

Frigid Pastime—With the temperature in the lower 20s, Otto Hildebrand, 35, Jefferson City, Mo., policeman swims among the ice floes in the Missouri river. Hildebrand, who likes to swim in the river summer and winter, says it keeps him in the pink of condition for his job. "It's all a matter of conditioning," he says. (AP Wirephoto)

## 'Hopalong' Said Hottest Guy In Entertainment Business

By BOB THOMAS

Hollywood, Feb. 6 (P)—Bill (Hopalong Cassidy) Boyd is returning in triumph to the studio where he started at \$30 a week

Boyd left the studio to score a hit in Cecil B. DeMille's "The Volga Boatman." Many years later, he returned to Paramount to begin the Hopalong Cassidy series. Then he and the studio had another falling out.

Few people realize how low Hoppies fortunes ebbed in those days. "I had to quit making Hoppies in 1947, because I could not get financing," he recalled. And he hasn't made one since.

But along came television, bless its little iconoscope. Boyd, who had sained control of his

who had gained control of his films, began releasing them to the new medium.

Hopalong Cassidy has be-some the hottest character in the entertainment business today. The studios, which had considered Boyd a has-been, slowly realized how big he had grown and began dan-gling deals. Paramount won

"It was something I had prayed for—to go back to the studio where I got my start," said Bill.

You can bet that the deal is a sugary one. It will start with a co-starring opus with Bing Crosby.

"Tm trying to talk them into billing it 'Bing and Hoppie in 'Hi Pardner,"' Those are the two hottest personalities in the business today and everyone should know them by their first names," declared Boyd.

The deal also calls for some Hopalong Cassidy westerns on a big scale. "I'v done about all I can with Hoppie in the cheap pictures." he said. "Besides, you can't make them cheaply anymore. It's time to give the character more scope, more production values."

If Boyd had any doubts about the power of Hoppie, they were dispelled during his recent eastern jaunt. An estimated 350.

turning in triumph to the studio where he started at \$30 a week 30 years ago.

"That's right," smiled Hoppie, whose contract with Paramount is nearing the ink stage. "I started there 30 years ago under a five-year contract. My begin-ing salary was \$30 and it was to rise to \$75 at the end of the contract.

"But after three years they were paying me \$80 and figured that was too much, So I got fired."

Boyd left the studio to score

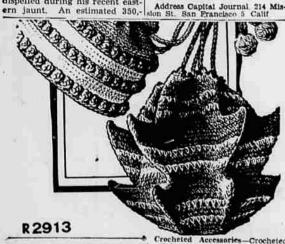


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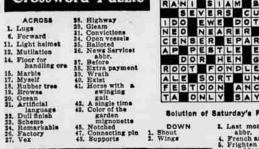
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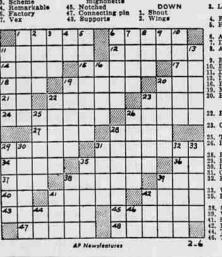
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Palmer theorized that the in-crease was due to a limited numbed of large stamp sales,

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