

Star Dust

STAGE-SCREEN-RADIO
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ONE of the fifteen magazine models now working in "Cover Girl," starring Rita Hayworth, will begin her real movie career with a complete wardrobe. The Cover Girls are contributing a dollar a week apiece for 13 weeks, to be set aside as a "career starter fund." The full amount—\$195—will be matched by the first star, making \$390. The first Cover Girl who receives a bona fide screen offer after finishing her role at Columbia will win the entire amount, to be spent on a wardrobe.

Joan Leslie, co-starred with Fred Astaire in RKO Radio's "The Sky's the Limit," made her film debut five years ago as a child actress in their "Laddie"; she was Joan Brodel then. She moved right along, play-



JOAN LESLIE

ing opposite Gary Cooper in "Sergeant York," and Jimmie Cagney in "Yankee Doodle Dandy." A year ago Astaire saw her dance and said: "One of these days she's going to be my partner!"

Leslie Howard, young daughter of a famous father, is all set to carry on a famous name. Remember how very good she was in her radio appearances? She makes her film debut with her father in "Spitfire." Another daughter of a famous parent, Mary Hayes, daughter of Helen, makes her bow with her mother, this month, in a special Girl Scouts' radio program.

Walter Brennan, Hollywood's only three-time Academy Award winner, celebrates his 25th year as a film character actor while he's appearing in Samuel Goldwyn's "North Star." And his youngest daughter makes her debut, as his granddaughter.

Real French-Canadian troops make their film debut in the Commando raid sequence of the Merle Oberon-Brian Aherne film, "First Comes Courage." We're told that Commando tactics never before revealed to the public are demonstrated by the 300-men tank force which performed for the cameras at Beecher Bay, Vancouver Island, B. C. It was looked on as excellent combat training for the troops.

Open house for servicemen in Hollywood is a daily routine of hospitality in the Harry Sherman studios; an average of 30 soldiers, sailors and marines has been watching Albert Decker and Claire Trevor in "The Gunmaster." Sherman has also opened his sound stages for parties for men in uniform; the other night 150 soldiers were invited to informal festivities at the end of the day's work.

Jennifer Jones, who landed the lead in "The Song of Bernadette," nearing completion, has joined the all-star cast of "Since You Went Away." Claudette Colbert plays the young mother; Shirley Temple and Jennifer are her daughters.

Wendell Niles was unable to get overseas passage with Bob Hope, so he stayed home to be actor-announcer on Johnny Mercer's Music Shop, the summer replacement for Bob's program. Mercer is going to double from his radio show to write Metro's "Ziegfeld Follies."

If those red and blue ration coupons have been bothering you, be sure to see the latest Lum and Abner picture when it comes your way. The famous Jot 'Em Down Store of Pine Ridge, Ark., is the scene of all sorts of mixups with the coupons, sugar and coffee tickets, and Lum and Abner's duties as air raid wardens and ration board and tire inspectors as material.

ODDS AND ENDS—Jose Iturbi's making a film for Metro, in which he portrays himself . . . Louis Armstrong, No. 1 trumpet man, is the laundry's best friend—used a dozen handkerchiefs for mopping purposes one morning recently, while recording for "Jam Session" . . . Betty Hutton has played a girl who earns her own living in every one of her pictures to date. . . . Lupe Velez had her first case of stage fright when she had to handle a very young baby in "Mexican Spitfire's Blessed Event"—the fact that the baby could work only two minutes at a time was all that saved her!

Transform Axis Stronghold Into an Allied Base



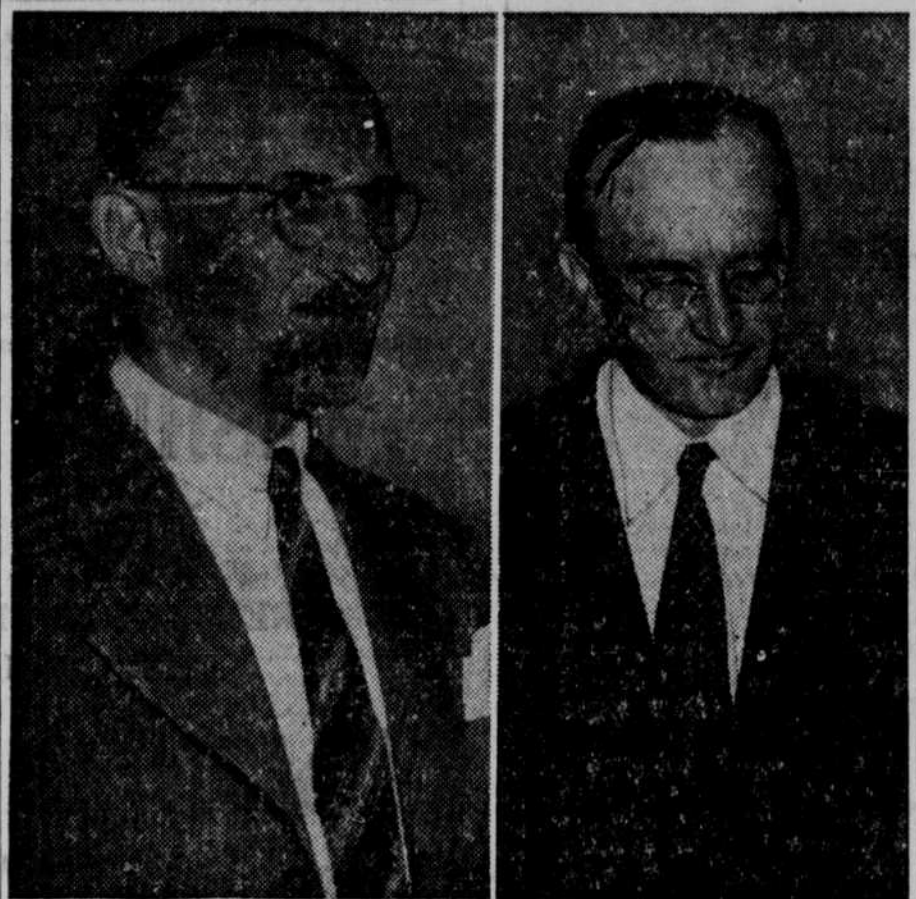
After surrender of Panteferia, a series of patrols was organized to search for stray enemy units and snipers. At upper left three British fighters pick their way through a battered street. At upper right a bulldozer clears away rubble as the island is turned into a base for use against the Axis. Italian soldiers, marines, and sailors stand in line (bottom) waiting for transportation from the former Axis stronghold.

French Girls Help Stage 'South Sea Scandals'



Servicemen in the South Seas pooled their talents, added some local Fighting French girls and put on a show entitled "South Sea Scandals." At left is the opening with Corp. George Donlevy. Gordon H. Pfeiffer, Fleet Musician USMC (center) is featured in an imitation of the thorough work of the censors. At right the girls of the show are pictured getting ready for a performance.

Seized by FBI in Spy Hunt



These two men have been arrested as spies by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Erwin Harry De Spretter (left) had been making gun sights for our armed forces. He admitted guilt in connection with sending information to Germany. Ernest Frederick Lehmitz (right) was known as a highly efficient air raid warden. He is accused of informing Germany of U. S. convoy movements.

Fighters Put on Their Armor



Members of a crew of a Flying Fortress are shown helping each other on their armored flying vests at a United States bomber station in England. Made of tough manganese steel, these vests protect the airmen from flak shrapnel and fragments of cannon shells. A quick pull on a rip cord causes the vest to fall away from the body.

Hurdles to Health



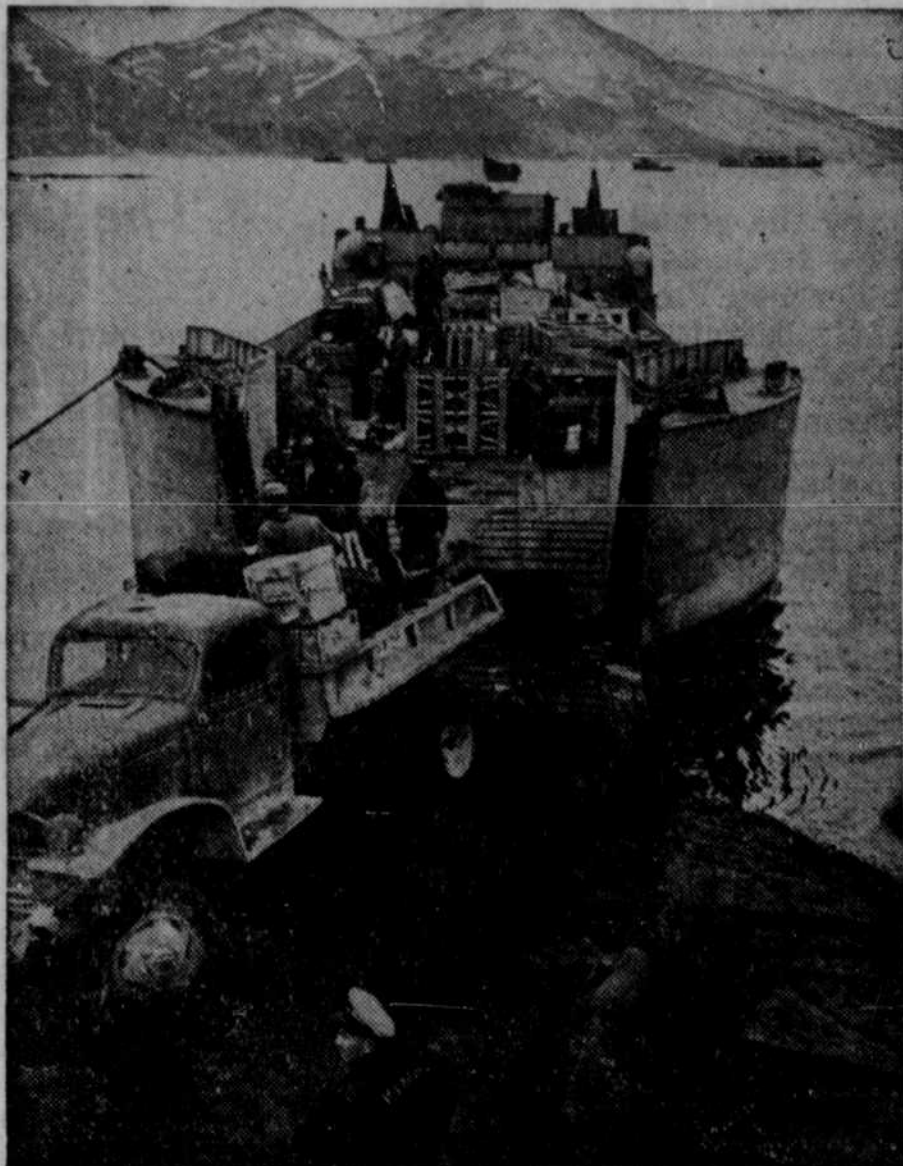
Wounded American soldiers now take special exercises in hospital gymnasiums to rehabilitate their injured limbs and muscles. Private Ralph Johnson is assisted over these foot-high hurdles by Sgt. D. D. Gilbert. They are hospitalized overseas.

Food Administrator



Judge Marvin Jones, second in command to Economic Stabilizer James Byrnes, is sworn in as war food administrator by Chief Justice S. Whaley of the United States court of claims.

Seabees Move In as Battle Rages



Even as American and Japanese forces on the Aleutian island of Attu blasted away at each other, Seabees of the navy set up bases, supply centers, and generally started military housekeeping. Here a truck carries supplies from a landing boat somewhere along the shoreline.

In Prison at 13



Edward S. Dew, 13-year-old school boy of Newburyport, Mass., is pictured striding into the state prison to begin a 14 to 20 year term as the youngest inmate in Massachusetts history. He was convicted of manslaughter in connection with the hammer death of a 72-year-old spinster.

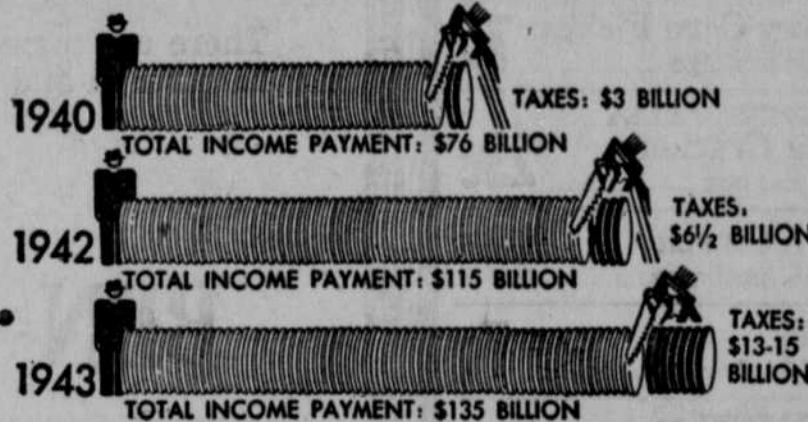
Reunion



Senator Alben Barkley of Kentucky proudly poses at Randolph Field, Texas, with his granddaughter, Dorothy Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Barkley. This was the first meeting of Miss Barkley and her grandfather and was the first time the senator had seen his son since 1941.

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INCOME PAYMENTS AND TAXES



July in the North Atlantic



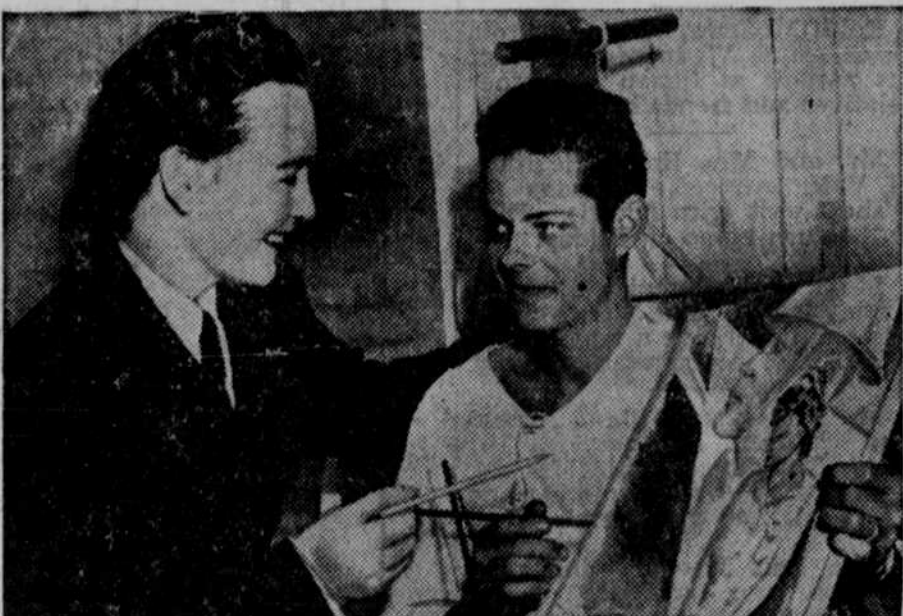
It's summer, but these bluejackets on a United States navy aircraft carrier scrape ice and snow off the flight deck as their ship lies at anchor at a North Atlantic port. The planes are Grumman Avenger torpedo bombers. A German publication recently explained the reduction in U-boat activity by stating that the use of aircraft carriers to protect Allied convoys had taken the Germans by surprise.

Underwater Ballet



Scene from an underwater ballet routine performed in a Los Angeles swimming pool by Belita, an ice-skating star, and her partner, Bob Billard. Belita claims that underwater ballet helps to perfect her sense of rhythm and grace.

Art Aids Healing of Fighters



A painting by Marine Pvt. Charles West meets the approval of Miss Florence Hislop, New Zealand member of the American Red Cross who instituted a program of occupational therapy for convalescing servicemen in a U. S. naval hospital there. Included in the program are the arts of leather tooling, painting, and wood carving.

Flying Garage



A jeep is shown being loaded into one of the huge gliders being built for the army. The noses of the gliders are hinged. They are towed to the destination of their cargo by bomber planes.