what records had won the greatest sales. Out in front is Bing's Decca platter of "White Christmas," which sold 2,500,000 in this country, plus 500,000 abroad. Second would be "Silent Night," with a sale of 2.000.000

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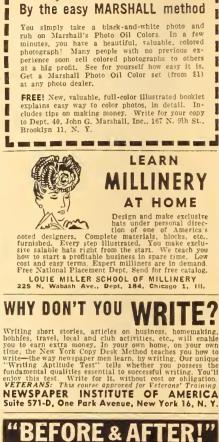
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exposed sooner or later. I have a lot of fun sitting down at the piano and rattling them off. The other day, Mrs. McCarey heard that tune from "State Fair," "It Might As Well Be Spring."

"... but I feel so gay, in a melancholy way...'" she sang. "Leo, now why can't you write a poetic lyric like that?"

"I'm not Oscar Hammerstein," I told her. But about Bing.

Maybe Bing didn't think so much of my hidden talent, but from the start I had my eyes on his. My brother, Ray, directed my eyes on his. My brother, Ray, directed Bing in the first picture he ever made. I was on the set most of the time. Bing hit me right between the eyes with his easy naturalness, which was then, and still is, my prime ingredient for acting talent. He was good looking and he had something inside besides melody. Maybe the Irish in me vibrated to the Irish in Bing. Anyway, I had a bright idea. "Hey, Bing," I said. "You know you could be a swell actor if you wanted to."



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He gave me a funny kind of look. "That's on the level," I said. "You owe it to yourself. Look, suppose some day you lose your voice. .

"That might be a blessing," Bing cracked. As the years passed, it got to be our own private joke. Bing Crosby went his own private joke. Bing Crosby went his way and I went mine and we both did all right. When we'd meet on the lot, or at Lakeside, playing golf, or at Santa Anita or Del Mar playing_the ponies, the first thing Bing Crosby would toss at me was— "What about that picture, Leo? When way going to make me an actor?" And

"What about that picture, Leo? When you going to make me an actor?" And this would occur even after Bing was the top box office star of Hollywood, three years in a row.

"I haven't got the right idea yet, Bing," I'd have to reply. "But I'll get it—and I'm not kidding." I wasn't either.

So, I was sitting at home one day stewing over a story for a picture, and possibly the farthest thing from my mind was Harry Lillis Crosby. I had troubles enough. script was two-thirds finished with The \$20,000 of good money sunk in it. But I wasn't happy.

My doorbell rang. A Catholic priest, the lines of a good life written on his face like a manuscript, greeted me and I asked him in. He was calling for a donation to the church. We sat down and talked. The subject turned to raising and educating children. I have a daughter. This good father had spent his life bending twigs the

right way. I listened to what he had to say. "I'm an old man," he smiled. "Seventy-some, and I think the outstanding thing in some, and I think the outstanding thing in my life has been my experience educating children. It's so interesting. So important. There's a young priest who's just arrived at my parish. All young priests," he smiled, "have new ideas, progressive ideas. I 'on't always agree—but I know they're right. Even as I sit here," he smiled, "I know what that young priest is thinking— 'we're going to have to turn the old man 'we're going to have to turn the old man out to pasture.'"

He talked on. When he left, I picked up the almost finished script and tossed it in the wastebasket. Then I picked up the phone. I was muttering to myself as I dialed the number. "Here's where I make good my promise to Bing." I hadn't seen him for months, but when

said, 'Hello, Bing, this is Leo. I've got it, he knew what I meant.

"You mean the one for me?" he came back. "The one where I act?" "Yep, Bing," I said, "this is it." He said, "Come on over."

Bing was playing with his boys when I burst in. "Break it up, kids," he said, and chased them out of the room. We talked half the night. I told him the story. It poured out like water out of a tap, all from what that aging priest had told me. I knew there was a story in it. There was. It was "Going My Way."

who, me? . . .

Bing knew it was a story, too. He said, "It's swell—but where do I come in?"

"You play the young priest, of course." "You're killing me!" snorted Crosby. "Me—play a priest?" That's Crosby. To suggest that he play

a man of God was the greatest compliment I could pay him. But Bing ducks compli-ments. They embarrass him. He showed that the night this story I'm talking about, made into a movie starring Bing Crosby, won him his first Academy Award as the finest actor of the year in Hollywood. I was there and I heard Bing crack, when they handed him the gilded doll any actor would be proud to perch on his mantel, "It's certainly a wonderful world when a tired old crooner like me can walk away with this hunk of crockery!"

But here's another thing about Bing. Once he sets his sights on something, he





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gets it. The minute Bing caught my enthusiasm for "Going My Way," he car-ried the ball. There was a high hurdle. I had an iron-clad contract at RKO, with years to run. Bing had an iron-clad contract at Paramount, with more years to run. I couldn't get him. He couldn't get me. How could we get together?

me. How could we get together? "We'll just hop the fence," said Bing. Meaning the fence in between the two lots. "You make an extra picture for Para-mount and I'll make one for RKO." So that's how we worked it. "Going My Way" was Bing Crosby's picture and he deserved every honor he got. Sure, I directed it. But sometimes I wonder if I really direct people. I've tried telling actors exactly what to do and the results are usually terrible. Kids are the easiest actors. Give them the idea and let them alone and they're swell.

lesson in acting . . .

One day, making "The Bells of St. Mary's," Ingrid Bergman came up to me with a puzzled look. She faced a scene where, playing a Catholic sister, she talks a tight-fisted businessman out of a building. She wasn't quite sure just how to approach it—how the character she was playing would think, putting over a deal like that. She asked my advice. "Play it," I said, "like a nun who wants a mink coat."

Bergman tossed back her head and laughed. She went right back into the scene-and it was perfect.

Bing's that way, too. He has sincerity. He has the capacity to listen like real peo-ple listen when other people talk. Most actors like to talk; they're jealous of their lines, they always want to be front camera. It's part of that natural ego which, to most professional actors, is a necessary evil. You know the gag about the Hollywood actor: "But," he says, "let's not talk about me anymore—what did you think of my last picture?" Bing's not like that.

Once I had a seven-minute scene sched-ule to shoot one day in "Going My Way." Seven minutes is a long time for the camera to turn. All morning I paced up and down with the script in my hand. I was stumped. I didn't shoot one take. Pretty soon it was noon so we called lunch. I sat in a corner of the stage and beat my brains. Bing strolled over.

"Say, what's bothering you?" he asked. "Is it because I haven't got anything to say in this long scene?"

He hit it right on the head. "Yes," I told him. "That's right. Barry Fitzgerald talks for seven minutes, and you haven't one line to draw the scene your way. It's not fair to you, Bing.'

He thought a moment. "Well, look," said Bing, cutting the Gordian knot. "Don't knock yourself out coining any clever epi-grams for me. If no lines pop up for me naturally—why force 'em? Let the old man speak his piece. I'll listen." He listened—and how! For seven long

minutes while Barry Fitzgerald gave his longest, best scene. It was the one where he starts, "I've been to the Bishop,"—re-member? It was the turning point in the old priest's attitude, the hinge of the whole opened his mouth except to say "Yes, Father," and nod. Most actors would say that was like stepping off a cliff—certain suicide. Maybe so, but it wasn't worrying Bing Crosby.

But somehow, I felt I hadn't paid off my whole debt to Bing for all the melody he'd handed me through the years and I felt I hadn't quite made good that old promise, even after "Going My Way." It bothered my conscience to have stacked Bing up in that long-promised acting job against n that in the promote supporting perform-ance of all Hollywood history, and that's what I think Barry Fitzgerald delivered.



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"You've an I.O.U. of mine," I told Bing, "for another picture. Bing laughed. " "It doesn't have to

"Why not?" I replied. Fourteen months

"Why not?" I replied. Fourteen months later the idea hit me. I called Bing in Mexico City. "I think I've got the idea for another one, Bing," I told him. "Yeah?" his voice came over the wire. "Who steals this one?" "A Swede," I said. "Anybody I know?" "Name's Ingrid Bergman." Bing whistled. "Is that bad? When do I report?" That's the way he works. Quick and no complexes. He'd walk into a part with Garbo without batting an eye. If there's any fault Bing Crosby has, it's that he's just naturally self-conscious about showing emotion. Inside, that Crosby's ter-ribly sentimental. He feels deeply about everything and there's nothing wrong with everything and there's nothing wrong with his heart, as hundreds of people know. But when emotions rise up, he tries to lick

them, in real life. I said, "Bing, I admire your viewpoint on life on this restrained emotion business, but I think when people see this picture they're going to cry."

Bing gave me a so-what stare. "I think they'll expect you to cry, too," I went on. "If you don't, they'll think you're a dull guy." We were just about to shoot a delicate scene that I knew Bing understood and felt, if he'd only show it. A race track jockey who was visiting the set, helped me out. He overheard and walked up. "I know this is none of my business," he said, "but I think what Leo means, Bing, is—last year you coasted in to an Academy Award. This year you're go-ing to have to ride for it!"

Bing walked across the stage to a corner and sat by himself for about ten minutes. Then he came over and said, "Okay, Leo, I'll play it now." He did—and how.

Bing's a good sport—none better—in all departments. He's taken a terrific beating about his race horses, for instance, but he's never let out a peep, win or lose. Owning a string of fickle bangtails is a test of any man's good humor and sanity. I know, I had a stable once myself.

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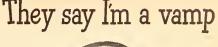
beanie, so of course you can guess what happened-it flew off my head and went sailing down the street. Be-fore I knew what happened, the hat had disappeared from my sight. I was about to continue my walk without it, when I suddenly heard a man's voice behind me.

"Pardon me, miss," the voice said, "but did you lose this hat?"

I turned around to see The Voice in person, holding my beanie in his hand!

Yes, it actually was Frankie, and he had bothered to get my hat! I was stunned at first, but I soon recovered myself and murmured my thanks. My friends crowded around him and we each got his autograph. I shall always be thankful for windy daus! days!

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named "Bitter Regret." I bought her at Lucey's Hollywood restaurant, by a long distance phone call to Kentucky. Now who'd pick a horse with a name like that? But she cost \$1550 and she won \$26,000. The others-well, we won't go into that. The point is, I didn't love the sport enough to carry on-but Crosby doesn't care if his nags win a dime. He's just crazy about horses. At that, I have the distinction of being one of the few surviving men in the world who won money on a Crosby nag. That was a joke on Bing.

I was up in the mountains between pictures, but keeping in touch with what went on at the race track. I had a hunch on a horse, named "Sorteado." I didn't know who owned him and I didn't care. A hunch is a hunch. But I knew Bing would be going to the track. So I called him.

bing the bookie ...

"Bing," I said, "if you go over to the track this afternoon, will you do me a favor and place a bet on Sorteado?" "Are you crazy?" replied Bing. "He

hasn't got a chance." "I think he'

'I think he has.

"I know better," said Crosby. "I own him. And listen—I'm sitting here with my trainer and they're laying even money Sorteado can't even find the racetrack!" "I still like him," I said stubbornly. "Lay

me \$200 on his nose." "Okay," said Bing, "but you better have your head examined."

That afternoon Bing's Sorteado broke the track record and paid fourteen to one. Bing didn't have a penny on him. But he had to carry around \$2600 for me for two weeks, which was when I came back to Hollywood.

Bing calls me "The Tiger," because, I suppose, I'm so hard for him to take. That's not a boast-just a freak fact. For some reason I have the Indian sign on Bing. I'm just bringing this up to show what a dreamy disposition Crosby has. He should have conked me over the head long ago with a mashie for the outrageous jinx I've fastened on to him at golf.

Bing and I have played a lot of golfand as anyone knows, Bing Crosby is one of the best amateur players in the country. I'm a dub. It's a strain on any good golfer's nature to be a pigeon for a dub. Bing and I have hung around Del Monte and other golf havens for months at a time, and he's lost money. He should have murdered me. For instance:

One night Bing called me up at home. "Congratulate me, son," he said. "I

"Then you ought to be pretty good," I came back. "I'll take you on in the morn-

"You're on," said Bing. "But I'm warn-

ing you, I'm sharp as a tack." Next day, Bing had his worst round in months. I had my best. He shot an 84 and I shot a 74.

Another time, playing with Bing, I came up to the green with a fifty-foot putt to the cup. "Just the kind I like," I joked,

"A thousand bucks to one you can't sink

"I like the price," I told him. "That's my kind of money. "It's a bet," said E

"It's a bet," said Bing. "Like taking candy from a baby."

The minute I stroked the ball, I shut my eyes. When I opened them, the thing was still rolling, on and on until it plopped into the hole like a homesick gopher. Bing peeled the thousand off his roll. "I should have known better," he sighed, but he said it with a good-natured grin.

I don't mean that Bing Crosby is any long-suffering martyr. He can dish it out as well as take it. Not long ago, he got me where he wanted me and rubbed it in. It was on a Command Performance radio show for the overseas gang. I'm allergic to radio mikes. They do something to me. I shake, can't help it. But Bing had written this show himself. I've never thought much of Bing as a writer and after this show that still goes. But he put on the pressure for me to play the lead. I was to make love to Bette Davis. Bing was my son. Jack Benny directed the thing. You can imagine.

I did everything in the world to duck it. "Bette Davis isn't my type," I said. "Who is?" came back Bing.

"I don't know anything about acting." "Never mind, I do. I won an Oscar, didn't you know?"

It went on like that. But I didn't have a chance, Bing was bound to get me where I'd had him. He practically wrestled me over to the studio, then he poured it on in front of all those people. "Here is Mr. front of all those people. "Here is Mr. McCarey, who spends all his life telling people how to act," said Bing, "and look what a ham he is! Look at him standing there, shaking." He rattled on like that while the stopwatch-and-headphone moni-tors went wild. "Tell me," cooed Bing, "is there anything I can do to help you quit trembling, my awkward friend?" "Yeah," I blurted, "You can give me my

basket of cheese and send me home!

Well, the audience loved it anyway, even if I didn't. And you can't really be mad at anyone who packs around as big a heart as Bing Crosby-not for long.

I know something about the size of that particular Crosby ticker. He's not selfish with it, no matter how busy he is. The other day I had a call from Washington, D.C. It seems that GIs in eight theaters of war had voted "Going My Way" the pic-ture that entertained them most. Bing and I were due for a citation the next day in the capital. I talked to General Kirk at Walter Reed Hospital there and he thought it would be a good idea if I showed up to receive it in person.

I was in Hollywood and Bing was in Chicago tied up on a business deal. I got him on the phone and told him the news. "Think we can make it to Washington to-morrow?" I asked him. "I sure do," said Bing. "As far as I'm concerned, I'll take a plane tonight." I

met him at the Shoreham Hotel the next He'd have flown to Timbuctoo at day. the drop of a hat for a cause like that.

There was a schoolmate of his at Gonzaga College who entered the priesthood and went to China. He opened a mission to help the Chinese, but he was short of the money he needed. He sailed back to the States to raise it and came to see Bing. "I'll see what I can do," promised Bing. Before he got around to the matter, he got word that this young priest had been killed in an automobile accident. Today, all the money that comes in from Bing Crosby's two most popular recordings, "Silent Night" and "Adeste Fidelis," goes to that young priest's mission as a memorial to him.

after you're gone . . .

I know a lot of things like that about the life of Harry Lillis Crosby which add up to make him one of my favorite people. Some day, I've promised myself, I'm going to write it into a story and make a movie of the life of Bing Crosby, the gravel-throated nightingale, and maybe then I can tear up for keeps that I.O.U. due Bingo for all these years of friendship. I think it ought to be a hit—maybe it will even take another Oscar-although Bing says he won't be here to accept it.

Bing says it's strictly no deal until after he's dead-the big, bashful dope! So, if I get too ambitious I may have to shoot him one of these days—and do the picture while Um hot!

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