

Book News and Views

Random House, whose juvenile department introduced "Babar the Elephant" to the American public, and subsequently sold over 200,000 copies of various books describing his adventures, believes that it has discovered a worthy companion to the famous Babar. His name is "Hi-Po the Hippo," and he is the creation of Dorothy Thomas and Ruth Gannett. Mrs. Gannett, who made the illustrations, has been working on the lithographs for over a year. The book will be published in August, and everybody at Random House is so enthusiastic about it that the trade publicity department has insisted on sharing in the ballyhoo with Louise Bonino, the juvenile editor.

Mrs. Gannett is the wife of Lewis Gannett of the New York Tribune. Miss Thomas is the author of the novel, "The Home Place." This is her first juvenile story.

A fourth printing of Quentin Reynolds, "Only the Stars Are Neutral" has just gone to press, bringing the total up to 30,000. The orders for "Only the Stars Are Neutral" total 1334 copies, for "The Last Time I Saw Paris" 1160, and for Sally Benson's "Meet Me in Saint Louis" 636. To top off a banner day there was an order from Columbia university for 3200 "Modern Library" books—400 each of eight different titles.

Gustav Myers, author of "History of the Great American Fortunes," has just completed and delivered to Random House the manuscript of "History of Bigotry in the United States." The fruit of 17 years of research, it was finished under a two-year Guggenheim grant. In his new book Mr. Myers traces the origins and consequences of every organized movement of intoler-

ance in America from the pre-revolutionary period to today. Publication is planned for the spring of 1943.

Random House announces the appointment of Frances Merriam, former assistant at Macy's book department, as head of its publicity department, in charge of direct mail and special promotions. She will also send out occasional press notices in the unlikely event that she is able to pry this job loose from the firm's president, the articulate Mr. Cerf. Mrs. Merriam is the wife of Joseph P. Merriam, another Macy alumnus, now toiling in Washington for the OPA.

They have also announced the appointment of Ann Rann as head of its manufacturing department.

R. H. Macy's Guilt-Edge Murder Mystery's choice of the month is "Three Famous Spy Stories," by E. Phillips Oppenheim; "Journey Into Fear," by Eric Ambler; and "Confidential Agent," by Graham Greene.

With an eye to motion picture possibilities, the title of Maritta Wolff's new novel has been changed from "Graveyard Shift" to "Night Shift." Harry Maule, publisher, declares that this 24-year-old's second novel, successor to the Avery Hopwood prize-winner "Whistle Stop," is the most exciting manuscript that has come into his hands in years. "Every company in Hollywood is clamoring for a look at advance galleys," avers Mr. Maule. "I've explained to them all that 'Graveyard Shift' simply means the midnight shift in a manufacturing plant, but in answer they only moan 'think how it would look in electric lights on a marquee!' So we changed it."

Down Front

By BILL LINDLEY

One of the greatest musicals to come out of Hollywood in many years, and certainly one of the most appropriate for some time is "Yankee Doodle Dandy." Warner Brothers have put all of its tremendous resources behind the film, and the result is something for other studios to shoot at for years to come.

Story: The picture is an accurate portrayal of the life of George M. Cohan, the greatest living writer of American stage hits, and himself a former featured musical actor. James Cagney proves his versatility by singing, dancing, and acting the part of Cohan to a perfection which is sure to make him a contender for the Academy Award. Cagney and company do all of the famous Cohan hits, including "Mary's a Grand Old Name" and "You're a Grand Old Flag," two songs which have lasted through the years.

Other featured players in an all-star cast include Joan Leslie and Walter Huston, both of whom give grand supporting performances.

Rating: The picture combines hit tunes by one of America's greatest composers, star-spangled production numbers, and the thrilling and inspiring biography of a great man of popular music. How could the result be anything but perfect? If the reaction of Portland audiences is average, it can be safely predicted that "Yankee Doodle Dandy" will be

YW Membership Head Calls for Cards, Dues

Representatives of all women's living organizations who have gone 100 per cent in YW membership are asked to bring interest cards and dues for those in the house to the bungalow this morning between 9 and 10, Membership Chairman Audrey Holliday announced.

All other houses should turn in their YW folders, interest cards, and dues Monday afternoon at 4. Announcement of the final status of every women's living organization will be made in Tuesday's Emerald by the YWCA President Abbie Jane White.

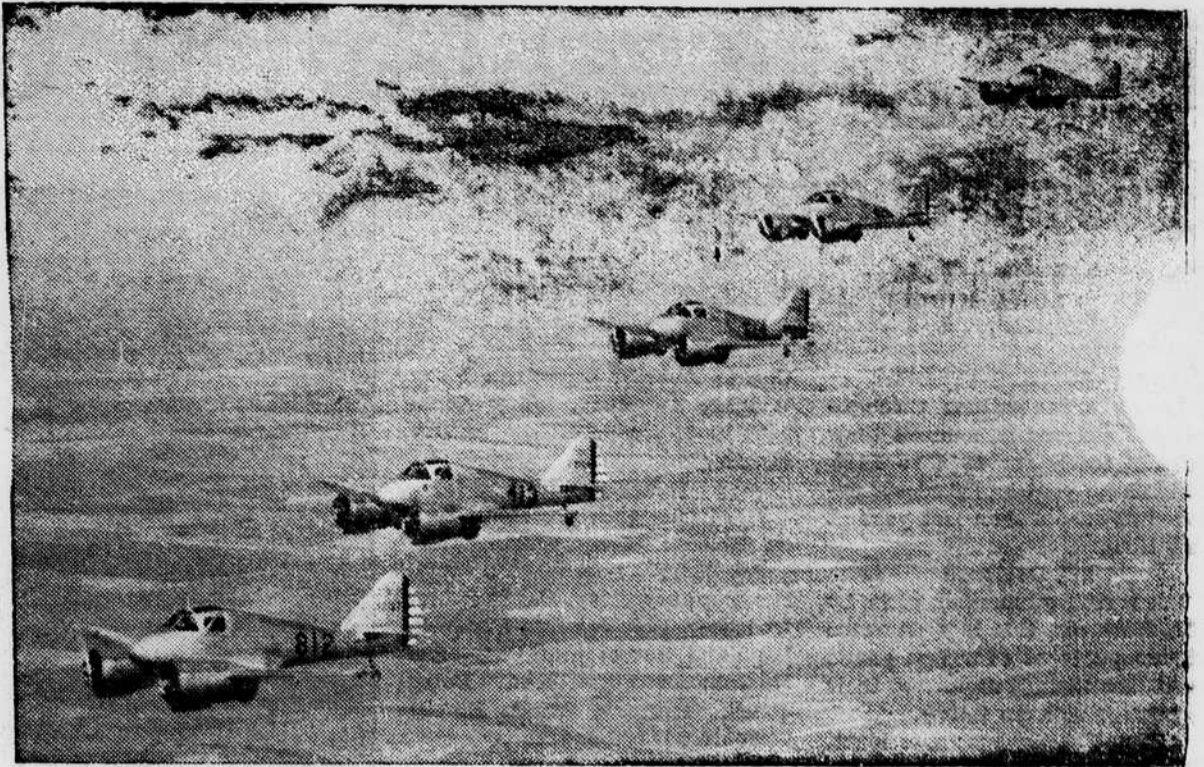
Tuesday afternoon the YW cabinet will meet in the bungalow to complete its plans for the coming year. Thursday an all-membership tea will be held at the Y. Here new members may meet cabinet members and enjoy a short program planned by Kathryn Dunn.

Connecticut U Starts Journalism Honorary

A new college honorary fraternity for student journalists is starting its first academic year at the University of Connecticut. The organization, Sigma Upsilon Iota, calls itself Alpha chapter, and members are pledged to promote formation of other chapters, according to the Associated Collegiate Press.

A resolution to this effect was passed when it was noted there are no national journalistic fraternities for students not attending schools of journalism.

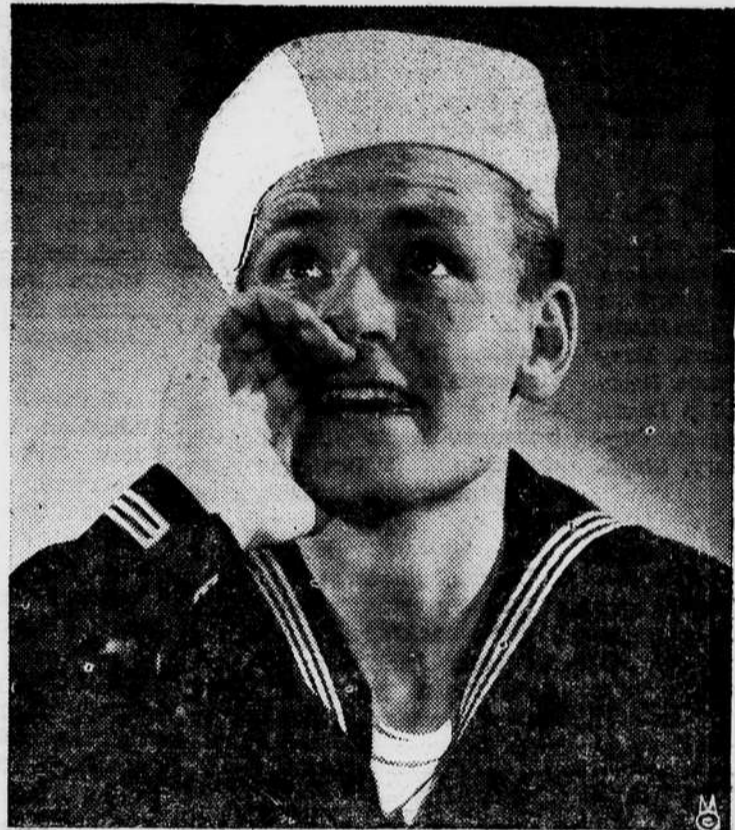
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