



Hollywood Cavalcade

Directed by Lyle W. Nash

THE PLAYERS . . . Greta Nissen has been located and lost again. Film buffs L. Allan Smith and George Smith traced and contacted the elusive petite Norwegian star living in Southern California. Recently she was reported living in the Santa Ynez, Calif., area but her whereabouts at the moment are unknown . . . Kid movie actor Dick Winslow still performs his one-man-band act in Hollywood night spots . . . Ish Kabibble, sad-eyed-comic musician with Kay Kyser's band, is now a Honolulu realtor . . . Iris Adrian, as full of zest and the love of living as she was in the early days of sound films, loves to meet her loyal fans.



Historian-writer William E. Julison, Grand Forks, North Dakota, completed his 1973 poll on all-time Western film favorites. Tom Mix was selected as King of silent films while Buck Jones was named greatest star of Western talkies. Big Jim Arness was named top attraction in TV westerns. Jones got the MVP Award (Most Votes Polled).



FAMED director Clarence Brown talking about the Golden days of the 20s and 30s said: "We didn't just make movies. We made myths and they should be preserved. Why tear down something you've spent years building up?"



FILM fans and tourists had a big night of nostalgia just before Thanksgiving in Hollywood. Coast Federal S & L hosted a premiere type party and welcomed many well remembered stars. Among those attending were Corinne Griffith, Jack Mulhall, Darla Hood, Anita Page, Vivian Duncan, Astrid Allwyn, Marjorie Main, Lyle Talbot, Fifi D'Orsay, June Lang, Jane Withers, Frances Lederer, Martha Scott, Miliza Korjus, Minta Durfee Arbuckle, Marquerite Chapman, Ruth Clifford, Evelyn Brent, Babe London, Larry Fine, Jean Hagen, Carter DeHaven, Virginia Grey, George Montgomery and Marie Windsor.



DOROTHY Lamour is a charming and considerate film star. So says David Chierichetti. Me, too. While reporting a Hollywood film happening I had difficulty in identifying movie folk attending. Miss Lamour was extra gracious and helpful. That's why the press has ever been fond of the lovely lady who did so much for the sarong.



NEWSREEL . . . Clark Gable's Encino, Calif., ranch home and acreage has been sold to redevelopers . . . Gig Young used his own name in the 1942 Warner Bros. film *The Gay Sisters* . . . Our Gang heroine Darla Hood is filming a series of TV commercials . . . Ditra Flame, the "woman in black" of the Valentino legend, still lives in Southern California . . . Beloved Jimmy Durante is mending after a 1973 stroke laid him up for months . . . French actress Danielle Darrieux wants to star in the American play *Applause* when it comes to France.

TO readers are asking about William Janney . . . They want to know of newsreel collectors or buffs (especially the silent era) . . . One reader keeps hoping someone will find a collector who knows about lost First National films (silent) . . . Another seeks the whereabouts of Davey Lee who was *Sonny Boy* in the *Singing Fool* of 1928. Information would be shared for one and all.



IN 1923 John Hampton knew that his career would center around silent films. He started to show them in Oklahoma. He has been doing that for the last 51 years. For the last 31 years he has been operating his Silent Theatre in Los Angeles. John and his wife, Dorothy, enjoy the rare modern film that is clean, but both have a special fondness for the silent movie. It is a nice way to make a living — doing what you enjoy most.



W.C. FIELDS *By Himself* — His Intended autobiography with commentary by his grandson Ronald J. Fields is worthy reading. Lots of it is in Fields own words . . . There is a surprising revelation of how he really felt about children . . . and illustrated with 100 photographs, posters and drawings of the life and career of this most complex entertainer.



QUESTION: "How many movie theatres have been named after film personalities?" Answer: Virtually none. In a 1928 listing of 20,000 American theatres none were found to be named for a movie person. By 1960 two in California had been named for Mary Pickford and Humphrey Bogart. Theatre names on the most part were short, dull, dreary and unworthy of the world of make believe shown inside. Some nothing sample names: Bijou, Pike, Rex, Isis, Gem, Imp, Kop, Uno, Crip, Apex and Star. After 40 years in films a Buena Park, Calif. theatre was named for John Wayne.



SELECTED SHORTS . . . Veteran director George Marshall will appear in a film as an actor this year . . . Greed and petty bickering keeps the Bette Davis and Miriam Hopkins film *The Old Maid* off TV . . . When Crane Wilbur passed on Hollywood lost a rare breed of man. He was a handsome matinee idol, producer, director, writer and talented stage actor . . . A famed literary light blasted Hollywood's midget thinking once with this shaft: "Hollywood loves misery if it can be shut off in 70 minutes for a happy ending."



FOR nearly 53 years Pasadena, Calif., had rigid film censorship and virtually nobody protested the illegal suppression of freedom. Most citizens were content to have the "gamey" films shown elsewhere . . . Contributions, comments or questions are welcome. Send to HC, Box 113, Pasadena, Calif., 91102. □