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# SHOULD SWEATERS BE CENSORED?

**A**CHERISHED spot in practically every girl's wardrobe has always been reserved for that snug-fitting, curve-flattering bit of wearing apparel, the sweater; and now after 10, these many years, word comes from the Czar of Moviedom, Will Hays, that the sweater—is OUT. Mr. Hays frowns on any photographs emanating from Hollywood featuring the stars in sweaters or gowns cut to display the feminine form divine. The movie (and stills) that displeased Mr. Hays was "Rookies on Parade", a Republic picture, which stars Marie Wilson. Throughout the entire picture Marie wears sweaters and snug-fitting dresses and as a result the Hays office refused to okay the movie. All scenes taken of Miss Wilson had to be re-shot. Simultaneously, the Hays office issued a letter, signed by Joseph I. Breen, forbidding "shots of low-cut dresses which expose women's breasts, as well as 'sweater shots'—shots in which the breasts of women are clearly outlined and emphasized." LAFF presents on these pages pictures you are not likely to see again, at least not in the movies. Sweater manufacturers refuse to worry about the banning. Business, they say, is booming.



Marie Wilson stares, amazed at the movie landslide she unwittingly started.



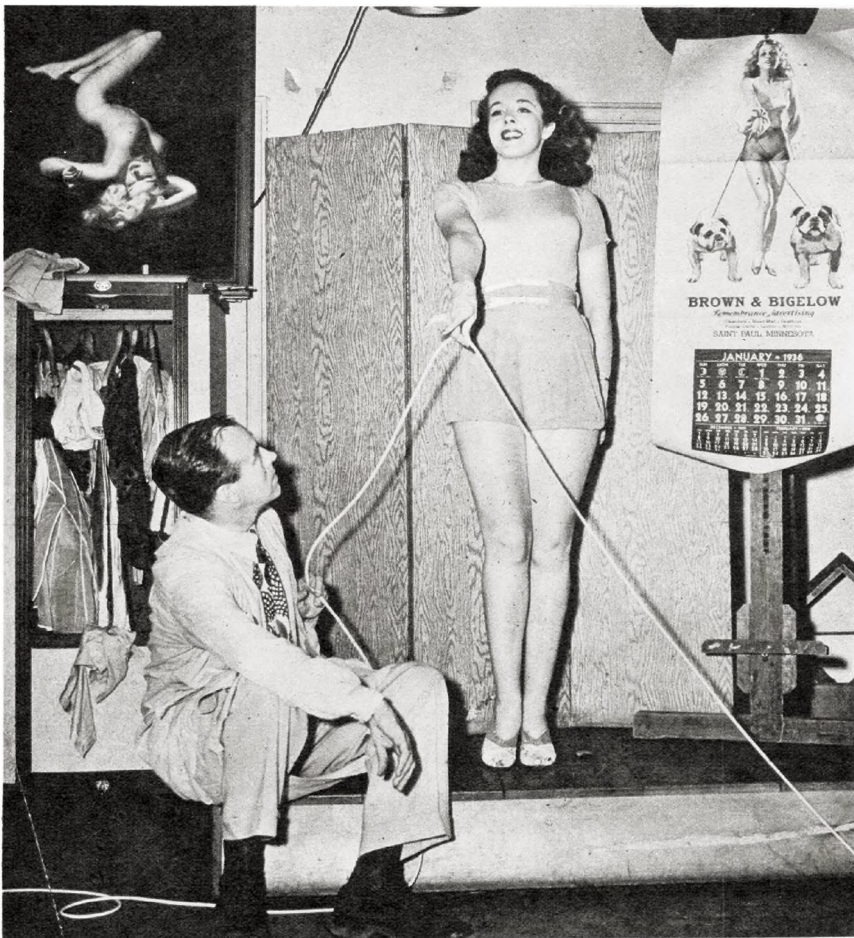
Marilyn Merrick, chosen "Typical Sweater Type" by the Associated Apparel Manufacturers, will be sweater girl in name only henceforth.



Radio's "Queen of the Sweater Girls" is not affected by the sweater ban. Marie McDonald wears sweaters constantly, isn't worrying till television.



Walter Thornton says his models will appear in sweaters as usual. Hazel Brooks (above) looks good to us.



Peggy Moran poses for her famous illustrator father, Earl. You won't see Peggy like this in the movies.





This is the last photograph of Mary Anderson, Columbia starlet, which will be released showing her in a sweater.



June Preisser will wear trim, straight-lined clothes in the future. At least in the movies.



Marie McDonald, radio's sweater girl, has a wardrobe of sweaters for every occasion. Hays office ban will not disguise Marie's figure.





*"Now let the old buzzard deny it!"*



*"Hello, Chief, she's resting comfortably now."*



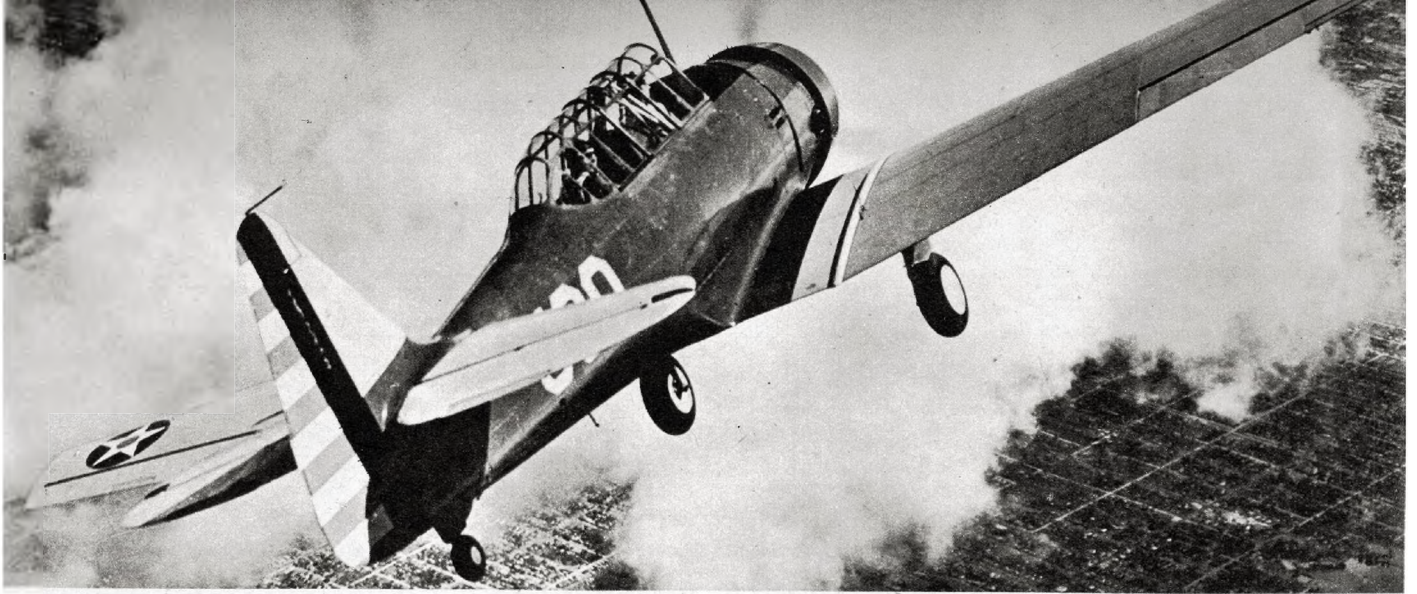
*"I hate to discourage you, but I think they're not interested."*



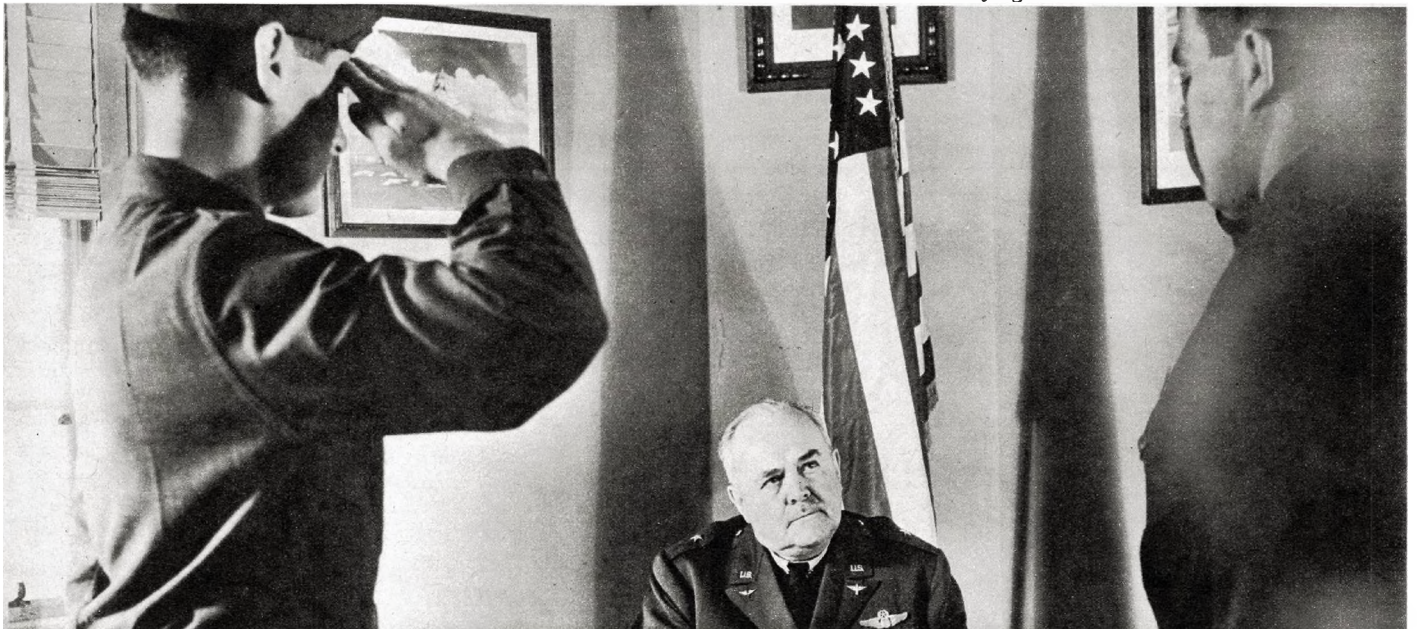


*"That's what I'd like to know!"*





Wingmen's West Point in action. This low-wing training plane is, of course, a dual place ship, to prevent accidents. *Below:* Brigadier General Gerald C. Brant, head man at Randolph Field, interviews two flying cadets.



A busman's holiday with monkey business. Cadets burlesque landing of a flying fortress. The electric fan supplies the slip-stream, the broom handle is "stick"





# WINGMEN'S WEST POINT

WITH cries of "sabotage" and "bottleneck" echoing from every defense production center, it is indeed gratifying to know of one place that saboteurs cannot touch—Randolph Field, Texas, now known as "The West Point of the Air". Here pilots of fighter planes are being turned out in rapid fire succession to man mighty fighting ships. The series of photos on this page, made through the courtesy of the powers that be at Randolph Field, gives you an idea of life in this school where groundlings are transformed into winged warriors.

When the history of this great defense effort is written, as it will be eventually, Randolph Field will probably be given a chapter all to itself. For this great training center is turning out pilots at a rate undreamed of in the days before Uncle Sam rolled up his sleeves and decided that the only way he could feel secure was to have an army and an air force second to none in the world.

Approximately 700 young fliers are trained at Randolph Field every ten weeks. After completing their course here they are sent to the advanced school at Kelly Field for the final leg of their journey towards the "wings" of full-fledged commissioned officers in the U. S. Army Air Corps. A simple calculation gives you the figure of some 3,500 fliers as the annual production of the "West Point of the Air". That figure, may we add, is conservative.

Major M. S. White demonstrates installation of heart test equipment in modern bomber. Modern flying is skilled science at its best.



Flying Cadet F. F. Strohl undergoes a phorometer test to discover the muscle balance of his eyes. Below: The cadets use model planes to learn aerial maneuvers on the ground which they will later duplicate in the air.





# Billy Rose's DIAMOND HORSESHOE



Eleanor Holm Rose, her mother Mrs. Charlotte Holm, and the famous Billy Rose himself at the Diamond Horseshoe.

Below: the grand finale of the "Silver Screen" revue at the Horseshoe.



The "Disney" Dancers impersonate male screen stars. Above: Ross Wyse, Jr., and June Mann, comedy team.





"Silver Screen" costumes, as below, were designed by Raoul Pene Du Bois.



The Mack Sennett Bathing Beauties do an innocuous strip-tease.



**M**OST elaborate of all New York nightclubs is Billy Rose's spectacular Diamond Horseshoe on West 46th Street in New York City. Designed with a lavish hand in red and white peppermint stripes and topped with gold decorations, the Horseshoe boasts a tremendous bar which lines one side of the nightclub. In front of the bar is the dance floor where toes twinkle to the snappy melodies of Noble Sissle's orchestra, and just above the bar is the stage where the "Silver Screen" revue, directed by John Murray Anderson, takes place. Studded with such stars as Mae Murray of "Merry Widow Waltz" fame, Charles King of "Broadway Melody", Gilda Gray of the "Shimmy" days, Carlyle Blackwell, first glamour boy of the movies, Joe. E. Howard, who "wondered who's kissing her now", Nita Naldi, silent vamp of the old-time movies, and Lila Lee of stage, screen and radio, the revue is also replete with girls of all sizes (all of them lovely) in exquisite costumes. Laughs are supplied by Doctor Rockwell, June Mann and Ross Wyse, Jr. Complete as any Broadway show, the revue is Billy Rose's successful attempt to present big-time entertainment at small time prices.

PHOTOS FOR LAFF BY EDWARD GRUBER.

Backstage dressing at the Horseshoe is a matter of quick timing.



The show features take-offs on the screen stars. Above: "Legs" Dietrich.



Doctor Rockwell shortens the dress of the unsuspecting opera singer.



The Athletic Girls in orange and green play with an unbreakable balloon.





"I promise to love, honor and obey—make him promise to do the dishes."



"I want my boy friend's handwriting analyzed!"



"I'm afraid, Ahmed Bey, that you have mother-in-law trouble."





*"Of course they're much cheaper to dress in the summertime."*





Kay Fears in her filmy costume backstage.

**SHOW-GIRL OF THE MONTH**  
**KAY FEARS**





**T**HE July issue of LAFF salutes a brand new show girl of the month—Kay Fears, who reversed the usual procedure of stepping from burlesque into show business. Kay is an ex-Diamond Horseshoe lass. She perfected her own unique routine and is now a star performer in burlesque. Her tall willowy figure, combined with her classic features and expressive eyes makes Kay outstanding in the prettiest of companies.



# LAFFS IN THE NATION'S NIGHT CLUBS

At Perona's *Moresque* in West Orange, N. J. . . . "He certainly has the latest thing in secretaries. She never gets to the office till ten."

At *Billingsley's* in Manhattan . . . "He had all his money in preferred stock till he discovered he preferred blondes. Trouble was the blondes preferred stock."

At the *Dunes* in Chicago . . . "I did hope Imogene wasn't going to be a wallflower, but it does look like she's going to seed."

At the *Club Tropics* in Hollywood . . . "He must be popular, everybody always asks him to call again." "Popular, nuts, he's a bill collector."

At *The Stable* in Palm Springs . . . "The only thing that ever cheated that woman out of the last word was an echo!"

At the *Havana-Madrid* in New York City . . . "She's the kind of girl who has been tried and found wanting—everything she can get."

At *Ed Tierney's* in Montclair, N. J. . . . "Every time she meets a new man she imagines how he'd look with her head on his shoulder."

At the *Black Hawk* in Chicago . . . "He likes a girl who says what she thinks—as long as she agrees with him."

At the *Cocoanut Grove* in Manhattan . . . "She's as conceited as he is; it's just a case of an I for an I."

At *Harold's* in West Orange, N. J. . . . "So we call her 'Holly' 'cause she's the berries!"

At the *Famous Door* in New York City . . . "She'd be a marvelous dancer, except for two things—her feet."

At the *Italian Village* in Los Angeles . . . "It isn't his fault he's so ugly. Mother Nature just gave him a dirty look."

At *Kelly's Stable* in Manhattan . . . "She makes her husband keep her picture on his desk so she can keep an eye on him."

At the *William Penn* in Pittsburgh . . . "The senator said nothing for two hours and the papers cut it down to a column."

At the *Delmar* in Hollywood . . . "That actor had a grand time at our house last night. We gave him some movie books with his picture in them and he enjoyed himself for hours."

At the *Stork Club* in New York City . . . "So on the balcony Juliet told Romeo, 'Why in the devil didn't you get orchestra seats?'"

At the *Terrace Gardens* in Chicago . . . "He says his new play is very clean; there's a bathroom scene in the first act."

At the *Pick-A-Rib* in New York City . . . "The only place that fellow's ever been mentioned is in the telephone directory."

At the *Rubaiyat Cocktail Lounge* in San Francisco . . . "Why no, I wouldn't say his wife supports him, but she does hold him up every pay day."

At *George White's Gay White Way* in Manhattan . . . "Her letters are very short and concise; it's her postscripts that are long."

At the *Silvermine Tavern* in Norwalk, Conn. . . . "Oh, he knows he's not indispensable. He just doesn't want his boss to find out."

At the *Bird In Hand* in Manhattan . . . "She's generous to a fault, but it's always her own faults she's generous to."

At the *Half Moon* in Coney Island . . . "He used to think he could save the world; now he wishes he could save a little bit of his own salary."

At *Paddie's* in Detroit . . . "She takes to good hearted men, also from."

At the *Absinthe House* in New York City . . . "He threatened to kill himself if she wouldn't marry him and he did. He died laughing."

At the *Pirates Den* in Hollywood . . . "She thinks she shows distinction in her clothes but her enemies say she shows distinctly."

At *Cafe Society* in Manhattan . . . "She doesn't know Jeanette to speak to, only to talk about!"

At the *Copacabana* in New York City . . . "So she married an X-ray specialist. He's the only one who could ever see anything in her."

At the *Rustic Cabin* in Englewood, N. J. . . . "She's so pretty when she gets on the subway the advertising is a total loss!"

At the *Astor Bar* in Manhattan . . . "How do I know she always gets her own way? Why, she writes her diary a week in advance."

At the *Post Lodge* in Larchmont, N. Y. . . . "They advertised the resort as a 'Maiden's Dream' but it flopped. It turned out to be No Man's Land!"

## PICTURE OF THE MONTH



LAFF presents a love scene from the movie "Blood and Sand" which you won't see in the completed film. The censors decided that Rita Hayworth and Tyrone Power were putting a little too much feeling into the scene and ordered the offending film deleted. This, on the heels of the sweater banning (see pages 4 and 5) seems to indicate that the Great American Public's eyes are being given the tenderest of care. Oh, for the good old days!









That South American tan is insured by sun-ray lamp treatments.

The camera catches Diana in an interesting phase of her dance.



The Del Rio rolls her own—hoop. Exercise helps Diana keep that slim figure.

**I**N THESE troubled times when North and South America are especially interested in showing their good side, any visitor from our Latin neighbors is of national importance. All of which is a very solemn introduction to an utterly charming and vivacious young lady—Diana Del Rio. Born in Rosario, Argentina, she has spent the last few years in New York and is slowly becoming a Latin from Manhattan. Diana is appearing at the well known Versailles Restaurant in New York, where she sings romantic ballads in Portuguese, French, Spanish and English and does a little dancing on the side. She is just about the best representative Argentina could wish for and her intriguing Latin dancing combined with her languid intimate style of singing is delighting fascinated New York audiences. Diana herself likes the “Norte Americanos verri mooch” and is enjoying herself entertaining them. North and South American relations, we feel safe in saying, continue to be extremely pleasant.

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# ARGENTINA BOMBSHELL!





Sometimes tender, sometimes slightly naughty ballads delight the Versailles audiences.

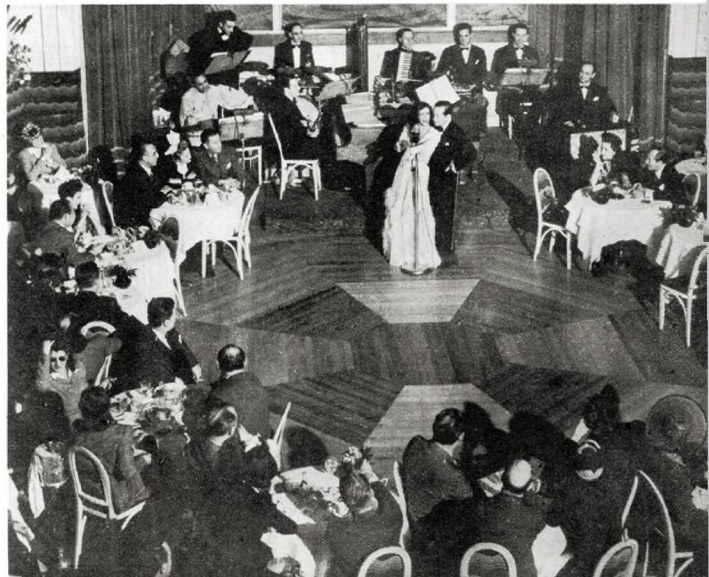


Diana reflects on her exercises.

Diana takes time out from practicing her Latin songs.



The long wide skirt almost hides the exotic Del Rio features.



Diana with Lou Holtz, who tickles the funny-bones of the Versailles diners.

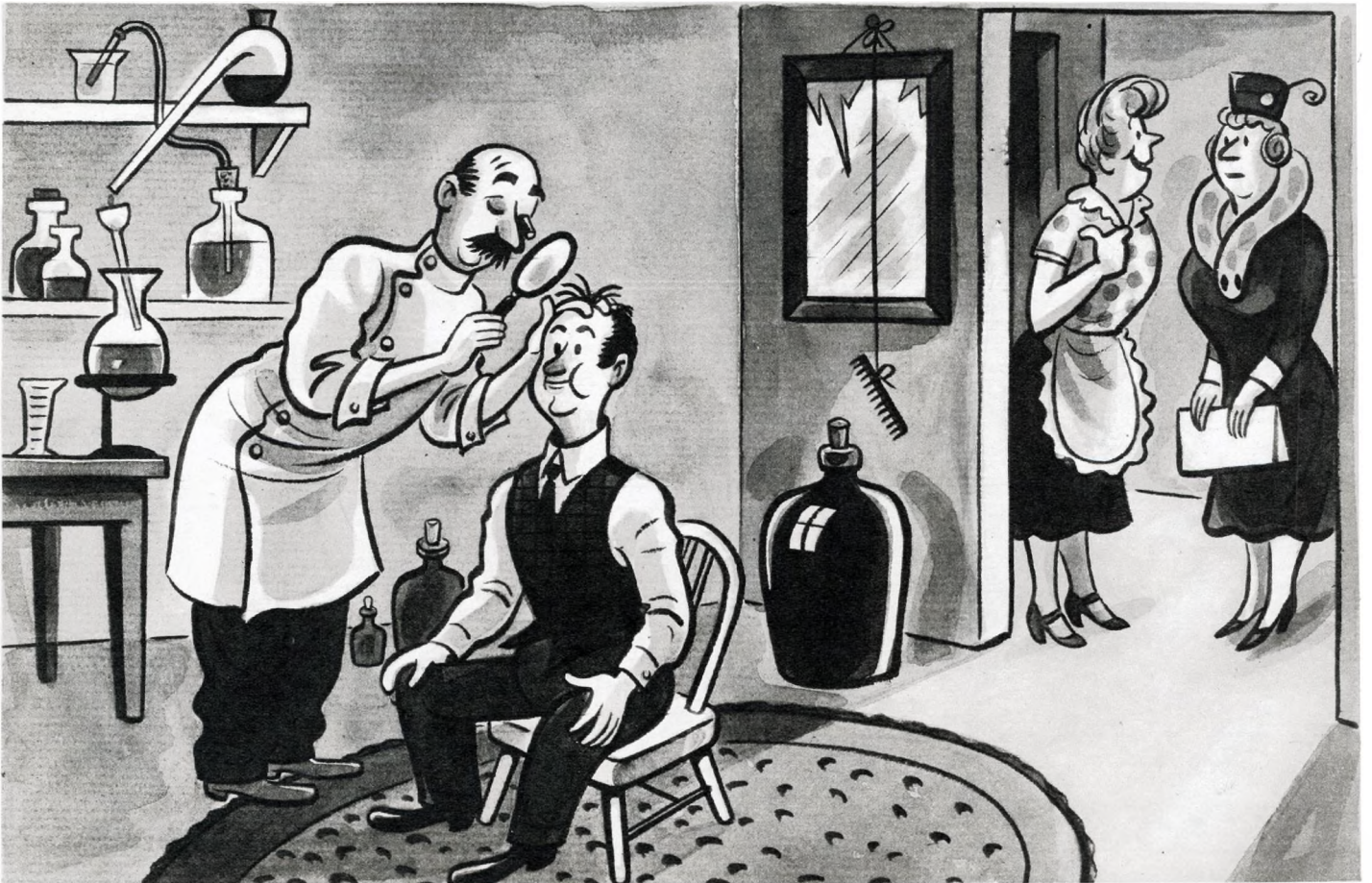




*"Somebody's gonna get their face slapped!"*



*"Why don't you both get married and let me enjoy the picture?"*



*"He's working on a chewing gum that will prevent dandruff!"*



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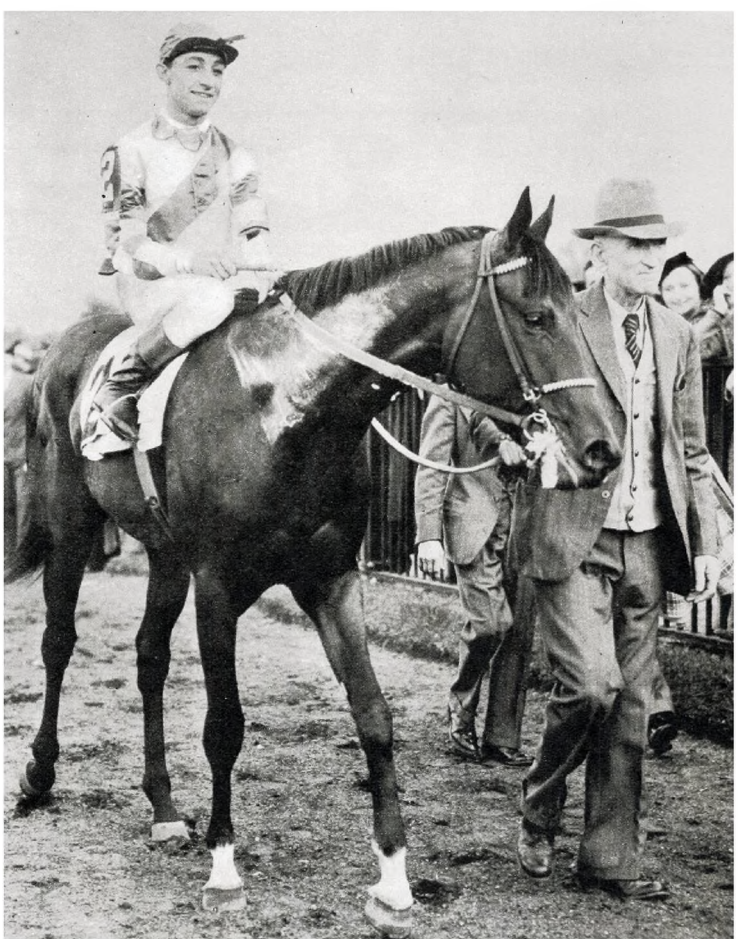
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**PIT TERRIER** — Kearns is better than a green hand with this kind. Tab.  
**PORT WALES** — Moving along briskly during the early hours. Watch closely.  
**POSTAGE DUE** — Speedy veteran. Plenty of races in the book for her.  
**PUMPGUN** — Comes down when least expected. The time is close at hand.  
**RAWSON** — Few can equal this one's speed over a short span of ground.  
**RINGIE** — Getting better all the time. Can sprint or run a distance.  
**VOLITANT** — May need a race or two under his belt, but he can't miss.

**SADDLE SENSATION.** Conn McCreary, who graduated from the apprentice class early this year and has branched out as a top-notch riding star. One of the smallest jockeys in America today, Conn packs plenty of strength and courage in his tiny frame.



## RACING WHEEL SPINS

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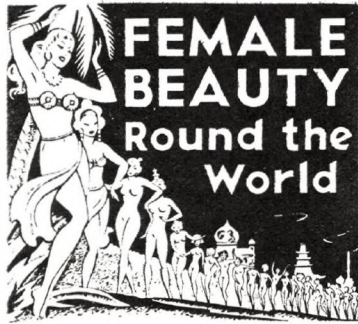
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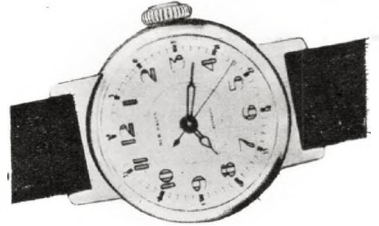
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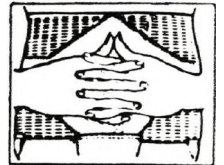
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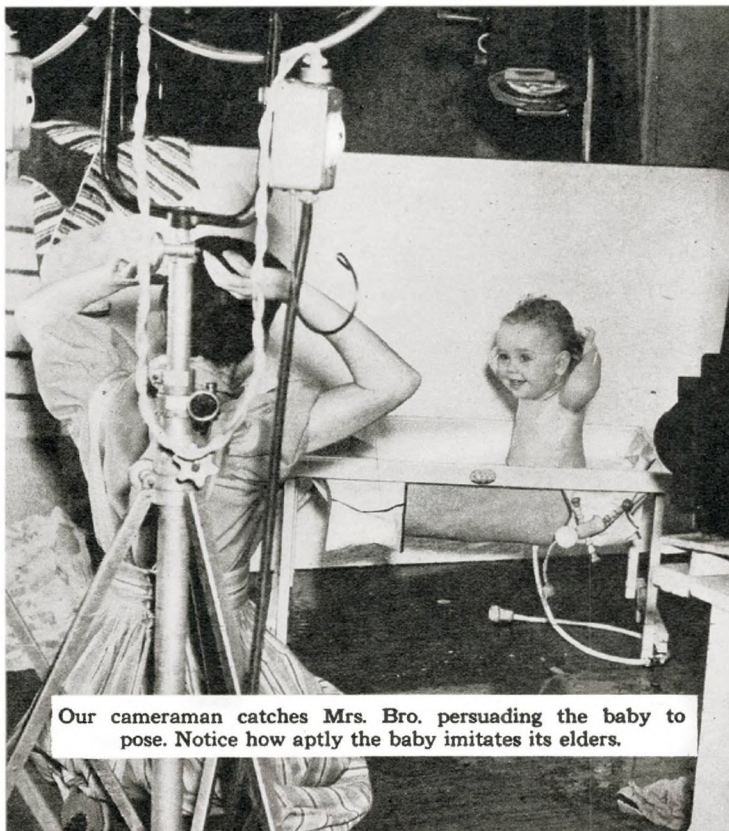
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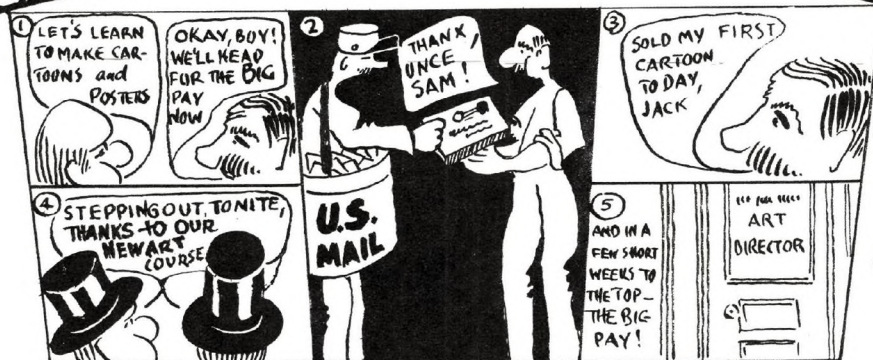
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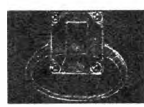
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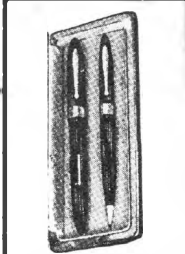
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**N**O matter how much a movie loses, the censor always gets his cut.

There was a certain director who, in the middle of a war picture, was seized with a sudden ardor about hygiene. He ordered that all the men change their shirts at once.

The order was duly carried out, except in the case of one company where the extras' wardrobes had been pitifully depleted. The assistant director was informed that none of the men could change their shirts, since they had only one apiece. When he reported this fact, the

"Too bad," sympathized the visitor, "was it binding?"  
"I don't know," said the mother. "I suppose it is now."

Arthur Treacher has discovered that his severest critic is a nephew to whom he sends a monthly check. The nephew recently wrote Mr. Treacher that he had finally gotten around to seeing one of his pictures, and he didn't think he was funny at all. To which Treacher replied,

"Enclosed you will find a check for one dollar. The rest of your remittance will go towards dramatic lessons for myself."



Frances Langford and the heir-anticipating Shirley Ross discuss babies, bottles, and basinettes while husband Jon Hall looks on utterly fascinated.

director hesitated a moment, then said, firmly:  
"Orders must be obeyed. Let them change shirts with one another."

Ken Murray went to a movie one night. It was quite dark and he began feeling around for a seat. When he found one, a blonde called for a special officer.

Things are so tough in one studio, the producer is laying off his own relatives.

Fred Astaire says that in order not to show anything brutal on the screen, most movies end just as the couples are about to be married.

A well known married actress, who was the proud mother of a beautiful baby, received a Hollywood contract. She was about to show it to a friend who was visiting her, when she noticed her baby chewing the contract. Before she could get to it, the baby had swallowed the last bit.

Harry Danziger the producer, tells of a director who is very active in the affairs of his lodge. To make a short story longer, this director was week-ending at a holiday resort. He confided to a friend that he would like to scrape an acquaintance with a striking looking woman they were both admiring.

"Why don't you try?" asked the friend. "Oh," came the horrified reply, "I couldn't think of trying to flirt with her. Her husband and I are lodge brothers."

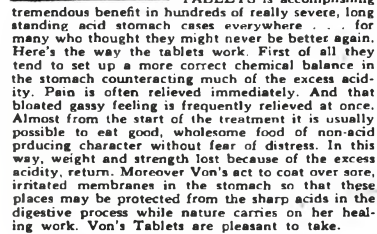
The next week-end the friend again went to the holiday resort. He soon saw the lodge member and the striking looking woman going around together and evidently quite thick. At the first chance he asked his friend for an explanation. "I thought her husband was a lodge brother of yours?"  
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