



BLOSSOMING—Doris Thompson enhances the beauty of the Redbud trees in Lake County where hills and valleys of Northern California's Redwood Empire are ablaze with their crimson colors each April.

Around Hollywood

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Hollywood—(U.P.)—A former film studio messenger girl has returned triumphantly to Hollywood as the movie's only female writer-producer-director-editor with her second highly-praised film under her trim belt.

Only a few years ago Ruth Orkin was running through the halls of MGM Studios to deliver mail and coffee to famed executives and movie-makers. "But I could see," she smiled today while here on a visit from her New York home, "that it would take me years to get any place in such a big organization."

Critics Raved
This year the husband-wife team is drawing raves from the critics again for their second home-made effort, "Lovers and Lollipops." Like their first picture, the second full-length film was shot entirely in New York, with the big city as their set.

"We couldn't make these films without my husband's small movie camera," she explained. "That way we can shoot in Macy's without anybody knowing it. And, as magazine photographers, we learned to be inconspicuous."

Some 15 persons invested in the Engels' first picture, and two people are backing "Lovers and Lollipops." The budget for the do-it-yourself movie is a secret, because it's so low "it would be embarrassing" to reveal, they said.

Child Featured
"The Little Fugitive" featured a small boy, and "Lovers and Lollipops" also stars a child-borrowed from the Engels' neighbor. The couple gave the child, a nine-year-old girl, presents during the shooting to keep her interested.

Ruth was not only the co-writer, co-director and co-producer of "Lovers and Lollipops" with her husband, but she also edited it and works as her own press agent. She even acted in the picture. "The last day of shooting we needed somebody to portray a baby-sitter so I stepped in. It was an emergency," she said. "My back was out of whack so I had to play the scene lying down. When we previewed the film, people thought that scene was such a wonderful touch!"

BURNING 'EM UP
Milwaukee—(U.P.)—Alderman Peter Hoffman explained why he always carries packets of matches advertising his opponents: "I like to use up their matches, just to get them out of circulation."

UNDERGROUND COLOR
Stanton, Mo.—(U.P.)—Visitors to Meramec Caverns here this summer will be able to watch color television as they make their rounds underground. Owner Lester B. Dill is installing the sets.

Surprise Witness Heard at Fong Trial

Portland—(U.P.)—The defense called a surprise witness in the Wey Him Fong murder trial here yesterday who related that she once had heard 16-year-old Diane Hank threaten to kill herself.

Mrs. Ethel M. Snell, a cleaning woman, testified that one time when in the Fong home late in 1953, a young Chinese youth visited the one-time Fong baby sitter and that Diane was upset when he left.

"If he stands me up again, I'll kill myself," Mrs. Snell quoted the Hank girl as saying.

She also testified that Diane took a pill and fell asleep and that later she was unable to awaken her.

Earlier in the day, Wey Him Fong had taken the stand and denied he had ever given any barbiturates to Diane Hank. He is on trial for the second time for murder in connection with the girl's death in 1954.

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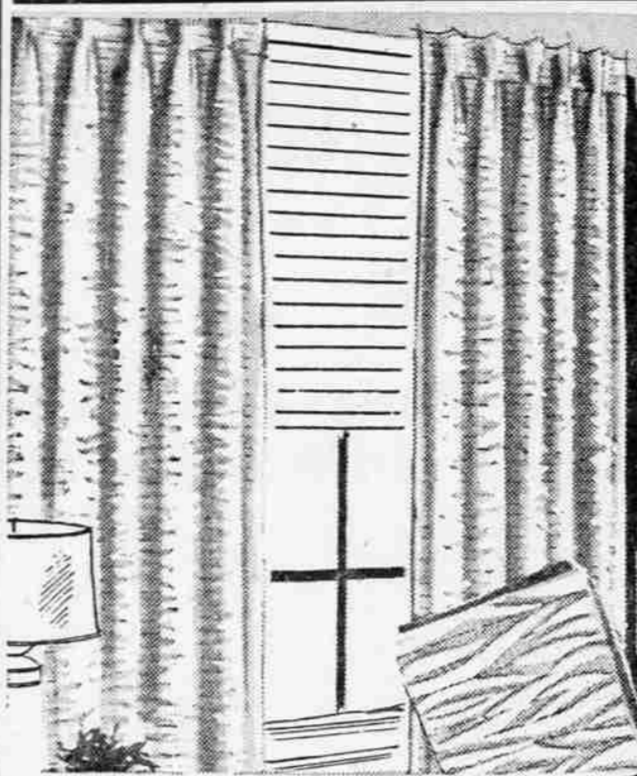
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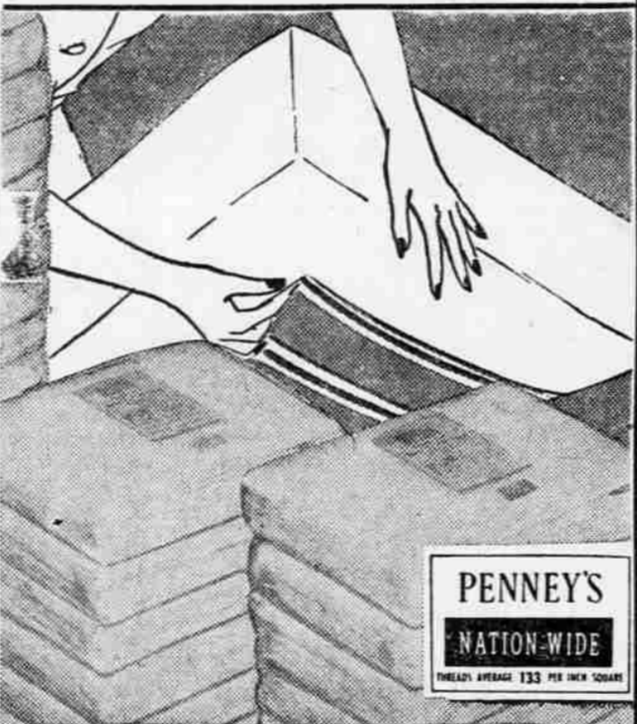


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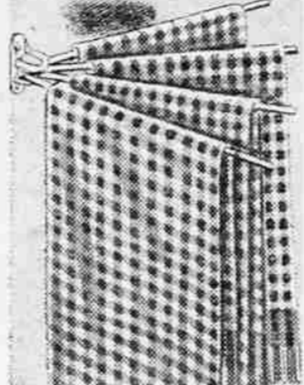
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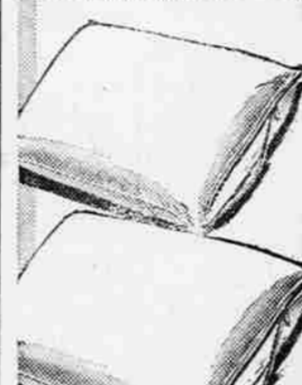


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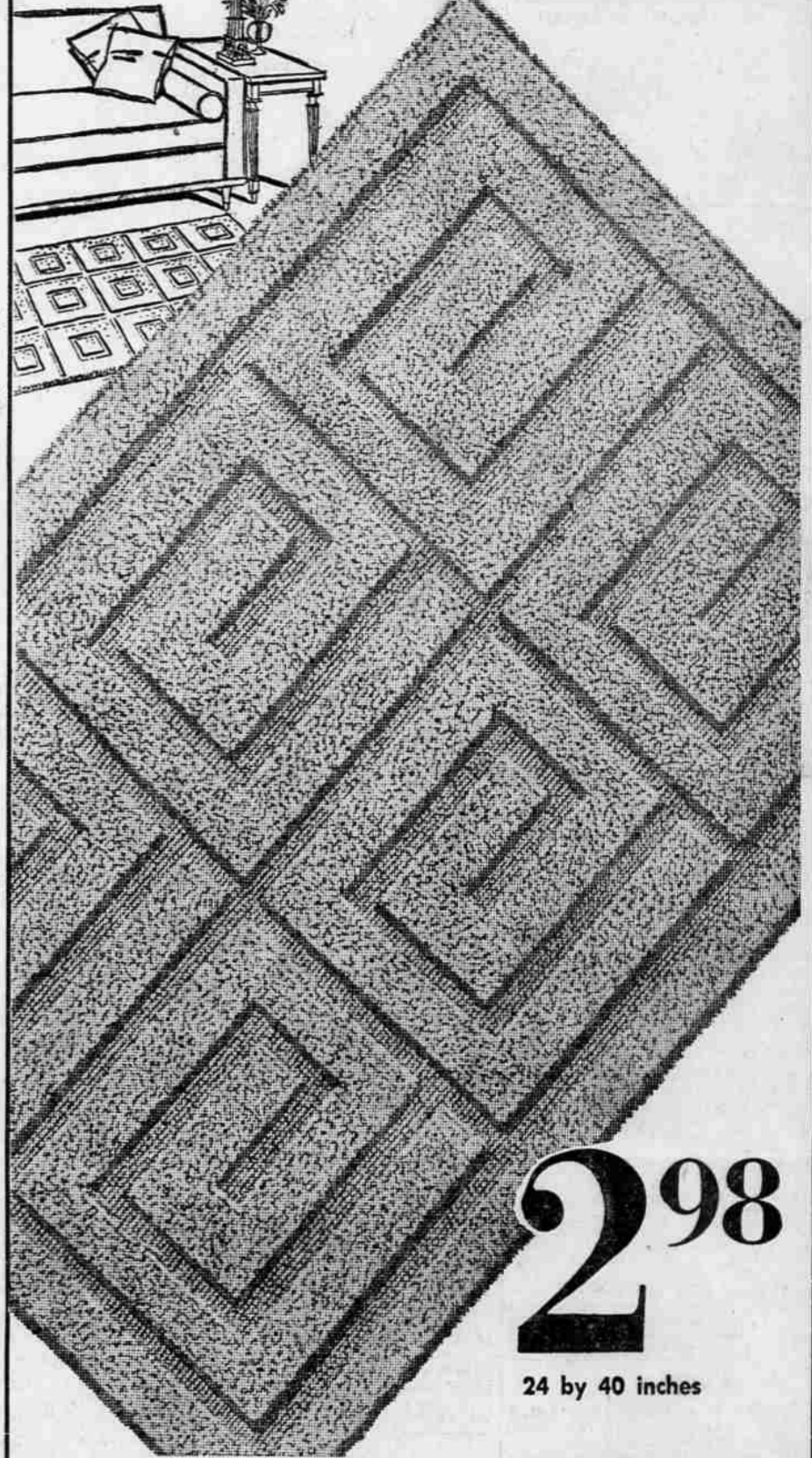
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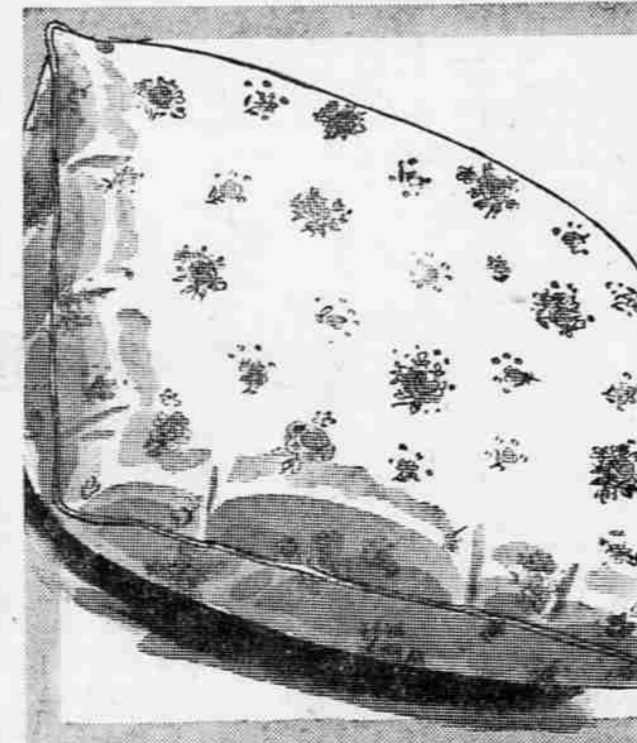


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