



**Gambling Boss Shot**—Mickey Cohen, Hollywood gambler (above) is shown at the Hollywood, Calif., receiving hospital where he was taken after gangsters shot him and three others of his party as they were leaving a Sunset strip cafe. Dr. C. D. Dickey shown with Mickey, said his condition was serious. (AP Wirephoto)

## Polio Cases On Upgrade

Washington, July 21 (AP)—Another increase in infantile paralysis cases was reported by the U.S. public health service today.

For the week ended July 16, there were 1,013 new cases reported for the nation, compared with 684 the previous week. This is a 49 per cent increase compared with the 43 per cent increase reported last week over the week preceding.

This brought to 4,895 the total for the whole year through July 16, compared with 3,601 during the same period last year—an increase of approximately 1,200 cases.

The largest increases were reported from:

New York: 72 cases this past week, compared to 16 the week before, with 61 of them being in New York City; Indiana, 52 against 14; Illinois, 55 against 19; and California, 83 against 58

but use only one clerk. Ed. B. Hamilton is chairman of the Polk county board.

He said the Marion county board is meeting two nights a month for classifications only. No drafting is being done at present. Men register on their 18th birthdays and are subject to draft until they are 26. Registrations are at the rate of three or four a day and likewise about as many are reaching their 26th year, all of which requires clerical work. Marriages and college affiliation make differences in classification of registered men.

## Marion and Polk County Draft Boards Will Merge

In a merger of draft boards throughout Oregon the Marion and Polk county boards will be joined.

Hans Hofstetter, chairman of the Marion county board, was informed Wednesday that a clerk for the Polk county board to succeed the clerk now resigning will not be appointed, and that Mrs. Fern Beakey of Salem, clerk of the Marion county board, will do that work for both boards.

The mergers are because of a 40 per cent cut in the budget. In Portland Col. Francis W. Mason, deputy selective service director, said personnel and office hours also would be reduced. The budget cut was from \$207,000 to \$90,000.

Columbia, Washington and

Clackamas boards will be grouped with the Multnomah boards; Linn county merges with the Benton board; Coos and Curry with Douglas; Josephine with Jackson; and Union, Wallowa and Malheur with the Baker county board.

Hofstetter said he understood the four-member personnel of the boards for Marion and Polk would continue and that they would hold separate meetings.

## 'THE SHOW MUST GO ON'

### Comedienne Doesn't Let Fly in Mouth Stop Her

Dallas, Tex., July 21 (AP)—A sputtering comedienne today laughed off an insect incident that was almost as nerve-racking as the one which broke up a show Sunday night.

Nanette Fabray became hysterical Sunday at the open air Casino when a June bug flew into her dress. The show, "Bloomer Girl," had to be called off.

A fly flew into Patricia Bright's mouth on the same stage Monday night while she was doing an imitation of Katharine Hepburn singing "Don't Fence Me In."

"I just went 'poof!' and it went out," Miss Bright said.

Broadway was sympathetic but somewhat shocked that bugs in her bosom should have forced singer Nanette Fabray to break the show world's code, "The Show must go on."

Entertainers along the main stem recalled incidents when everything from snakes and white mice to sharks and hooded gangsters had "gotten into the act." And seldom, they said, was the show broken up.

Opera Diva Patrice Munsel of Spokane declared nothing less than a bug in the mouth should halt a songstress in the middle of her act. She claimed she'd even bridged that crisis, swallowing an opera-loving insect.

Miss Munsel revealed that a moth deserves the credit usually given her for voicing the longest E-flat in Met opera history.

"I never had the heart to tell the critics before," she said, "but a moth had flown into my mouth. I kept singing and praying it would fly out and finally it did."

Miss Fabray said a childhood memory of being attacked by

locusts was responsible for her hysterics Sunday night.

And another musical star, Anna Bell Hill of the "Kiss Me Kate" cast, revealed that a similar lifelong phobia completely unnerved her during a singing engagement in a Greenwich Village night club. A tourist did a dead but nevertheless terrifying shark out on the floor. Miss Hill said:

"I thought I'd lose my mind, right then."

Concert Cellist Edmund Kurtz recalled with horror a night two years ago when a white mouse walked onto a Newark, N.J., stage and wandered up to his cello, where it made repeated efforts to jump inside the instrument. Kurtz said, "It was in the middle of a very difficult part and I slurred a note or two striking at the little beggar."

The white-tie-and-tail audience snickered their appreciation of the contest.

Singer Mona Paulee was badly shaken during a St. Joseph, Mo., recital when a black and white dog walked on stage and

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began howling a doleful accompaniment. After efforts to chase the dog offstage had failed, she gathered the animal in her arms and completed her song with one hand clamped around its muzzle.

The comic team of Peter Lind Hayes and Mary Healy said their worst brush with the unexpected was in Cleveland's swank Mounds Club when it was invaded by gangsters wearing burlap sacks over their heads. Miss Healy thought it was a joke and tried to keep the show going until one of the mobsters aimed a machine gun at the ceiling and fired a burst of bullets.

"The show ended as of then," Hayes recalled.

Showgirl (Nevada) Smith just about fainted dead away one night when she was swept into the spotlight and saw a

"rat" in the audience. "I hadn't seen this rat for a year after he said he loved me," Miss Smith declared. "It was awful."

But for sheer aplomb in time of great stress, Broadway still was inclined to let the laurels rest with the late W. C. Fields. One night during a performance of "Sketch Book," Fields dashed from his dressing room, shouting that he was being pursued by "a mammoth garter snake."

He ran onto the stage and collided with a set of scenery. It wobbled crazily for a moment, then collapsed around him. Fields stepped out of the rubble, stared at the audience and then drawled, "They're just not building these things like they used to."

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