

Minor Depression in Hollywood Seen When Color TV Comes In

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Dore Schary, production head at Hollywood's biggest studio, predicted today a minor depression will hit the movie industry when color television moves into American living rooms.

But the MGM executive believes the dip in movie patronage will not be as bad as the one brought about by the arrival of TV a few years ago, and Hollywood has no reason to worry about its future.

"After the first thrill of seeing color, the public will again demand more adequate entertainment," Schary said. "Then TV will be back where it is today."

Has Proved Faith

Schary has proved his faith in the future by mapping an 18-month program to produce 44 movies that will cost an estimated \$90,000,000.

"We are working hard and aiming high to make them good," he said in an interview. "Our

lines of demarcation with television are now drawn. A pattern of 'co-existence' has been set."

Schary said television is taking over the exhibition of so-called "routine" pictures while MGM and the other big film studios will turn out "important" ones at costs averaging \$2,000,000 each. Or three to four times as much, as in the case of a forthcoming re-make of "Ben Hur" by MGM.

Some Great Ones

"We don't promise great pictures all the time but some will turn out to be great even though we don't know which ones," he said. "Hollywood has never found the magic formula, but what we have found is new enthusiasm and new energy."

The "important" pictures to come off the MGM assembly lines won't follow a definite pattern, the production chief said, but will be "like stories in a newspaper that range from front page news to inside features on a variety of subjects."

The MGM menu ranges from the spectacular "Ben Hur" to a film of Lillian Roth's autobiography "I'll Cry Tomorrow" and a science-fiction thriller called "Forbidden Planet."

Established stars will continue to occupy most of the limelight, but Schary said there will be more effort to get the right actor for each role rather than to rely on stars who happen to be available under contract.

A film currently before MGM cameras stars Richard Widmark, Lauren Bacall, Charles Boyer and Lillian Gish, none of whom are MGM contractees. This, Schary, explained, wouldn't have been possible in the "old days."

Schary believes the technical innovations of the past two years have induced people to return to movie theaters but they have served their purpose.

Hollywood, he concluded, cheerfully, is back at making pictures instead of frames.

WHEAT LEAGUE CHANGES

Spokane — (U.P.) — The Washington Wheat League Friday dissolved its ties with the Washington State Farm Bureau Federation and reorganized as the Washington Association of Wheat Growers.



HE REALLY MUST—An 89-year-old retired Bakersfield Vt., farmer has "always liked children" and Moses P. Ryea's life proves it. He has had 23 children. He is shown here with his second wife and their 14th child, Alan, who was born only four months ago.

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

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Washington — (U.P.) — What's new in Washington:

The Department of Commerce's "gold coast" is sporting a new coat of paint. It's green.

The so-called "gold coast" is the spiffy hallway where Secretary Sinclair Weeks and other biggies in the department hold out. It used to be painted ivory and no one about can remember when it ever was painted gold.

And while we are in the Commerce Department:

When Austrian Chancellor Julius Raab paid a call on Weeks, the secretary offered his guest a cigar from the silver box on his desk. The box was stuck.

Weeks was a little red-faced since he used to be in the silver business, but the chancellor still wanted a smoke. So a small boy went to an outer office to produce another box—one made of

wood. It worked.

The building trade in Washington and around the country is advertising "Buy now and move in before Christmas. We'll put holly wreaths on the door and a big red and green ribbon (tied in a pretty front knot) all the way around the house. We'll even decorate the tree and plug in the lights in the front room."

Edgar Bergen, the ventriloquist, has set up shop in an office in the Mayflower Hotel. He is doing a new show here these days. Up in suite 450 he has his two dummy dependents—Charlie McCarthy and Mortimer Snerd. They are in wooden boxes at the moment, taking up space and costing rent.

The Northwest German radio station, according to the Pentagon, has made a survey of television in West Germany. Some of the findings are interesting. The survey was made by telephone in five cities. Of the listeners, 60 per cent have attended only grammar school. Thirty-four per cent are high school graduates, but only six per cent have attended college.

Most popular programs are movies. Second comes sports with live drama next. Last in the public favor, for some reason, is the broadcasting of religious services. Only 16 per cent of the persons queried liked commercials. Only 19 per cent of those polled could take more than six hours of TV each day.

The Army has an interesting report on one Capt. William T. Thomas Jr. of Hempstead, L. I. He was minding his own business tooling down Champs Elysees in Paris when the doorman at a fancy hotel waved him down.

Before Thomas knew what was up, bell-hops were swarming about his machine and stuffing bags and people in every available space. The captain used his tongue, but nothing came out but English which the doorman either didn't understand or ignored. "I thought it was a gag," the captain said. It wasn't. Next he was ordered to drive to the Saint Lazare Station. He fumbled around, going along with the gag and finally found the station. Turned out the folks in his car were soon to return to their home in New York City. "Look up my sister in Hempstead," shouted the captain, as he refused a fare.

The New Yorkers promised.

Youths in Jail As Assault Charged

Oregon City — (U.P.) — Three Portland men were being held in the Clackamas county jail here today after allegedly assaulting a Portland youth with a broken bottle in a traffic altercation early yesterday.

Noel Daniel Cayo, 19, was in serious condition at Portland general hospital with a slash wound in his neck.

Charged with assault with a dangerous weapon in connection with the case were Richard Norman Olney, 30; Clifford Leslie Timm, 22, and Jonathan Carl Olney, 20.

Police said Cayo's two companions told them the assault occurred after they narrowly escaped a collision with a car driven without lights. When the youths shouted for the driver of the other car to turn on his lights, the car stopped and its three occupants attacked the three youths in the other car.

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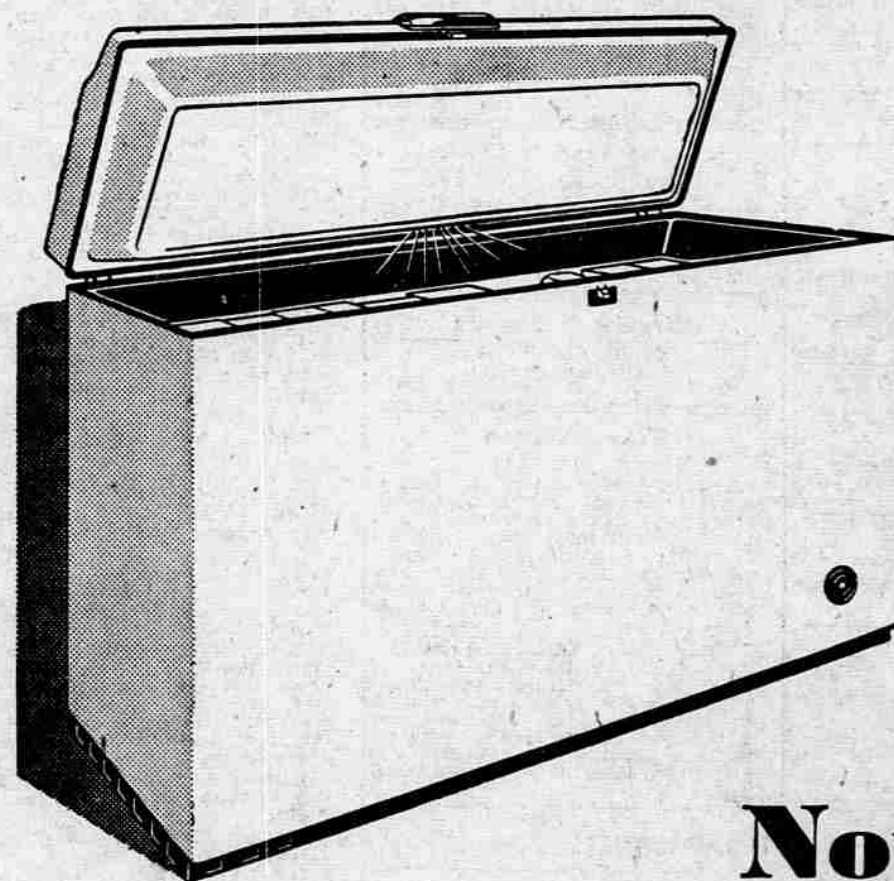
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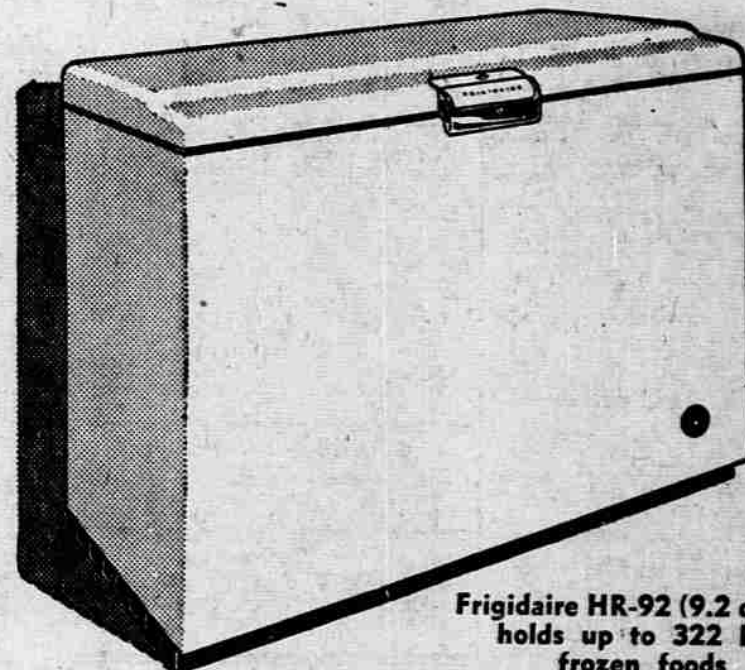
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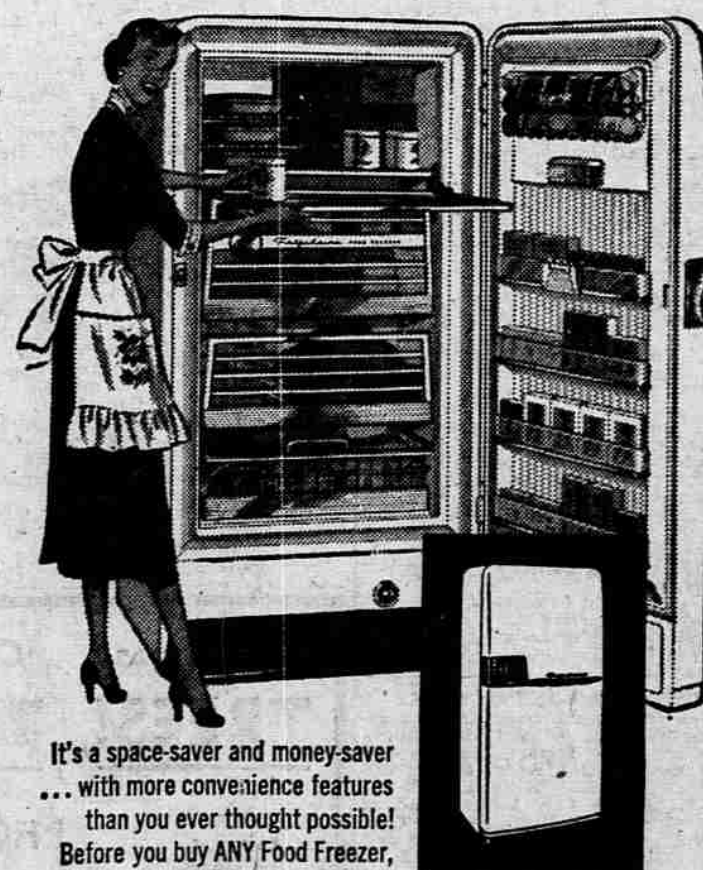
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