



HOUSE BROTHERS QUARTET . . . Bill, Tom, Dan and Dave . . . as it will appear in the fifth annual barber shop parade at the Pelican Theater April 12. The brothers, now ranching in Bly, will be just one of eight quartets scheduled for the parade so far this season. Other quartets will represent the entire Pacific Coast.

'Veep' Takes a Dim View Of Hollywood D.C. Fables

By **ERSKINE JOHNSON**
HOLLYWOOD (NEA)—Exclusively Yours: It's been kept quiet, but Vice President Alben Barkley was said to have been opposed to MGM making its new Van Johnson picture, "Mr. Congressman," and at first refused to lend Washington's official government buildings as backgrounds.

The studio finally changed the Veep's attitude by getting veteran newsmen Cecil Dickson, a close friend, to intercede.

Reason given for Barkley's hostility: His anger over two other Hollywood movies about the Capital, "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town," and "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington."

Hollywood's first big heartbreak story of 1952 is the surprise blow-up of Gail Russell's movie comeback as George Raft's co-star in "Loan Shark."

Although "illness" has been given as the cause of her withdrawal from the cast, Gail had regained her health and was all set to take her place again in the Hollywood sun.

The real story: Shock and concern over the injury of her brother in an auto accident, unnerfed her to such an extent that she was unable to continue with her role.

There's a serious wobble in the marriage of the Dale Robertsons.

Big topic of conversation among the girls around Hollywood is Elizabeth Scott's collection of diamond baubles, bigger than Zsa Zsa Gabor's. All gifts from her Mr. Big.

Attention Lana, Betty (Kern), Ava and Kathleen! Artie Shaw's first book, "The Trouble With Cinderella," is an **AUTOBIOGRAPHY**. It hits the bookstands in May and is reported to explain Artie to the world.

Marilyn Nash, who was Chaplin's leading lady in "Monsieur Verdoux," is starring in "Come Back, Little Sheba" at the Pasadena Community Playhouse, but not saying "come back" to hubby Phil Yourdan, the writer. They may divorce.

One new novel that will positively not be purchased by Fox is

"Roman Comedy," by Whitfield Cook. Both Clifton Webb and his mother are steaming over the characters of a famous movie star and his mom drawn by the author.

Rita Hayworth is on a lean steak-and-tomatoes luncheon diet. But how does she count the calories in her usual two pre-luncheon cocktails?

While other comedians are yelling for film shows to save their TV careers, Bud Abbott and Lou Costello quietly are celluloiding half-hour comedies just as fast as they can.

Thirteen are on film and another 13 are in production at the Hal Roach studio.

"They're due to hit the TV channels in the fall. All have the same cast—Bud and Lou, Gordon Jones, who plays a cop, Hillary Brooks, Sid Fields and "Bingo," the chimp "with the human brain." In one film Lou and the chimp plays checkers and the chimp wins.

"But," Lou's protesting, "he beats me only three out of four games."

Now it can be told: Gloria Grahame turned down the factory-girl role Shelley Winters played in "A Place in the Sun" in favor of another film, "In a Lonely Place."

Jack Paar's definition of an agent's contract: "Mein Kampf in small print."

For the sake of the record, despite English complaints that Bob Hope and Bing Crosby are not good golfers: Both conform to the British amateur handicap limit. . . . "The Ruth Etting Story" is on the story docket at Paramount as the story starring film for Rhonda Fleming.

There's a drama that's not in the script on the set of "The Story of Will Rogers." Will Jr., is learning all of his Dad's famous rope tricks from Ben Pitti, a circus rodeo star and one of his late father's pals.

Thirty years ago Ben taught riding and roping to Will, Jr., and the two other Rogers children.

Angela Lansbury is the first Hol-

Budget Slash Call Applauded

WASHINGTON (AP)—Lawmakers studying President Truman's \$85,444,000,000 budget Friday applauded a demand by Senator Byrd (D-Va.) that it be cut by nearly nine billion dollars.

Some members of the Senate Appropriations Committee expressed doubt Byrd's goal could be achieved, but the idea of a substantial reduction won an election-year endorsement.

ANALYSIS

Byrd, a leading economy advocate, made public Thursday a detailed analysis and a proposed downward revision of the Truman budget for the fiscal year starting July 1.

"The Byrd budget," as he described it, calls for spending of \$76,800,000,000 or \$8,600,000,000 less than Mr. Truman proposed.

His proposals included: Wiping out entirely a proposed 2½ billion dollars in economic aid abroad, saying any continuing need in that field would be met by "overlapping" military assistance to friendly foreign nations. Such military aid, Byrd said, should total \$7,900,000,000 instead of eight billion dollars as requested by the President.

CUT ITEMS

Cutting \$2,700,000,000 from a total of \$2 ½ billion dollars he listed in the President's budget for this country's military program. He said \$1,250,000,000 could be saved in salaries and overhead in the armed services.

Slice three billion dollars from the \$10,600,000,000 the administration wants to spend on various domestic civilian programs.

lywood movie queen to follow the natural birth procedures advocated by British obstetricians. Her son was born at home . . . Mitzi Gaynor is denying she'll wed Richard Coyle on her birthday in September. But the marriage date, said Mitzi, may be set at that time.

Gig Young, handed an award for his alcoholic role in "Come Fill the Cup," expressed disappointment over the scroll and cracked: "Really, I expected a statuette of Ray Milland."

Annual Dance Review Set

The Klamath Junior Follies has scheduled its annual Dance Review for the Pelican Theater stage Feb. 29.

The Follies consists of some 75 youngsters from the Isa Dorah Moldovan dance school here, and includes youngsters from Malin, Tulelake and Tennant.

Ballet, eccentric, tap and Hawaiian dances are to be included in the Review, which is scheduled to take the stage during a break in the regular movie schedule at 9 p.m. the last day in February.

However, according to the Pelican theater management, no extra admission will be charged for the added attraction.

Spangler Aids Woman Grocer

SALEM (AP)—Mrs. Mamie Doby, a 60-year-old widow who is struggling along in Baker by renting a few rooms and running a little grocery, got her license Friday to sell bottled beer.

She got it because her prohibitionist friends went to bat for her.

Since 1939, Mrs. Doby has rented the upper floor of her two-story home at 4th St. in Baker to railway mail clerks.

Downstairs she has her little grocery, which nets her less than \$100 a month.

The Oregon Liquor Commission was inclined to deny her license Friday because her store is so little.

But when L. B. Russell, the Commission's license supervisor, told Mrs. Doby's friends were for her, the Commission granted the license.

She had a petition signed by 91 persons, and more than 20 of them are among Baker's outstanding citizens. The city of Baker approved, and there wasn't a single protest.

W. A. Spangler, Klamath Falls, one of the three Commission members, said he used to know Mrs. Doby when he lived in Baker several years ago.

He was all for her, too.

Loan Gimmick Aids Busted

IITHACA, N.Y. (AP)—Cornell University has a financial gimmick that's sparing some dads pleading letters from "temporarily busted" students.

A \$5 bill has been tacked to a glass-encased bulletin board at Statler Hall. A card attached to the bill reads:

"Anyone who is temporarily busted may borrow this \$5 for three days. See secretary for key. Write your name on card. We turn card over on fourth day, exposing your name, unless the \$5 is back for the next person."

The bill has been borrowed five times. The card never has been turned over.

Dog Licenses Increase

About 1,100 dog licenses have been sold for 1952, County Clerk Charlie DeLap reported today, almost twice as many as were sold in the corresponding period of 1951.

Deadline for dog license purchases is March 1, and after that a \$1 penalty is added to the price of \$2.50 for females, \$1.50 for males and spayed females.

MIRRORS
 Room in the Home!
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Several Granges Seek Liquor Advertising Ban

SALEM (AP)—The Oregon Liquor Commission was asked by several county Granges Friday to ban all liquor advertising, but the Commission took no action on the request.

Seven county Granges—Hood River, Wasco, Clackamas, Jackson, Linn, Washington and Columbia—asked that liquor advertising be banned on grounds it promotes intemperance and crime and has a bad effect on youth.

The Commission said that Oregon's regulations on advertising are the most strict of any state. The state liquor law gives the Commission power to control, regulate or prohibit liquor advertising.

The Commission has regulations which ban advertising that is false or misleading, appeals to children, shows persons drinking, suggest that athletes use liquor, or that is obscene or indecent.

Radio stations are allowed to carry liquor ads only from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

William A. Bingham, liquor administrator, said he expects every county Grange in the state to ask for the ban on liquor ads.

Robert Elstrom, Salem, chairman of the Commission, pointed out that at the November, 1950, election, the people overwhelmingly defeated a bill that would have banned the sale of liquor that is promulgatively advertised.

Arnall Takes Over at OPS

WASHINGTON (AP)—Michael V. DiSalle stepped down Friday as the nation's price stabilizer.

Ellis Arnall, former governor of Georgia, took his place.

DiSalle left for a New York vacation. He returns to Ohio early next week to campaign for the U.S. Senate.

'Fair Trade' Law Opposed

WASHINGTON (AP)—The National Grange has expressed opposition to "fair trade" price laws which it says maintains high profits for the middleman.

Lloyd C. Halvorson, an economist representing the farm group, told the House Judiciary subcommittee on monopoly Friday, "We do not believe in laws that fix a 150 percent margin than competition would set."

Freedom Voice Going to Sea

WASHINGTON (AP)—The nation's first sea-going "Voice of America" radio station, designed to combat Soviet jamming and reach new listeners behind the Iron Curtain, was to be commissioned Friday at Hoboken, N. J.

The State Department said the cutter Courier will carry the most powerful transmitting equipment ever installed on a ship. It includes a 150 kilowatt transmitter, with three times the power of the largest American broadcasting station.

Dr. Wilson Compton, head of the "Voice of America" agency, described the cutter and its long-range equipment as "another electronic weapon for combating Soviet jamming and to enable the Voice of America to cover areas beyond the reach of present broadcasts."

The department said the cutter using captive helium gas balloons 69 by 35 feet in size to carry its radio antenna aloft while at sea.

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LOS ANGELES (AP)—Actress Patsy Lydon, 26, has filed a divorce suit against Johnny Meyer, 45, on public relations director for industrialist Howard Hughes.

Bingham reported that the Commission would hold a hearing in Albany next Thursday to try to find out who sold the liquor to the youths who were involved in the fatal automobile accident near Lebanon last Saturday night. Four youths were killed and two were injured.

Bingham said he has a pretty good idea who sold the liquor. The seller could be punished by loss of his license, \$500 fine and six months in jail.

The Commission said it would move May 1 from its Portland offices to its new headquarters on the top floor of the State Highway building in Salem.

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