

Around Hollywood

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Hollywood—(U.P.)—Jack Benny and Bob Hope have turned down small fortunes to appear in Las Vegas nightclubs, but their nightclub debuts in Hollywood this week—for \$25.



One hotel in the gambling city offered Hope \$50,000 for only three days' work. Benny could rake in \$200,000 for three weeks of cracking gags in Las Vegas any time he gives the nod. The comedians say no on grounds they're busy making fortunes in other mediums.

But this week they worked hard at one-night stands, two shows a night, in the swanky Mocambo on the Sunset Strip for a handful of change.

Big Heart Exposed
Behind their debut on the saloon circuit is a story of the big, sentimental heart of show business. Now and then it is exposed in this often heartless town.

Charlie Morrison, the likeable, well-known proprietor of Mocambo, became ill Jan. 19 and has been confined to his bed at home ever since.

Last week Marie Wilson decided the nicest get-well card his movie star customers could send Charlie would be good business at the club during his absence. She offered to appear at Mocambo one night to entertain. The idea spread, and customers who have sipped champagne and wiggled the mambo at the nitery, from Benny and Hope to Dan Dailey and Jane Russell, offered to pitch in and be the floor show for one-night stands.

Since such appearances can not be made for free, because of

union rules, each star has to be paid the union minimum of \$25. **Playing To Packed Houses**

Other celebrities who are playing to packed houses during the 11-day tribute include Van Johnson, Bud Abbott and Lou Costello, Jeff Chandler, Lisa Kirk, Gordon MacRae, Ann Blyth, Dinah Shore, the Ritz Brothers and Joanne Gilbert.

Each star in his act pays tribute to Morrison. He's been a show business fixture for 31 years since his days as a Broadway agent for Milton Berle, Gus Edwards, Sophie Tucker and other performers.

Because Charlie lies in bed every night at show time, his pals tape-record each show so he can hear the tributes when he feels better. His wife, Mary, and daughter, Marilyn, ex-wife of Johnny Ray, take his place at the club.

"I tip-toe into the house every night but Charlie waits up to hear what happened," Mrs. Morrison said. "Then he cries his eyes out."

"He's so thrilled by this. He keeps saying, 'This is a landslide. It's just unbelievable.' His heart is so full. And his doctors say it's helped him a lot."

"Charlie says, 'This usually does not happen to people who are alive. They have to die to get such a tribute.'"

Eugene Man Placed On Probation by Judge

Portland—(U.P.)—Clyde L. Metcalf, 34-year-old employee of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce, was placed on two years probation by U. S. District Judge Gus J. Solomon Friday for violation of federal income tax laws.

Metcalf pleaded guilty to failing to file an income tax return for 1951. He was ordered to pay an assessment to make up the 1951 tax.

Deetz' Milk Bill Said Designed To Protect Producer

Salem—(U.P.)—The milk bill Rep. Elmer Deetz, Canby dairyman, promised he would draft if the milk marketing control act was repealed, has been completed and will probably be ready to go to committee Tuesday, he said Friday.

Deetz, the dairy farmer who clashed with the Milk Marketing Administration over his sale of raw milk by the gallon jug to his neighbors, said the bill is designed to protect the producer. The milk marketing control act was repealed by the voters last November.

Assumes Minimum Price

Deetz said the measure in no way attempts to control the distributor other than to assure the producer a minimum price for his milk. The aim of this, he said, was to protect the producer in event of price wars between distributors. He said in previous milk wars, the producers had to bear the brunt, sometimes to the point of being priced out of business.

The bill provides for strict accounting and auditing of distributors to assure producers of the exact amount of milk sold as top grade, and the amount going into manufacturing.

Four Lowest Months Used

It provides that the producer's quota or contract with the distributor will assure the producer of a given daily amount of milk sold as grade A at top price, based on his four lowest months of production the preceding year. This would be determined by March 1 each year.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo



Central Point Names Officer

Central Point—Joseph D. Walsh, 27 of 706 Victory st., Apartment 1, was hired Thursday as night police officer at Central Point, according to Police Chief Oran Chastain.

Walsh is a former Medford city policeman and was an officer on the Bridgeport, Conn., police force from 1949 to 1952. For the last eight months he has been employed as a solicitor for the Business Service Bureau, in this area.

effective last night. He fills the vacancy left by the resignation of Bruce A. Bishop, who went to Portland to edit a CIO-International Woodworker publication. Bishop's brother, Alan M. Bishop, has acted as temporary officer until a permanent one could be obtained.

Walsh is married and has four children. Crop control and government aid to farmers aren't entirely new. A minimum price was set on tobacco in 1631.

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Portland Student Wins State Oratory Contest

Portland—(U.P.)—Arden Shenger of Portland's Grant High School Friday won the state American Legion oratorical contest here. He would compete in the regional contests at Helena, Mont., March 28.

Second was Fred Lockyear, Tigard Union High School. Lynn Yarnell, Marshfield High School was third and James Walten, St. Joseph's Academy of Pendleton was fourth.

Statistics show that seven per cent of farm owners in the United States own 54 per cent of the farm land. In the south, land holdings are even larger with three per cent of the owners owning 46 per cent of the land.

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