

Readied for Asiatic Service—A dock crane hoists a fighter plane aboard the 27,000-ton aircraft carrier USS Boxer which is being readied, at the naval air station, Alameda, Calif., for service with the Seventh fleet in Asiatic waters. (AP Wire-photo)

### Cupid Not Doing Too Well as Hollywood Marriages Topple

Hollywood, Jan. 13 (AP)—Cupid got off to a slow start in 1950. Six Hollywood marriages toppled since the turn of the half-century. A reconciliation was reported cracking up. And another couple reached the slamming-doors stage.

At the moment in the Frank Sinatra love-nest, things aren't so lovely. Nancy Sinatra admits Frankie walked out on her, but she says it doesn't mean much. "He does it all the time," she sighed. "He's done it before—and he'll probably do it again. But he always comes back." Frankie himself shrugged off the battle as nothing to get excited about.

"So a guy has a fight with his old lady," he said. "What's wrong with that?"

The idyl of young love that Gail Russell and Guy Madison sang for nearly four years ended yesterday when Gail packed her bags for an Arizona vacation—alone.

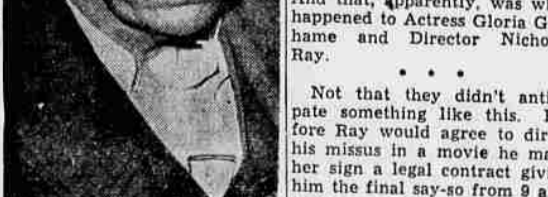
Their marriage last summer capped one of Hollywood's longest courtships, but little more than five months of life together split them up.

There was no immediate talk about a divorce. In fact, neither of the screen lovers would comment at all. But Miss Russell admitted their romance was on the rocks.

Another notable who wouldn't talk was Bette Davis. Gossip columnists said she and artist William Grant Sherry aren't seeing eye to eye again, although Bette took him back last fall after filing for a divorce.

Asked if it could be printed that she has dropped the suit permanently, Bette snapped: "It certainly cannot."

"I have no comment to make. You must understand I can say nothing. When I do have something to say, I'll say it."



Quizzed—George Thomas, 59, janitor at the CIO United Auto Workers building in Detroit, Mich., sits disconsolate in police headquarters as he is questioned about the Dec. 20, 1949, attempted bombing of the union's building. Thomas, who discovered the bomb, confessed that his reported kidnapping was a hoax and said he invented the story to cover up a suicide attempt because suspicion was cast on him. He will be given a sanity test. (Acme Telephoto.)

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### Realtors Will Hear Maguire

The Salem Board of Realtors will hold its 29th annual banquet and installation at the Chamber of Commerce Saturday night at 8:30 when Robert F. Maguire, Portland attorney, will be the guest speaker.

It is probable Maguire will discuss his experiences while in Germany during the Nuerenberg trials.

Guests of the realtors will include Claude M. Murphy, state real estate commissioner; Ray Schumacher, president of the Oregon Association of Real Estate Boards; Taylor W. Treese, secretary of the Oregon association; presidents of a number of Willamette valley boards, attorneys and title insurance men.

Burt Picha, who has served the Salem board as president during the past year, will turn the gavel over to Dick Schmidt, who will act as toastmaster.

Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom will give an official welcome to the guests and entertainment features will be provided by the Elks quartet and Jack Spong, magician.

Joe L. Bourne will be installed as president, as will be H. D. McMullin, vice president; John E. Black, secretary; C. Burn L. Grabenhorst, treasurer, and Theo G. Nelson, member of the appraisal board.

### Ex-Juvenile Star Gets Probation

Chicago, Jan. 13 (AP)—A federal judge today had put John Edward (Jackie) Moran, 20, former juvenile movie star, on two years' probation and warned authorities of other cities to keep their hands off him during that time.

Moran pleaded guilty last November to a charge that he stole an automobile in Jacksonville, Fla., and drove it to Charleston, S. C., where he abandoned it.

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### Trend Towards Twin Beds Is Hailed Beneficial in Many Ways

Chicago, Jan. 13 (AP)—A big increase in the sale of twin beds shows that married couples are learning to "sleep alone and like it," a bedding expert said today.

J. P. Fanning, attending international home furnishings market, said twin bed sales have all but doubled since the war. About 68 per cent are twin beds now, he said, compared with only 25 per cent before the war.

Fanning qualifies as an authority on beds as manager of the National Association of Bedding Manufacturers, which represents 85 per cent of the industry.

"American couples just don't stuff any more," Fanning said. He said the trend toward solitary sleeping is healthful, too.

"The blanket-snatcher subjects his mate to drafts and chilliness," Fanning said, "and the bed-hog disturbs the other person's rest."

He cited research on American sleeping habits conducted at the University of Chicago and Colgate University, in which it was found that the normal person changes his sleeping position from 20 to 45 times during the night.

To accomplish these twists and turns, the researchers found, the normal sleeper requires a space 39 inches wide. Standard double beds measure only 54 inches across—27 inches for each person, Fanning said.

"Even if each bedmate stays strictly on his own side, there still isn't room enough," he said.

There is a trend toward out-sized beds, Fanning said, but for the most part the emphasis is on length.

### Drainage Topic Of Meet Jan. 26

Progress of drainage projects in Marion county will be outlined at a meet January 26 at the Mayflower auditorium, 2135 Fairgrounds road. The session, opening at 10 a.m., is sponsored by the Willamette Basin Project committee and the Oregon State college extension service.

Floyd Fox, chairman of the Marion county committee of the Willamette Basin Project committee, will preside.

Among the speakers will be Harry Riches, county extension agent, Col. Donald S. Burns, district engineer, corps of engineers; C. E. Stricklin, state engineer; Arthur S. King, extension soil specialist; W. M. Tate, chairman, Marion county PMA; Ed Gilbert, supervisor, Santiam soil conservation district, and a discussion on "Drainage on My Farm" by a number of farmers of the county.

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### Farmer Smith Credits Eggs, 'High Powered,' for New Hair

Racine, Wis., Jan. 13 (AP)—Farmer Ralph Smith stroked the fuzz on his otherwise bald head today and said he got it from eating the "high-powered" eggs his chickens have been laying.

He claimed the eggs helped his wife's heart trouble, too. Smith, who runs a poultry and fruit farm four miles north of here, said he isn't too clear how the eggs work.

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