

# Current Film Production Trend Toward Comedies

**Hard Job To Transfer Fun To Celluloid**  
Public Getting Enough Tragedy Elsewhere, Movie Makers Opine

HOLLYWOOD, May 11—(UP)—The movie makers at long last seem to have caught on to the fact that we citizens are reading more and more tragedy in the newspapers and as a result Hollywood today is in the midst of perhaps its biggest comedy boom since Mack Sennett.

Glycerine tears are few and far between on the sound stages, there haven't been any noble suicides in the films for weeks, and through the two beautiful ladies are being hatched with custard pies, or their 1940 equivalent.

For our money this development is all to the good, for the fact remains that comedy is the most difficult of all drama to put on the screen. As consequence some of it turns pretty sour.

Take "Turnabout," the Thorne Smith novel we believe is the funniest book we ever read. Hal Roach turned it into a movie, which is about to be released, and somehow got bogged down in censorship trouble. The plot concerns a man and wife, who trade sexes, and when the husband is about to have a baby, strange things begin to happen. Some of the experts have called the film vulgar, but none has claimed it dull. We think you ought to see it—and then read the book.

Other comedies which should be on general view in the next few days include "The Doctor Takes a Wife," "Buck Benny Rides Again," and "My Favorite Wife." They'll all provide some good laughs.

Pictures still in production are wild-eyed yet. "The Villain Still Pursued Her," a film done in the Gay Nineties tradition with hisses for the villain inserted in the sound track, now is in the cutting room.

Next thing to comedy, as an antidote to the troublous times, are the rip-snorting adventure stories. They're easier to make than the funny ones and there'll be a large selection of them at the box office.

Biggest perhaps is "The Sea Hawk" which Errol Flynn completed on the Warner Bros. private ocean a week ago. Coming up then will be "Capt. Horatio Hornblower," Gable, Tracy, and Friends are busy in "Boom Town," a story of the oil drilling business, with so many fights, mud baths, etc., that one member of the cast after another has been laid up with injuries.

War pictures to date haven't done so well. Nobody seems to have been interested. There are two, "Mortal Storm" and "Four Sons," being rushed into release, complete with storm troopers, concentration camps, and general unpleasantness. No more such films are on any studio's schedule.

## DELPHOS WILL BE HOST FOR VETS' MEETING

(Lima News Bureau)  
DELPHOS, May 11—Delphos will be host Sunday to the Veterans of Foreign Wars from the second district of Ohio in Walterick-Hemmer Post rooms.

There will morning and afternoon sessions, the latter being an open meeting when Judges Joseph Heffernan and Arthur Day of Columbus will speak. The Ladies auxiliary of the organization will meet in the Women's Benefit-amen hall.

The delegates and visitors, with members of the local post, will march in the parade sponsored by Delphos Eagles before the annual Mother's day service of the aerie.

## GAME GROUP SEES GOOD SUPPLY OF PHEASANTS

(Lima News Bureau)  
DELPHOS, May 11—Indications of a plentiful supply of pheasants throughout this area were reported at the regular meeting of the Riverside Fish and Game-amen when it met at the home of the president, Leo Hitz, east of the city. Members reported many nests have been located on land where there is danger of the eggs being destroyed.

In such cases farmers are removing the eggs and will hatch them with their poultry flocks.

There may be a scarcity of rabbits unless additional stock is liberated, it was announced. A pest hunt is underway by the organization which has been split into two teams, Frank P. Linder, secretary reported.

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## Jack Benny's Weary Gang Goes Back To Hollywood

Comedian's Crew Will Broadcast Sunday From Comparative Peace Of West Coast Retreat; Literary Guild Sponsors New Quiz

Jack Benny and his weary travelers, having been taken by New York for three weeks, will retreat to the comparative peace and quiet of Hollywood to resume broadcasting from their usual haunts Sunday over WEAJ at 6 p. m.

"Fun in Print," a literary quiz program under the supervision of the Literary Guild, has been selected as summer substitute for the "Silver Theatre" over WABC. The new program with Sigmund Spaeth, famous "Tune Detective" as master-of-ceremonies, will make it show Sunday at 5 p. m.

The old Bandwagon will rock to the Dixieland rhythm of Bob Crosby and his Bobcats Sunday when the troupe mounts the wagon for the weekly "ride" over WEAJ at 6:30 p. m.

The Greenfield Village Mixed chorus, composed of students in the Edison Institute's Greenfield Village Schools at Dearborn, Mich., will make its fifth annual appearance on the Sunday Evening Hour under the direction of Harold F. Koch. The program will be broadcast from 8 to 9 p. m., over WABC.

The Youngstown Junior Symphony orchestra, an unusual musical organization composed of 80 young people averaging 13 years of age, will be heard in a 30-minute program over WTAM Sunday, at 4:30 p. m. The orchestra will feature as soprano soloist 16-year-old Phyllis Weir.

Ellery Queen will investigate his first case involving mysterious fires in "The Adventures of the Fire-Bug" over WABC Sunday at 6:30 p. m.

Jean Dickenson, soprano, has chosen Sandoval's "Sin Tu Amor" as her solo on the American Album of Familiar Music, Sunday, at 8:30 p. m., over WEAJ.

### SUNDAY, MAY 12

- Eastern Standard P. M.—Subtract One Hour for C. E. 2 Hrs. for MT.—Daylight Time One Hour Later (Changes in programs as listed due to last minute radio corrections.)
- 12:00—Musical Variety—abc-wjz
- 12:30—The Big Parade—pre-wjz
- 1:00—The Big Parade—pre-wjz
- 1:30—The Big Parade—pre-wjz
- 2:00—The Big Parade—pre-wjz
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## CHILD WELFARE GROUP TO HOLD MEET FRIDAY

The annual dinner of the Alliance Child Welfare-amen will be held at 6:15 p. m. Friday at Lost Creek Country club, it was announced Saturday by Dr. Josephine Peirce, chairman of the arrangements committee.

Speaker will be Miss Kathryn Mullinnix, of Cleveland, chairman of a state-wide adoption study group, whose topic will be "Adoption Laws and Practices."

Miss Mullinnix, a member of the staff of the Cleveland Humane society since 1924, is a graduate of the University of Indiana, has a master's degree in social administration from Western Reserve, and a law degree from Cleveland Law school.

## CAR AND TRUCK COLLIDE

SIDNEY, May 11—In a car-trailer-truck accident on the Wapakoneta-rd, Henry Pealey, 78, of Mc Cartville, sustained a cracked rib and severe lacerations of his lip and lower part of his injuries. Charles West, of Hamilton, driver of the truck, and Forest Wysong, New Miami, riding with him, escaped uninjured.

## SINGER



Pictured above is Marion Anderson, often referred to as "the greatest living singer," who will present a concert Monday evening, May 20, in South high school auditorium.

## TWO DISORDERLY HOUSE OWNERS FINED IN COURT

Two operators of disorderly houses and three inmates, who pleaded guilty Saturday were fined by Municipal Judge M. B. Jenkins. Teresa Klingler, 42, of 133 1/2 E. Wayne-st, was fined \$25 and costs and sentenced to 30 days in Allen-count jail after she pleaded guilty to being an operator of a disorderly house. Dorothy Carson, 25, Betty Johnson, 23, and June Lightner, 24, were each fined \$5 and costs for being inmates. Each was also given a 10-day jail sentence.

Jail terms were suspended provided fines and costs were paid. Chloe Neely, 47, of 226 1/2 S. Union-st, was fined \$50 and costs after she pleaded guilty to a charge of being an operator of a disorderly establishment.

## NEWS IN COLORED CIRCLES

Social Items, Lodges, Societies, Personals

Mrs. Edna Bass was hostess to the Ladies' Aid of Second Baptist church Wednesday evening in her home on Oakland-pkwy. Members present were Mrs. Gladys Lewis, Mrs. Grace Webb, Mrs. Volena Peters, Mrs. Hazel Watson, Mrs. Tina Tucker, Mrs. Catherine Brown, Mrs. Fannie Baker, Mrs. Rosie McGruder, Mrs. Ora Byrd, Mrs. Florence Cook, Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Emma Wilson, Miss Henrietta Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Halthorpe and son Maurice Irwin are spending Mother's Day in Bellefontaine as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Newsum.

Mrs. Lena Seldon was hostess to the Needlework club Friday afternoon in her home on Sixth-st.

Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Turner attended the general conference last week in Detroit.

Mrs. Linnie Richardson was hostess to the Aeolian club Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Belle Curtis, W. High-st. Mrs. Lydia King read a paper on "American Mothers Recently Honored."

Members attending were Mrs. Frances Barnett, Mrs. Hazel Clemens, Mrs. Frances Cotman, Mrs. Alberta Davis, Mrs. Louise Halthorpe, Mrs. Clara Halthorpe, Mrs. Irma Halthorpe, Mrs. Ethel Hunter, Mrs. Lydia King, Mrs. Fannie Martin, Mrs. Hattie Moss, Mrs. Nora Shoecraft, Mrs. Blanch Thomas, Mrs. Tina Tucker, Mrs. Mattie Turner, Mrs. Josephine Vaughn.

The Allen class of St. Paul A. M. E. church will meet Tuesday evening with Mrs. Rose Chavous. Mrs. Liza Byrd of Toledo attended the funeral of Henry Bady on Monday afternoon.

The following Mothers' Day program will be given at Fourth Street Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock: recitation, Verenna Henderson; solo, Mable Henderson; selection by Junior Four quartet; solo by Nestleina Ewing; reading, Mrs. Louisa Jones; song by the Singing Deacons; Silver Tone quartet.

Word has been received of the death and burial of Sylvester Beam in Cleveland. Beam was a former Lima resident.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Cantwell McGee, Mrs. Nellie Moss and John Moxley attended the funeral of Mrs. Ota Tibbs in Columbus on Monday. The Tibbs formerly lived in Lima, where he was a barber.

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## FAMOUS VOCALIST WILL GIVE CONCERT IN LIMA

The great Marion Anderson will appear in concert at South high school auditorium Monday evening, May 20, after a season fraught with one of the most unusual and highly publicized controversies in the annals of this country.

Miss Anderson's appearance here is being sponsored by the Northwest Civic Music-amen of which George B. Qutman is president. More than 1,500 Lima district music lovers are expected to pack South high's auditorium to hear the famed singer.

Barred by the Daughters of the American Revolution on racial grounds from singing in Constitution hall in Washington, honored by Mrs. Roosevelt who promptly resigned from the organization in protest against its behavior, Miss Anderson entered the international spotlight when, with the support of the United States government, she gave a free concert on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, which was attended by cabinet and supreme court members, and scores of senators and other high government officials.

It was the first time such honor had been bestowed upon a concert singer in this country, and Miss Anderson received them with her characteristic poise and majesty.

Immediately after the smoke of the controversy had died down, the Negro contralto was invited by Mrs. Roosevelt to sing at the White House before the king and queen of England.

Honors have followed honors in the recent career of this great singer. She had recently been awarded a doctorate of music by Howard university and the Spingarn Medal.

As a counterpoint to this swell of popularity is the everpresent magnificence of Miss Anderson's voice to which critics everywhere have paid unending, deep homage.

## DINNER PLANNED TUESDAY FOR CITY BOWLERS

(Lima News Bureau)  
OTTAWA, May 11—Ringling down the curtain on the 1939-40 bowling season in Ottawa, a dinner meeting of bowlers will be held in the parochial high school here Tuesday beginning at 7 p. m.

Organization of the major and merchants leagues for next season will be a feature of the business meeting which will follow the dinner. At the same time, prize money in the three leagues which operated this season will be distributed.

The meeting is being sponsored by Victor Unterbrink, operator of the Ottawa Recreation Alleys, and Herman Kerner, manager of the establishment. They said today that a representative of the Brunswick bowling equipment company will deliver an address on the sport during the evening.

Officers of the two leagues for next year will be elected while the bowlers will discuss plans for bowling in Ottawa next year. Kerner disclosed today that he is practically assured of having major and merchants leagues of eight teams each next season with the possibility of one other league being formed.

The Knights of Columbus No. 1 was the winner of the City League this season while Huber's Grocery finished at the top of the Merchants League. Final games in the county league will be rolled Monday night, with Columbus Grove needing to win two games out of three to clinch the title.

## SUPERIOR PLANT PRODUCTION TO RESUME MONDAY

(Lima News Bureau)  
FINDLAY, May 11—The Mt. Blanchard high school girls' ensemble was one of the few Ohio singing groups to win top honors in Class C of national vocal contest held Friday in Springfield, Ill., it was learned here today.

The Arlington high school boys' quartet placed in Division 2, which is next high, Jane Stemen and Donna Rohrer, both of Vaughnsville, placed in Division 2, in the Class C alto and soprano contests respectively.

Edward Watt of Leipsic was judged in Division 3 of class C baritone; Arthur Clark, Division 2 in class B baritone, and Betty Anderson, Division 2 in Class B soprano.

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## BARR IS NAMED DIVISION HEAD

Travelers Protective-amen Votes For Cincinnati As Next Meet Site

O. O. Barr, of Lima, was elected president of the Ohio division of the Travelers Protective-amen at the annual convention Saturday in the Barr hotel. He succeeds H. J. Fredricks, of Cincinnati.

V. L. Hecker, of Columbus, was named vice president, and E. H. Opperluek, of Cincinnati, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Directors are Fredrick; W. C. Monroe of Cincinnati; and W. H. Howell and Ed Hawisher of Lima. The new officers will serve until 1942.

Barr was named to be delegate to the national convention of the Travelers Protective-amen to be held in Baltimore, Md., from June 16 to 20.

The election closed the two-day session which opened with a dinner Friday evening with Frederick and Opperluek as the speakers. Features of the dinner meeting were a shooting exhibition by Ralph S. Marshall, internationally-known marksman; numbers by the Toy School of Dance; a skit by Frank Burkhardt and orchestra music with Jimmy Lawson as soloist.

The 100 delegates unanimously voted in favor of Cincinnati as the 1941 convention city.

Officers of Lima post "B" are O. J. Neuman, president; O. O. Barr, first vice president; E. R. Jenkins, second vice president, and William E. Booth, secretary-treasurer.

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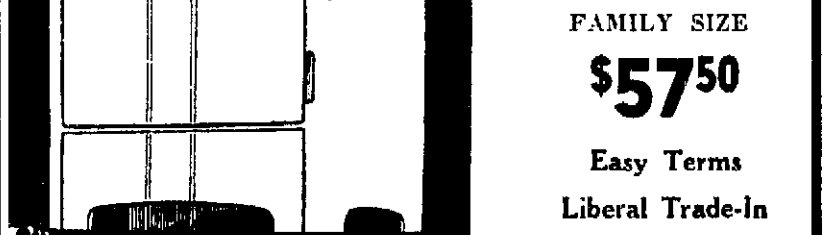
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