

Gang Pictures Were Said to be Through, but E. G. Robinson is Here Today

EDWARD ROBINSON BACK TO ELSINORE

'Smart Money' is new Gang Picture; Rumania is Star's Homeland

Edward G. Robinson, who creates the role of Nick, the Greek barber who becomes the biggest gambler of his day, in "Smart Money," now at Warner Bros. Elsinore theatre was born in Bucharest, Roumania.

His family came to America and became naturalized citizens when he was very young. He was educated in New York public schools and took a Master of Arts degree at the college of the city of New York. During the World war he served in the American naval service.

He is an accomplished linguist, speaking Spanish, Italian, French, German, Hebrew and Yiddish, in addition to his native tongue. He has done plays in all these languages, including various dialect roles.

He is married to Gladys Lloyd, the actress. He is a great lover of symphonic music and the works of Anatole France are his favorite reading.

One of his favorite pastimes is window shopping. His favorite sport is golf; the other is crap shooting.

He says he keeps in good condition by not trying to keep fit. His special avocation is getting up early in the morning.

He is five feet eight inches tall, weighs one hundred and fifty, has brown eyes and black hair.

His most recent triumph was in the title role of "Little Caesar."

Will Rogers, Twain Story Today, Grand

Will Rogers, the Oklahoma cow puncher, who conquered Broadway and the London Strand and went on to become the intimate of rulers of men, is as well known professionally as any living man.

But the real Rogers—the family man, the private citizen—is as little known as the details of the Einstein theory.

Rogers is the ideal type of father, for instance. The sort of a man who takes an unselfish interest in the mental and physical growth of his children. But there is a Spartan-like streak in Papa Rogers that guides the recreations of his offspring into the more robust sports. No ping pong or croquet playing for them.

Each of the young Rogers, as soon as he was able to toddle about, was placed astride a horse and taught to ride.

Will Rogers, Jr., under the tutelage of his parents has become one of the outstanding polo-players on the Pacific coast. The daughter and young Jimmy also are expert at the game and the Rogers family, father, daughter and two sons, frequently put on practice skintches on their private polo field.

Rogers can't bear to see a horse mistreated. Many a worn-out bag has found sanctuary on his ranch. He never has been known to sell a horse unless he was certain that the purchaser would give it the same kindly treatment accorded by Rogers himself.

The great comedian-humorist's soft-heartedness extends to people as well. He never has laid a hand on his children.

Reading and writing are his two chief diversions when he's not out of doors. He writes all his own material and picks it out carefully with his fingers on a portable typewriter. He never keeps a carbon copy of anything.

If a manuscript is lost, he has to do it over again.

Rogers, the private citizen, is a typical outdoor American, varying however from the conventional pattern in his exhaustive fund of humor and his insatiable curiosity about what is going on in the world.

Rogers' latest starring Fox comedy is Mark Twain's "A Connecticut Yankee," with Max Baer, O'Sullivan, Myrna Loy, William Farnum and Frank Albertson, directed by David Butler, now at the Grand theatre.

'BORN TO LOVE' IS COMING HERE SOON

Announcement has come from the New York Pathe offices that Charles Rogers, vice president and production chief, has effected an adjustment of the company's contract with Constance Bennett. The blonde star will appear in pictures for no company other than RKO-Pathe during the period of her contract.

The star of "Win Takes a Holiday," and other Pathe successes, is appearing Friday at Warner Bros. Elsinore theatre in a feature called "Born to Love." She will be starred next in "The Common Law," from the daring novel by Robert W. Chambers, screen rights to which RKO-Pathe has just acquired.

The confusion over the contract arose in view of the fact that she is permitted three months annual vacation during which she is at liberty to go abroad if she chooses. Miss Bennett decided on this occasion to spend her vacation in the studio.

The \$9,411 retail stores in Florida had total net sales of \$497,501.165 during 1929, company figures reveal.



Paul Cavanaugh, British actor, with Constance Bennett in the Friday feature at Warner Bros. Elsinore, "Born to Love".



Jackie Cooper and Mitzel Green as they appear in a scene from the feature picture "Skippy" starting a three day showing at the Hollywood today.

Hollywood Low-downs

By HARRISON CARROLL
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HOLLYWOOD.—A screen original, "O'Shaughnessy's Boy," will be Jackie Cooper's first vehicle for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

The story is by Malcolm Stuart Boylan, who came into a nice piece of luck with the deal. His manuscript had been kicked around for four years without a bidder. Now he gets one check for the idea and another for collaborating with Harvey Gates on the screen adaptation.

Jackie's role in the story is that of a little boy who is adopted by an elephant trainer in a circus. Their adventures under the big top offer varied opportunities for the talented young hero of "Skippy."

No director is chosen as yet.

Anna May Wong's sister, Mary, who was the Chinese actress' understudy in "On the Spot," also has been appearing in her picture for Paramount. Incidentally, Miss Wong's next picture is scheduled for October. It may be she will appear in the meantime in a coast production of the Edgar Wallace mystery thriller, "Lilyan Tashman" in a wear a white wig in "The Road to Reno," they figure

Groucho Marx made some humorous remarks at the expense of Los Angeles Mayor Porter at a recent dinner. After the dinner, his son-in-law is said to have chided the comedian: "Are you the man who was wisecracking me?"

"I'm one of them," replied Groucho impudently.

The mayor was stopped, but took it like a sport.

Studio gatekeepers and cops have led a miserable life since the in-

stitution of the new, stringent pass system. Still the thing has its lighter side.

A zealous guard stopped the publicity head of one studio.

"Where are you going?" he asked.

"To lunch," replied the P. A. impatiently.

"Will you be back?"

"Yes," snapped the writer, "and I think I'll have a roast beef sandwich and a glass of milk!"

When Warners-First National resumes production in September, Warren William is scheduled to play the criminal attorney hero of "Mouthpiece," a story by Frank Collins. Some months back the ex-Broadway actor was hailed out here for the likeness of his profile to that of John Barrowman. In the light of his performances, this seems unfair to an excellent actor. At present William is appearing opposite Billie Burke in a coast production of "The Vinegar Tree." The first option on his contract with Warners will be due about the time he is supposed to start work on the new film.

That Joel McCrea is captain of a local Y. M. C. A. volleyball team; also of the team of the Santa Monica beach club?

STORM KILLS TWO

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn., July 18.—(AP)—Two persons were killed and eight injured late Friday as a windstorm blew down several trees under which a crowd attending a road dedication program near here had taken refuge.

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Will Rogers and Myrna Loy in a scene from "A Connecticut Yankee" which is the feature at the Grand today.



James Cagney who plays the part of aide to Robinson in the Elsinore feature today, "Smart Money".

The Call Board . .

By OLIVE M. DOAK

WARNER BROS. ELSINORE
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Wednesday—Doug Fairbanks, Jr. in "Chances."
Friday—Constance Bennett in "Born to Love."

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Friday—Loretta Young in "Three Girls Lost."

'CHANCES' IS WAR FILM AT ELSINORE

Channel scenes showing the English and the French coasts in "Chances," the First National war romance starring Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., at Warner Bros. Elsinore theatre Wednesday were taken in the hill country near Santa Barbara, California.

The only problem was to have the sun shining from behind the cliffs for morning in France, and full on them for the English afternoon. "Chances" is an adaptation of A. Hamilton Gibbs' great novel. It recounts the stirring adventures of two brothers, soldiers in the World war, who both love the same girl.

The play is the first starring vehicle of the popular young actor. He is supported by Rose Hobart, Anthony Bushell, Holmes Herbert, Mary Forbes, Edmond Bron, Harry Allen, Jeanne Fontwick, Edward Morgan and Tyrrell Davis. Alan Dwan directed.

Hamilton Posed For Collar Ads

Neil Hamilton was an "Arrow Collar" man before he became a film actor. That is, he posed for the artists who make these and

other pictures. He also posed for art-schools and photographers. Hamilton is playing with Edward G. Robinson and Alice White in First National's Wednesday offering at the Grand theatre, "The Widow from Chicago."

Lost Collie Mourned

RICKEY, July 18.—Bonny, the Collie dog of W. H. Humphreys, disappeared a few days ago and no trace can be found of him. Bonny is a home dog and not in the habit of wandering but is an unusually beautiful dog and it is supposed he was stolen as another Collie was stolen near Fruitland about the time Bonnie disappeared.

Bonny is a large red Collie with a white strip on his face, a white ring around his neck, and white feet. The Humphreys have had Bonny for six years. He was a good watch dog and was fond of following the team when Mr. Humphreys was farming.

'SKIPPY' FEATURE TODAY, HOLLYWOOD

Jackie Cooper in Cartoon Role "Honor Among Lovers" Next

"Skippy" is the feature at the Hollywood beginning today. It is a picture that has all the appeal of the stories of "Huckleberry Finn" and "Tom Sawyer" and the appeal of the famous cartoons of the same name which have been holding the interest of both grown people and children for many months. Percy Crosby is the man who has told this story in fascinating cartoon for newspaper readers. Now that it has come to life through Jackie Cooper and his pals the story is even more intriguing than in cartoon form. It is the story of a group of

children in Shanty town, and it deals with their fun and their heartaches from losing a favorite dog to getting a bicycle, and having serious trouble with "Dad." Wednesday will see the opening of "Honor Among Lovers" with two teams of interesting screen characters, Claudette Colbert and Frederick March, and Charles Buggles and Ginger Rogers. This picture has the distinction of having been directed by a woman, Dorothy Arzner by name.

March and Colbert each have a series of good pictures to their credit. Colbert did "The Lady Lies" with memorable grace, and March in "The Royal Family of Broadway" is worth remembering. Then there was "Manslaughter" in which both took excellent parts and now comes "Honor Among Lovers" which is said to offer most satisfactory entertainment.

The bill for the week ends with "Sea Devils" which is said to be a melodramatic picture that brings hair up straight. Edmund Burns and Molly O'Day lead the cast in this pirate thriller.

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