

STAR DUST

MOVIE AND RADIO

By VIRGINIA VALE

THE Helen Vinson-Fred Perry marriage didn't surprise anyone, of course; it had been launched with rumors and denials for too long. But, as always happens when people marry, friends are saying, "Why did she marry him?" and "Do you think it will last?" Meanwhile Helen is looking more beautiful than ever (she has a beauty secret that would be a boon to all girls if she'd

let it be made public) and it's reported that her bridegroom will act in pictures.

Bing Crosby's pretty home has grown too small for himself, his wife, and his three boys. So he's sold it to Al Jolson, who presented it to his mother-in-law, and now Bing's planning to build a bigger and better one. On the side he'll make pictures, and do ninety-seven broadcasts in the next two years.



Bing Crosby

It is really the duty of Major Bowes to make a tour of the country; the thousands of people who listen to his amateur hour each Sunday evening ought to have the pleasure of meeting him, for he is one of the most delightful people on the air.

He is one of those charming, gentlemanly men who never push themselves forward—so you can imagine how he stood out when he was involved in the motion picture industry. For years he presided over the destinies of the huge Capitol theater, in New York, and all news paper people there, who had any thing to do with the movies knew him. The genial Major, when he entertained them, did it as if he wanted to—not as if it were a duty.

Major Bowes' gifts were suited to the recipients; it seemed, always, as if he had chosen them as he would select gifts for his friends. Instead of buying them by the dozen, they were always handsome, practical, and just what the gift-ee wanted.

It's not surprising that his radio programs are such a success; the most frightened amateur couldn't resist his reassuring friendliness and interest.

Michael Bartlett gave a party after his recent broadcast, a party that will go down in the annals of radio and movie folk as one of the nicest ever held.

Of course you remember Michael Bartlett; he's the chap who was so good in Grace Moore's "Love Me Forever" that the picture had to be cut so that he wouldn't steal it. Not that he wanted to steal it; he just couldn't help himself. He'll be making more pictures soon.

In the usual course of events his party would have been a mad scramble of Broadwayites and news paper men, many of whom would drink too much, few of whom would know who was giving the party, or care.

Bartlett asked his family and his friends from his home town in Massachusetts. Telegrams of congratulation poured in in huge batches, of course—the ones he read aloud were not from head liners, but from home town folks whom his favorite guests would know.

The lights went out, and a big cake, lighted with candles was brought in—and it developed that the day was his sister's wedding anniversary, and that she, not he, was the guest of honor.

They expect big things of Michael Bartlett in Hollywood and on the air—and don't you think that he deserves them?

Incidentally, some one asked Bartlett if he found Grace Moore impossibly hard to work with. According to rumor, she's extremely temperamental.

"Not at all," he replied. "No one could be nicer."

Remember a picture made years ago, called "Four Devils"? It was about four young acrobats, and Janet Gaynor was the star. Mary Duncan, who had a brief career in pictures and then married into high—very high—society, was the vampire, in clothes that nearly killed her beauty. It's to be done again, with Louise Rainer in Janet's role and Gloria Swanson as the vamp. Mean while, what's happened to Janet's career?



Janet Gaynor

ODDS AND ENDS . . . Myrna Loy's going to make "Wife vs. Secretary" and then "After the Thin Man" . . . Wallace Beery's back from Europe. His daughter, Carol Ann, brought seven dolls, one from each country they visited. Clark Gable's love of tricky

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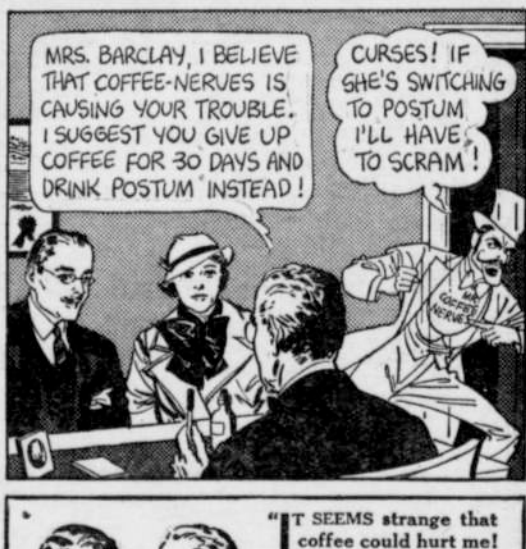
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