

Comedian Owes His Success To Efforts Of Wife

Red Skelton Claims Mate Responsible

Better Half Writes Gags And Handles Business End Of All His Deals

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HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 16 — (UP)—The girl we want to meet is Edna Skelton, one-time usherette at Loew's theatre in Kansas City. She's made her red-headed husband worth \$2,000 of the movies money every week. If it weren't for her he'd be a bum. That's exactly what he said.

At it is, with Edna writing the gags and managing the business and teaching her husband the rudiments of trigonometry and medical history, he's one of the funniest comedians in the business, star of the hit, "Whistling in the Dark," and one of the principals of the upcoming musical, "Panama Hattie." Edna did it all. Red insists she did.

Young Skelton, who was born in 1917 in Vincennes, Ind., and got his first theatrical experience at the age of 10, tooting a horn in a medicine show, tried his hand as a minstrel, a show boat comedian, a circus clown and a red-headed burlesque tramp before he met Edna.

"I was 17 and I was playing in Loew's in Kansas City," he reported today. "Edna Skelton was head usherette in the lobby. She'd clean back stairs with our pay checks on Saturday night and she took an instant dislike to me. So okay, I knew a lot of girls."

Red's next job was that of matter of ceremonies at one of those weird athletics events known as a walkathon. Edna was cashier. She finally made a date with him. He took her home on a street car. It was a long and hot ride and never again. He knew girls who lived closer.

"And one night they called in the photographers to take some pictures and they wanted a picture of me kissing a girl," Red continued. "There was Edna and I grabbed her and kissed her and it made me dizzy. This was it. This was love. I guess we both were dizzy. We got married."

Then Red went into vaudeville. He had a 25 week run in Montreal and he began to run out of material. Edna wrote him some. It didn't seem funny to that experienced comedian Red Skelton, but they laughed.

His wage went up to \$1,000 a week. This wasn't enough for Edna. Her husband was a prosperous man, but he made a lot of bad grammatical errors. He'd never had a chance to pass the seventh grade. So she bought some books and started teaching him English and spelling and arithmetic. Then she hired a tutor and forced him to take a high school final examination. He passed it.

The Skeltons came to Hollywood three years ago, with Red earning \$2,000 a week for 12 weeks in "Having a Wonderful Time." He was funny, but the picture was bad. You remember — Ginger Rogers and Doug Fairbanks, Jr.

Back to the stage went Red and he went "big" because he would not accept any act under \$1,000 a week. Edna made him stick to that. Then he got a coast-to-coast program and soon he was clicking it, vaudeville and at Edna's pace. She invested his money in real estate and kept writing his jokes, and there was Red in Washington at the Earl theatre last winter when the Hollywood contingent arrived for the President's birthday bash.

"Edna says we came to Hollywood because she owned a pair of slacks and a mink coat and this was the only place she could wear 'em," Red said. "That isn't so. She was just making up a gag. What happened was that Mickey Rooney caught our show. He liked it. He went to Nick Schenck in New York about me. Then he went to Louis B. Mayer in Hollywood. So Mike brought me out here. Mickey is the boy who did it."

That's the story to date of Red Skelton, as related at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. Edna wasn't there. Red said she was home thinking up jokes for him. He wouldn't have to go back to getting his ears poked, brown sugar and river water for the medicine shot.

But she'll meet her yet.

Donald Dickson Set Sunday On Kostelanetz Broadcast

Baritone Will Be Guest On Program Scheduled For 7 P. M.; Spitalny Will Do Program At Ft. Meade, Maryland

Donald Dickson, baritone featured last season on the Charlie McCarthy programs, will be guest singer with Andre Kostelanetz and his orchestra over WABC Sunday at 7 p. m. Kostelanetz and his 45-piece orchestra will be heard in special versions of "Maria Elena," "It's So Peaceful in the Country," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" and "Ezekiel Saw de Wheel." Albert Spalding, violinist is master of ceremonies.

Uncle Sam's soldiers, sailors and marines just can't seem to get enough of Phil Spitalny's "Hour of Charm" and the maestro is therefore keeping his Sunday bookings clear so that he'll be able to do his broadcasts from the various camps. Next stop on his itinerary will be at Ft. Meade, Md., Sunday, when his "Hour of Charm" will be broadcast from there at 9 p. m. over WJAF.

Cornelius McGillicuddy, more widely and sentimentally known as Connie Mack, the pilot of the Philadelphia Athletics baseball team, will be the guest of Bill Stern on the latter's "Sports Newsreel of the Air" over WJZ on Sunday at 8:15 p. m.

This will be the venerable manager's only network broadcast this year, and in fact marks the first time since 1937 that he has spoken over a national hookup. His interview with Bill will be most timely in view of the sensational sport the A's have made recently to head the second division in the American league standings.

Jimmy Dugan's father, fees off for trouble at every hole when he attempts to enjoy a happy birthday in peace, but the financial wizardry of his son lands him in the rough during the "Logan Fellows" broadcast over WJZ.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

Eastern Standard P. M.—Subtract One Hour for CST, 2 Hrs. for MT. Daylight Saving Time One Hour Later (changes in programs as listed due to last minute network corrections.)

- 12:05—Sweet Sixteen Concert—(ABC)
- 12:10—The Church of the Air Sermon—(ABC)
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NITE LIFE FOOTNOTES

KIRWAN GRILL — Now quarterbacking the cuisine schedule is a chef with a fine flair for sauces and a positive genius for southern style cooking. This white capped creator of things tasty comes from the New Yorker hotel. N. Y. C. and whips up dishes that give you the drooling dithers.

STONE'S GRILL — Scene of action changes faster here than in a rodeo. People coming and going and laughing like crazy. Drinks are poured by non-hesitant hands and all is hilarious confusion.

FLORENTINE — This dining room now progresses under new management. Mary and Fay Craig lend great charm and affluence to the eat and drink system formerly known as the Normal. Parties and dinner groups receive special attention.

COURT CAPE — One place where the proprietor always seems genuinely glad to see you. All this and good service, too, makes the Court plenty popular.

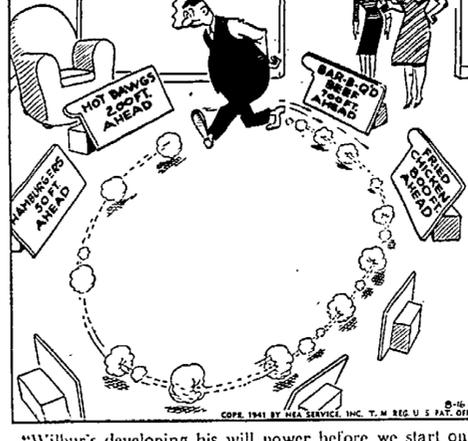
BARR RAINBOW ROOM — There's a definite atmosphere of fun and frivolity in the air here. Likewise the beverages are compounded accurately and dispatched.

CASTLE FARM — Brightest lights in the night life firmament blaze forth here. Floor show artists have high fire power and long cruising ranges. Fine food and drink obtainable.

BLINKING OWL — The best of sandwiches and liquid refreshment see to be found in this N. West-side resort.

WALDO — To see Lima night life in all its prismatic glory without stepping in at the bathhouse would be just like touring Hollywood unafraid to view Rita Hayworth. It just shouldn't be done.

FUNNY BUSINESS



"Wilbur's developing his will power before we start on our vacation trip!"

HOLD EVERYTHING



"Good morning—yes, this is old Picklepus' office!"

Book Reviews

By MARY LATHROP
Lima Public Library Staff
MAHOLD, by Phyllis Bentley, Macmillan and Co. \$2.50.

Miss Bentley reminds one a little of George Eliot in her unerring sense of the relation between character and event and her quiet narrative style.

Manhold is a great house built by Sam Horsfall, a successful cloth merchant, part of whose success depended on a cruelly wronged brother-in-law. The latter's daughter grows up to be the main factor in the ruin of the family and the estate. Some reviewers believe this to be Miss Bentley's finest novel—less historical but surpassing her others in emotional depth.

SLEEPLESS CANDLE, by Anne Frances Hiscelen (Anne Patterson, pseud.), Macrae-Smith Co. \$2.50.

Character study of a musical genius in the throes of a psychological breakdown. Anto Jung, cellist in a symphony orchestra, suddenly realizes that he is growing deaf. Instead of taking his wife and physician into his confidence he goes through months of agony, which end, of course, in tragedy. He is a powerfully drawn character as is also Elizabeth, his wife.

A rich, completely absorbing novel.

BETWEEN TWO WORLDS, by Upton Sinclair, Viking Press, \$1. When Upton Sinclair published "World's End," last year reviewers declared that he had found a new and rich vein of narrative. This novel which is large and spacious like the first, sustains that opinion. It stars with the Treaty of Versailles and ends with the crash of 1929. In the intervening 10 years are packed a great deal of incident—romantic, financial, political.

Sinclair can handle a crowd of characters, a score of locales, and dozens of events with remarkable skill.

AND BEAT HIM WHEN HE SNEEZES, by Claire MacMurray, Frederick A. Stokes and Co. \$2.

Here is a reprinting of the short sketches and stories of family life which have appeared in The Cleveland Plain Dealer. They are all scenes from the life of the author and her three very lively sons. The small-boy talk with its long words and its ordinary fidelity to all clearness. The MacMurray boys and their mother are too good to miss. If the title puzzles you, get out your "Alice in Wonderland."

THEY CAME TO A RIVER, by Albi McKay, Macmillan and Co. \$2.75.

Not since "An Tull of Time," has anyone given us a more impressive and richly colored study of a part of the country and its people. This is the story of the development of the apple-growing country of the state of Washington. It is also Chris Hatfield's story from her early girlhood through the years of her first marriage and widowhood to her second marriage.

A book that deserves warm praise.

These books may be reserved by calling the Circulation department, 73171 or 73181.

NEWS IN COLORED CIRCLES

Social Items, Lodges, Societies, Personals

The following Lima persons attended the Patterson reunion in Greenville last Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. James Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Patterson and son, Mr. and Mrs. Lehman Black, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bass, Dr. and Mrs. Dean, Albert Nowson, Ben Burden and family, Richard Rowe, Mrs. Bertha Jackson, Mrs. Bertha Simmons, Mrs. Vera Clark, Mrs. Mary Hensley, Mrs. Viola Hawkins, Mrs. Nellie Moss, Mrs. A. Caneer, Miss Jeannette Black, Miss Glenna Marie Clemens, Mrs. Dale Simmons, Guy Bizzell, Lou Patterson, Melvin Clemens, Griffon Burden and T. Jones.

J. Timbers of Chatham, Canada, was in Lima last week, visiting his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Olive Tyre and family, W. High-st.

Mrs. Gladys Lewis was hostess to the Ladies' Aid of Second Baptist church last Wednesday in her home, W. Enrekast. Members present were Mrs. Fannie Baker, Mrs. Ora Byrd, Mrs. Florence Cook, Mrs. Hazel Watson, Mrs. Emma Wilson, Mrs. Catherine Brown, Mrs. Grace Webb, Mrs. Flora Hattbeck, Mrs. Belle Gilard, Mrs. Ada Carr, Mrs. Alice Davenport, and the hostess Mrs. Gladys Lewis. Mrs. James Norris, Pontiac, was an only guest. Mrs. Florence Cook will be hostess to the Aid in two weeks.

Mrs. Rowena Minor, who has been visiting her son in Chicago for several weeks returned to her home, 316 N. Jackson-st. last Thursday.

Mrs. James Norris and grand-son Buddie Byrd, of Pontiac, Mich., are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Holman, Oakland Pkwy. Mrs. Norris is the mother of Mrs. Holman.

Emmett Lawson accompanied his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Barnett, to Vincent for a visit of two weeks.

Richard Rowe and Ruth White were married last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jones and children Joyce and Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Holson and son Buddie spent a week at Idlewood, Mich.

Mrs. Beatrice Gates is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Chas. McCoy and family, W. Spring-st.

The Baptist Ladies' league will meet Wednesday evening with Mrs. Bertha Thomas, W. Spring-st.

The Progressive club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim

Ward, 1128 S. Main-st. Those present were Rev. and Mrs. Leroy McFee, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Ulric Finlay, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edwards, Mrs. Fannie Fields, Mrs. Mattus Gomers, Mrs. Robbie Lee Woodley, Mrs. Leora Washington, Mrs. Lovenia Griffen and Mrs. Robbie Fields.

Some of the Lima people who attended the annual home coming at Van Wert last Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stewart and grandson Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Seldon, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Manuel, Mrs. Daisy Boone, Mrs. Kate Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Simmons and daughter, Gloria, George Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Buck, Mrs. Josephine Griffen. The meeting was held in the Young Grove. Rev. Taylor of Toledo was guest speaker and Mrs. Marjorie Collins Johnson had a group of singers.

The Underwood-Green reunion will be held in City park, Sunday. Announcement has been made of the marriage of the former Miss June Stewart of Columbus, daughter of Mrs. Roy Baker of Columbus and Lehman Black, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lehman Black, 1417 W. High-st., Lima. The marriage was an event of April. The couple will make their home in Lima.

DELPHOS GIRL, OTTAWA MAN UNITED IN CHURCH

(Lima News Bureau)
DELPHOS, Aug. 16—Miss Adele Plescher, daughter of Mrs. Josephine Plescher, of Ottawa, and L. E. Schwertner, of Ottawa, were married Saturday at St. John's Catholic church by Rev. Carl F. Rein-tawa, and Leonard Beckman, of this city, were attendants. A wedding breakfast was served at a local hotel.

The bride was office clerk at the Jettinoff and Beckman store. The bridegroom is employed by the American Hard Rubber Co. Following their honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Schwertner will reside here.

PICNIC DATE SET
DELPHOS, Aug. 16—Annual picnic of Delphos Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will be held Sunday, Sept. 14. The location has not been selected. Date of the outing was fixed when Okonoxo lodge met Friday night in Odd Fellows hall. There will be a basket dinner at noon with a program of games and sports to follow.

Great -Amount Of New Wheat Is Being Held

Saga Of Old West Offered At The Sigma

CHICAGO, Aug. 16 — (AP)—Farmers are holding large stocks of new wheat off the market, grain trade statistics indicated today, in terminal, sub-terminal and country elevator storage and on farms.

Grain men said it is evident that although only a small quantity of new wheat has been sealed for government loans so far, large stocks that still remain "free" will not get into commercial trade as long as farmers are able to hold and are unwilling to sell at market prices which are still below what can be obtained thru loans.

The fact that up to Aug. 5, a month after the new crop movement began, less than 4,000,000 bushels of new wheat had actually been sealed indicated, grain men said, that increasing supplies may be marketed at any time that prices advance near or above loan levels, depending upon individual producers' circumstances.

Prices at several terminals recently have been within a few cents cash grain was quoted less than 5 cents below the loan rate here. September delivery closed yesterday at \$1.12 1/4, or only 2-3/4 under the loan rate for No. 2 hard and red, while both December and May contracts were above the rate.

Coupled with this holding of new wheat, traders said, is the temporary "sterilization" of approximately 170,000,000 bushels of old grain held by the government. A bill to prohibit the government from selling any of its wheat, which is now awaiting presidential approval or veto, would take another big bite out of potential available supplies for the current season, grain men said.

The total indicated domestic wheat supply for the season July 1, 1941, to June 30, 1942, is 1,336,000,000 bushels. Traders said that if government stocks are "frozen" for duration of the war and as much new wheat is put up as collateral for loans, as was sealed last year, less than 900,000,000 bushels would remain. This would be approximately 200,000,000 bushels larger than normal domestic requirements. Doubling of the amount to go under seal, which might be possible, they said, if market prices do not rise to or above loan levels, would reduce this margin of "free" surplus grain to zero.

Grain men said government officials had hoped to be free to use commodity credit corporation wheat as circumstances permitted, possibly disposing of some abroad or using it to prevent undue speculative price rises. At current prices any of this wheat, if sold, would return a profit to the government which, under the law, would be prorated among cooperating producers. The acquired wheat had an original loan value of around 81 cents a bushel on Chicago basis, whereas the Chicago price is now almost 30 cents higher.

CIO LOCAL IS ORGANIZED BY VAN WERT MEN

(Special to The Lima News)
VAN WERT, Aug. 16—Organization of CIO United Contain-Workers local 252 was effected at a meeting of employees of the Contain-er Co. here, George Sheehan was elected president of the local.

Other officers are: Keith Gilbert, vice president; Russell Wey, treasurer, and Karl Linsler, secretary. Named to the executive board were: Bernell Gamble, William Becker and Louis Ryan, Schuyler Bechtel, Dale Martin and William Kessler are members of the board of trustees.

Elmer Thatcher is sergeant-at-arms and the bargaining committee is composed of William Becker, George Sheehan, Herbert Kanney, Ed Feaster and Lawrence Thatcher.

VISITING IN CLEVELAND
DELPHOS, Aug. 16—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Evans are visiting with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Evans, Cleveland.

famous southern foods - - -
ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE
KIRWAN GRILL

famous southern sauces - - -
ARE A SPECIALTY OF OUR NEW CHEF
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These Famous Foods Will Win Your Approval
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FULL QUART BRICK Filled with the flavor of delicious ripe peaches.
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Vanilla brick with orange ice center rolled in pecan nuts.

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BAR-B-QUE RIBS, 15c
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"Shorty" and Her Arizona Rangers

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1 1/2 MILES N. ON FINDLAY ROAD FOR HER THIRD BIG APPEARANCE
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CASTLE FARM
The Showplace of Lima
"JAZZOMANIA"
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Sensational Striptease
RHEA BELL JACK KING
"SONGBIRD" "JUGGLER"
AMERICA'S LOVELIEST GIRLS
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More Than Just A Floor Show
2 SHOWS NIGHTLY — 11:30 - 1:30
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EVERY MONDAY NIGHT
Any Piece of Aluminum Pays Your Admission

Equity's Fresh Peach Ice Cream
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