

Making Pictures Is Easy Chore For Kay Kyser

Actor Earns Living Flat On His Back

Scribe Finds Comedian Doing A Scene With Talented Movie Dog

By FREDERICK C. OTHMAN (UP Hollywood Correspondent) HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Jan. 3.—(UP)—First time we saw Kay Kyser on a movie set, his hands were cold, his brow was sweaty, and his shirt was soaking wet. That was two years and four pictures ago. He'd never stood before a camera before and he was scared of the way the lens stared at him, with never a blink.

This afternoon Mr. K was in the pink. Calm, peaceful, non-sweaty. He simply ignored that lens. He was flat on his back, on a big, soft couch, earning his living doing nothing at all. Nonchalantly, too.

The actor doing all the work in this particular scene of R-K-O's "My Favorite Spy" was Waldo, a small, black-eyed dog of uncertain parentage. Waldo's job was to sneak around the sofa and grab a newspaper with Kyser's picture in it. This was bad, because it showed the maestro with Miss Jane Wyman, the beautiful blonde spy.

This was bad because Kyser had just married Ellen Drew, who didn't know he was in the U. S. Army Intelligence Service, and who therefore would not have understood about that other lovely. So:

There was Kyser on the couch. There also was the nose of Waldo, showing at one end of the sofa. That's all the camera saw.

What it did not see was Henry East, the animal man, on his hands and knees behind the couch, holding onto Waldo.

Neither did it see East's assistant, at the other end of the couch, with a rubber mouse in his hand.

Director Tay Garnett called for action.

East let go of Waldo. The assistant squeezed the mouse. It went "Squ-e-e-e-c-k."

And there went Waldo, after it. "Tell Waldo to walk faster," suggested Director Garnett. East told Waldo, and next take Waldo went in a hurry. A smart pup. A mighty smart pup, East said.

Only trouble with Waldo is that he's getting on in years. And his past is a mystery. If East only could find a female dog of the same antecedents for Waldo's wife, then there'd be some little Waldo and she would have a monopoly on dog action.

"But nobody can look at Waldo and get any idea of his breed," East said. "There's something else, too, and nobody's been able to figure it out."

The recumbent Kyser, who has made a whopping success as a movie actor by never trying to act, said everything was fine insofar as he was concerned, except his eyeglasses.

His real ones are fine for seeing, but no good for movies because they reflect the light and make him look on the screen like an eyesless wonder. The experts have evolved a special pair of spectacles for him with the lens bent sharply inward. He can see all right, but the angle of the glass gives him headaches.



RETURNS TO OHIO THEATRE

The stage play "Tobacco Road," with John Barton in the familiar role of Jeeter Lester, will be at the Ohio theatre Jan. 13.

SIGMA ACTION SCENE

Deanna Durbin and Robert Cummings have a battle in "It Started with Eve," at the Sigma.



Book Reviews

Obtained At The Lima Public Books Reviewed Here May Be Library, Main Library

By MARY LATHROP
Lima Public Library Staff
JAPAN UNMASKED. By Hallett Abend. Dues Washburn, Inc. \$3.00
This book came off the press of course before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor but it is so complete a background for the present situation that every one should read it. It is a piece of thorough fact-packed, up-to-date reporting which can be called a reliable ready reference book. One reviewer said of the book: "Details of the situation in Japan (the militarists can't stop now), the Netherlands East Indies (ready for a showdown) and the Philippines (not ready), plus a look at our excellent military-naval base at Pearl Harbor. The author thinks we should fight Japan, that war is imminent, and that it will be a long struggle."

YESTERDAY'S SON. William Edward Wilson. Farrar and Rinehart, Inc. \$2.50.
Wilson is the author of "The Wabash" one of the most readable

of the Rivers of America series. This is his first book of fiction but it shows him as a good craftsman and an excellent delineator of character.

His story is a psychological study of four people caught in a complicated web of circumstances. When Prof. John Carny calls the roll of his freshman class and finds the name Pundar, he is immediately carried back 20 years to an idyllic brief love affair. A thoughtful book with perceptive writing, and telling a story that is entirely readable.

BETWEEN THE ACTS. By Virginia Woolf. Harcourt, Brace and Company, Inc. \$2.50.
A new novel by Virginia Woolf would at any time have been an event but this one completed just before her recent death seems to have a special meaning.

The action takes place on a summer day, the characters are the members of an English country family, their guests and the villagers who are giving the pageant. As the day wears on we see the family at luncheon; visitors are shown over the ancient house; people gather for the pageant; the pageant takes place; night falls and the family drifts off, each to his or her own preoccupation.

It is by no means melancholy but often humorously lively; but always with the beauty of language which was Mrs. Woolf's special genius.

SOPHIA. By St. John Ervine. The Macmillan Co. \$2.50
It is difficult to give the substance of the manner of this book for it is pure fantasy but so readable a fantasy that you find yourself completely convinced that it could be so.

Sophia dies on the first page of the book. For some time she hovers about her home, cut off from communication with her husband and daughter but able to witness her own funeral. From other disembodied spirits Sophia learns many things she never experienced in life. She is able to see her husband as he really was and when he tries to make life miserable for her daughter she is able to help her.

These books may be reserved by calling the Circulation department, 7-3171.

NITE LIFE FOOTNOTES

BARR RAINBOW ROOM — Hospitality headquarters. Frequenting by the young in spirit—as well as in years. Hard and soft drinks. Good dance music.

CASTLE FARM — A fame-attainer due to fact the manager works like frantic to book patron-pleasing floor-shows. Anyhow I've never failed to have a high time hereabouts. Likewise my pals.

JUDY'S — A favorite hang-out for veteran rum sippers that is currently finding favor with nightlife neophytes. Has an appealing atmosphere.

WALDO — Getting a big play from the gang that makes the Public-Sq. Jollity circuit resound loudly after dark. Has a fine corps of alert bar-keeps and a vast store of fireworks.

STONE'S GRILL — Not as well known as it should be is the fact that Stone's not only supplies beautiful beakers of beverages but also jim dandy meals. Something to keep in mind come lunchtime.

MILANO — One of the more glowing night spots having a scintillating pace a certain dispenser of bottled cheer known as "Happy."

ALPINE VILLAGE — A prerequisite in the night life school curriculum.

NEW YORKER — A very fancy place. Indeed food and drinks are prepared with skill and served with a flourish. A genuine good-time spot.

COURT CASE — A special tribunal due in major part to the highly personable tactics of the manager, Richard Home of probably the most extensive and tastiest ham sandwiches in town.

FLORINTE — Regularly inhabited by persons of good taste.

BLINKING OWL — A place north of Lima where one can have a good, honest, down to earth jolly time. Worth a try any hour of the day or night.

John C. Garand To Tell How He Invented Famous Rifle

Inventor Will Be Heard On "I'm An American" Program At 12:15 P. M. Sunday; Dinah Shore To Salute Fliers

John C. Garand, Canadian-born inventor of the Garand semi-automatic rifle, will tell how he came to invent his famous weapon when he appears as guest speaker on the "I'm An American" program, Sunday, at 12:15 over W. J. Z.

Garand, recently awarded the Holley Medal of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for his invention, came to this country from Canada at the age of 12. When the United States declared war on Germany in 1917 Garand, then 29, offered the Army a new machine gun. This led to a job in Washington with the Bureau of Standards and later with the Army Ordnance Arsenal at Springfield, Mass., where he has worked since.

The his inventive genius might have brought him wealth, Garand has never made a cent from his famous rifle. This naturalized American gave his rifle to the Army to help protect the democracy which adopted him.

Fliers of the 16th Pursuit Group stationed at Albrook Field, Canal Zone, will receive an air-borne salute from Dinah Shore during the vocal queen's weekly song session Sunday at 9:45 p. m. over WJZZ.

Start of the New Year brings an anniversary celebration to the Columbia network's "Screen Guild Theatre" on Sunday when the star-studded series will begin its fourth year as a WABC feature, presenting Humphrey Bogart and Claire Trevor as guest stars in a radio adaptation of the screen success, "High Sierra," at 7:30 p. m.

A dramatic narrative tracing the birth of America's best known patriotic songs, from the Revolutionary war to date, will be a highlight on The Family Hour program featuring Gladys Swarthout, Deems Taylor and Al Goodman's orchestra on Sunday at 5 p. m. over WABC.

Andre Kostelanetz, conductor of "Pause That Refreshes," heard Sundays at 4:30 p. m. over WABC, will start a series of musical tributes to Central and South American countries with the broadcast Sunday. On that date he'll salute President Manuel Avila Camacho of Mexico by playing "Incertidumbre," by the Mexican composer, Gonzalo Curiel. This portion of the program will be known as "The Pan-American Way." Guest singer with Kostelanetz Jan. 4 will be Jane Froman, mezzo-soprano. Albert Spalding, violinist, is master of ceremonies.

Jack Benny and his gang will present their annual New Year's Eve party during their broadcast over WEAF Sunday at 7:30 p. m.

Many Famous Stars Are In Quilna Movie

George Murphy bought an Oregon farm the other day. This realized an ambition that came to him one day as he tore thru Times Square at noon wearing a dress suit, his coat tails flying behind him and a lot of pursuers yelling, "Stop thief!"

Murphy recalled the episode as he swapped Broadway stories with Milton Berle, Jack Oakie and Walter Brennan, all of whom are working with George and Linda Darnell in Mark Hellinger's "Rise and Shine," the film on at the Quilna theatre.

"I was a kid 20 years old, just out of college and crazy to get started in show business," Murphy related. "With Julie Johnson, the only dance partner and wife I've ever had, I had worked up a little dance routine. We were starving to death on the casting office benches.

"There was an old Chinese restaurant man on Broadway near 96th Street who occasionally staked actors to a chow mein dinner, and Julie and I braced him to put on the act. He said that he had no money for dancers. We finally offered to dance there just for the experience and the chance to be seen. He had nothing to lose.

"But I had to have a dress suit, so I went to a rental place near Times Square. There I tried on the complete outfit, all the things were only a quarter in my pocket. When I saw that it fitted, I just cut out the door, leaving my street clothes for security.

"The owner got excited, and chased me until I escaped into the subway station. Fortunately, the act went pretty well, and we got some regular bookings. So I was able to return the dress suit and pay for it.

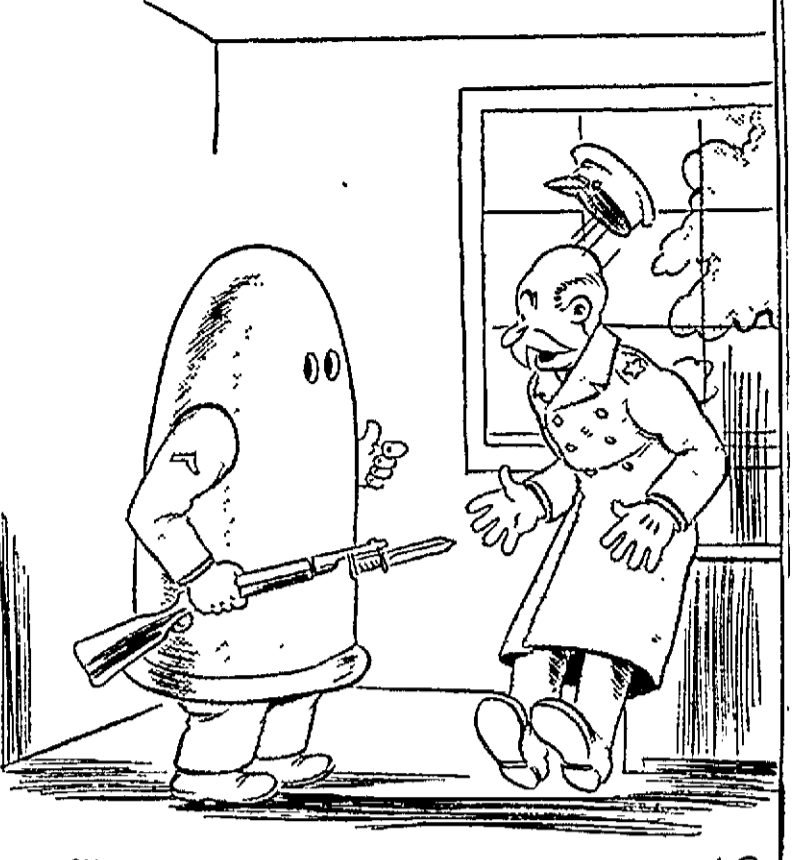
"That chase thru Times Square gave me a sort of claustrophobia, and I vowed that some day I'd live where there was plenty of room."

Murphy has no intention of quitting pictures right now, but he is going to build on the farm and stock it with blooded hogs with a view to living there some day.

FOUR ARE HELD — Charles Swickard, 20, of Route 2, Elida, and three juveniles are being held by Allen-co authorities in connection with the theft of tires from automobiles in Bluffton on the night of Dec. 22. Deputy John Carder said charges will be filed.

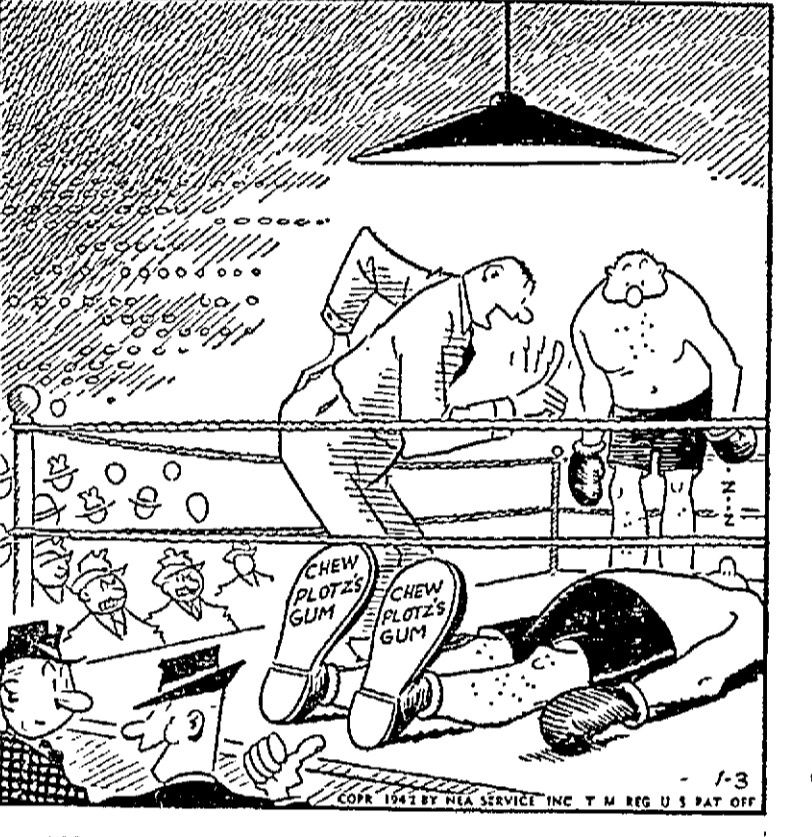
A building on the moon, earth's satellite, only a few hundred feet long, would be visible thru our large modern telescopes.

HOLD EVERYTHING



"How do you like this new helmet I designed, General?"

FUNNY BUSINESS



"He's got the shrewdest manager in the business!"

CRANIUM CRACKERS

DIVORCE IS ASKED — Suit was filed in the Allen-co common pleas court Saturday by Treva Dodds, a minor, by Louise Fanshier, her next friend, against Roy Dodds. The plaintiff charges gross neglect of duty and extreme cruelty. She asks divorce, custody of three minor children, alimony and other relief. The petition says the couple was married in Union City, Ind., on May 2, 1938.

YEAR OF ENTERTAINMENT — All was not war and sorrow in this world of ours during 1941. There were comedians, actors, artists, musicians, authors and others in the field of entertainment to keep us amused and take our minds off other troubles. Answer true or false to these statements:

1. Red Skeleton, so called because he's thin and red-haired, became a well-known Hollywood ghost writer.
2. Clark Gable co-starred with Lana Turner and Ronald Russell in movies for the first time.
3. D. C. French gained fame as a sculptor in 1911 by carving a bust of President Roosevelt.
4. Paderewski died and Tchaikowsky made the hit parade.
5. John Steinbeck's "For Whom the Bell Tolls" was made into a movie.

TRAIN KILLS MAN — CINCINNATI, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Norman Leaf, 24, was killed today in the collision of his automobile and a Pennsylvania railroad locomotive at a suburban crossing.

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NEWS IN COLORED CIRCLES

Social Items, Lodges, Societies, Personals

Mr. and Mrs. James Patterson and Hattie Moss motored to Cincinnati on Sunday and visited Loda Johnson and family and Mrs. Helen Paey and family.

The Nonpariel club members banqueted their husbands Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thomas. Enjoying the evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lehman Black, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Moxley, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Harper, Mr. and Mrs. John Moxley, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jackson, Mrs. Charles Harger and son, Mrs. Daisy Baker, James Woodley, Mrs. Mary E. Barnett, Mrs. Nina Warfield, Mrs. Anna B. Crockett, Joe Woodruff, John Halthcock, Mrs. Dulcie Black, Miss Ione Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Lehman Black, Jr., Mrs. Albert Stewart, Mrs. Shelby Lockett, Mrs. Josephine Griffen, Mrs. Anna Thomas, Mrs. Ada McArnold, Miss Janet Black, Dale Simmons, Mrs. George Simmons, Jr., Mrs. Bertha Jackson, Miss Margaret Harrison, Mrs. Ella Webb, Evelyn Thomas, Lucia Tucker. The next regular meeting of the club will be Jan. 14 at the home of Mrs. Harold Harper, S. Metcalf-st.

The Misses Odessa and Arlene Jones entertained friends with a holiday party last Tuesday evening at their home, S. Pierce-st. Those present were Misses Doris Marie Brown, Betty Andrews, Rosemary Stewart, Dorothy Jones, Ruth Reynolds, Rosemary Carter, Bernidene Harger, Rose Jones, Margurite Cotman, and Bertha Reynolds. Messrs John Halthcock, Bert Bobson, John Allen Tucker, Tommy Jones, Russell Mitchell, Carlos Brown, Charles Hagar, Jr., Billy Webb, Herman Reynolds and Edsel Tyree.

Mrs. Charles F. Stewart has been confined to her bed the past week suffering from injuries received in a fall down stairs last week.

The Aeolian club will meet Thursday evening with Mrs. Emma Halthcock, W. Wayne-st, as hostess. The Needlework club observed its anniversary last Friday evening with a banquet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Williams, N. Cole-st. A chicken dinner was served and games were enjoyed during the evening. Those attending were Rev. and Mrs. Leroy McGee, Rev. and Mrs. G. J. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter King, Mrs. Ella Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Beasley and daughter, Theresa, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bass, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Webb, Mrs. Althea Goings, Mrs. Alice Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. George Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moss, Miss Marcelle Harrison, Miss Anna Johnson, Miss Juanita Findlay, Mr. and Mrs. John Moxley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seldon, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Hackley, Mr. and Mrs. James Peters, Mrs. Etta Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Beasley, Mrs. William Shoecraft, and Mrs. Alberta Davis. The next regular meeting of the club will be Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Clara Halthcock, W. Elm-st.

ITEM CORRECTED
The four news column in Thursday's issue of The Lima News erroneously listed an appointment in the Clarence F. Baber estate. The item should have read as follows: Rhena A. Baber estate, Clarence F. Baber appointed administrator.

Peru is estimated to have 4,500,000 potential horsepower in its waterways, of which less than 100,000 horsepower has been utilized.