



Hollywood Cavalcade

Directed by Lyle W. Nash

WHO IS WHERE . . . Rudy Vallee, more gracious than ever to fans, gets mail at 7430 Pyramid Place, Los Angeles 90046 . . . Darla Hood (Granson), the real darling of *Our Gang*, gets fan mail at 12156 Bix St., North Hollywood 91607 . . . Kay Kyser, who learned the joy of giving a long time ago, may be contacted through the First Church of Christ Scientist, 107 Falmouth St., Boston, Mass. 02015 . . . Gene Autry still gets fan mail at 3171 Brookdale Road, North Hollywood 91604 or at KTLA Television, Hollywood 90028 . . . A reader says "Ann Harding, enjoys hearing from friends and receives mail at 4747 North Sepulveda Blvd., Sherman Oaks, Calif. 91403.

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WE GET LETTERS . . . "Madge Evans was a child star. I played for one of her films (Goldwyn) in 1920 when she was around 11 or 12. I was a theatre musician then." — Col. Harry J. Jenkins . . . "Valentino wanted very much the role of Ben Hur . . . but fate figured otherwise." — Cliff Ericksen . . . "Jeffery Lynn was selling insurance last time I saw him in Los Angeles. He seemed happy and did not miss his film work." — Neil Harvey.

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THE REAL NEWS . . . Twelve-year-old Tatum O'Neal, actress daughter of Ryan O'Neal, was named in the 1976 top ten of box office appeal by theatre owners. She is the first child star to make the list in 30 years. Not one adult actress was in the top ten . . . Sometime in 1977 expect to see a western movie called *Meanwhile, Back at the Ranch*. It will be a modern day western with a novel twist. It will have scenes from hundreds of old western films starring such greats as Tom Mix, Tim McCoy, Ken Maynard, Gene Autry, John Wayne, Hoot Gibson, Buck Jones and some 38 others. Sounds like a great idea.

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MOVIE fans have great memories. One reader noted this dialogue from a recent showing of the deMille epic of 1932 the *Sign of the Cross* with Claudette Colbert and Frederic March. Included were such modern lines as: ". . . You said you loved me . . . I tried . . . Don't be stupid . . . What else is there? . . . That's the truth . . . I don't know . . . Well, why not? . . . I doubt that . . . Something of the sort . . . Listen to me . . . How can you do this? . . . This is stronger than both of us . . ."

THE FRONT PAGE as a remake of the 1931 epic is pretty poor porridge . . . Roscoe Fatty Arbuckle had 14 brothers and sisters . . . Press agents really turned on the words for the 1931 *Cimarron*. One ad line said: ". . . and an assemblage of superlative artists." Hardly any of that kind around any more . . . More than 300 actors auditioned for the Cary Grant role in the new Mae West picture almost completed.

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QUESTIONS: "Did Jack Benny ever have any singer other than Dennis Day?" Yep. First came Donald Novis, Kenny Baker and Dennis Day. Larry Douglas filled in while Day was in the military service . . . Hopalong Cassidy had eight sidekicks (at least of record) including: Rand Brooks, Brad King, Jay Kirby, Jimmy Roger, Andy Clyde, Russell Hayden, Jimmy Ellison and George "Gabby" Hayes . . . I thought everyone knew that Montie Montana was born Owen Harlan Mickel in 1910 . . . Westmore in Hollywood means make-up genius. The six boys came from a family of 19. The boys had 18 wives and sired 14 children. The Westmore make-up dynasty continues. Only Frank is alive. Sons and daughters are carrying on.

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SHORT SHORTS . . . Roy Rogers says his current film is his 88th since 1938 . . . Average age of guests at the Motion Picture Country House is 81 . . . Actress Estelle Winwood is going strong at 93 but she did not start her film career until she was 71 . . . A literal word-by-word translation of the Bible using the rare language spoken by Jesus Christ is underway in Hollywood and Europe. It will require 30 years to complete. First episode of *Genesis* has been shown in Hollywood . . . Fans report some luck in having the Screen Actors Guild, 7750 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood 90046, in forwarding letters to members who are VERY POPULAR right now.

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THE END . . . Frankie Darro died in late December 1976 . . . Unverified addresses: Dorothy Jordan, 1360 Monaco Drive., Pacific Palisades, Calif. 90272. Margaret Lindsay, 1307 N. Weatherly Dr., Beverly Hills 90211.

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