

# Ex-Burlesque Comedians Doing Good In Pictures

## Costello And Abbott Argue Way To Money

### Pair Continue Battles Even When They Are Not Being Paid For It

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HOLLYWOOD, March 1 (UP)—When a couple of graduates from Minsky's burlesque can battle at lunch about who is building the biggest swimming pool on his private rancho, you can be pretty certain they're doing their arguing in Hollywood.

The private swimming pool proprietors in this instance are the Messrs. Lou Abbott and Bud Costello, the guys who used to fill in on the stage of the 42nd Street theatres with gags and funny sayings.

On the stage, at the microphone, and before the cameras the little gent with the squeaky voice, Mr. Costello, is fighting constantly with Mr. Abbott, the city slicker. They aren't kidding, either. They'd rather fight than eat. They keep it up even when they're not paid for it.

The argument about their swimming pools, which still are in the process of construction, became so hot at the Universal studio restaurant we thought maybe Mr. Abbott was going to take a poke at Mr. Costello.

"Oh no," said he, "I wouldn't want the little runt; that's how we get our gags, fighting all the time."

"Nuts," replied Mr. Costello. "And so on. This must be tough on the nerves, if any, but it seems to pay dividends. They've appeared in only two movies so far and already they're near the top of the heap of picture comics."

In 1928, Lou Costello was a stunt man in Hollywood. Came sound and he fled Hollywood. Everybody said anybody with a voice like his would be a menace to the talkies. He joined a talk show in St. Joseph, Mo., and eased from there in burlesque. After a couple of years he was playing in a house in Brooklyn. His straight man took sick.

There was a fellow in the box office, selling tickets, who wanted to be an actor. Named Bud Abbott. He teamed up with Costello and first thing they knew they were in vaudeville. Their act consisted of Mr. Abbott twirling Mr. Costello of all his belongings. It was pretty funny. Kate Smith saw it and asked them to be guest artists for one night on the radio. They kept that up for 26 straight weeks. By then they were set as radio comedians.

## WASHINGTON - TP RECEIPTS TOP EXPENDITURES

(Lima News Bureau)—  
WAPAKONETA, March 1—Receipts exceeded expenditures by \$145.29 for Washington-tp, the area surrounding New Knoxville, in 1940, according to the annual report compiled by Clerk J. H. Holtkamp which listed \$7,258.19 in receipts and \$7,112.90 in expenditures.

The receipts included, taxation, \$2,952.79; sales tax, \$200.04; gasoline tax, \$2,950; inheritance tax, \$22.18; clearcut tax, \$6.19; miscellaneous, \$28.99; and beer license tax, \$100.

Payments included: general executive services, \$990.50; clerk salary, \$391.42; poor relief, burial, \$17.50; health association, \$75; road maintenance and repair, \$2,743.55; road materials, \$1,154.97; road machinery and tools \$1,512.14; cemeteries, \$3.60; miscellaneous, \$189.08; general supplies, \$10.15; and Memorial Day expenses, \$25.

The township's balance at the start of the year was reported at \$3,234.88, and at the close, \$3,680.17. The district has a tax valuation of \$2,209,270 and a tax rate of 2.30 mills.

## P. A. TO STAGE PLAY FINDLAY

FINDLAY, March 1—Mt. Cory Parent-Teacher-assen will present the play, "The Mills of the Gods," by Eugene O'Neill, Friday, March 21, in the school auditorium. Members of the cast include Russell Elzay, Mildred Morrison, Muriel Steiner, Mrs. Paul Henry, Burnett Powell, Wayne Westall, Mrs. Earl Hamilton and Clarence Reiter.

CONCERT LISTED SUNDAY  
FINDLAY, March 1—Findlay's Civic Choral society and Civic orchestra will present its first 1941 concert in the form of a miscellaneous program at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the high school auditorium. Wendell Sanderson will direct the chorus while G. Austin Kuhns will lead the orchestra.



SHE IS IN HIS POWER

June Duprez is in the toils of "Conrad Veidt in the State's 'The Thief of Bagdad.'"

## Gay Picture Flashing On Quilna Bill

Wow! That's a perfect one-word description for "Tall, Dark and Handsome," gay new film at the Quilna theatre. It's a picture that has laughs, excitement, romance, grand music and a top-notch featured cast headed by Cesar Romero, Virginia Gilmore, Milton Berle and Charlotte Greenwood.

Bristling with brilliantly funny dialogue, studded with hilarious situations, "Tall, Dark and Handsome" is gay and exciting.

Funny as it is, the new film has rip roaring drama, and a fine romance between suave Cesar Romero and lovely Virginia Gilmore, newcomer who appears to be going places fast on the screen. With emphasis on the unexpected, "Tall, Dark and Handsome" is a real entertainment package.

Things start happening with the rapidity of Tommy-gun fire when the dapper, big-shot gangster, Cesar Romero (who hasn't the heart to kill), is attracted to comely Virginia Gilmore, a department store nursemaid. Posing as a "father," Cesar induces Virginia to take a job as nursemaid in his palatial home.

Cesar is taken for a "ride" . . . but lives to watch his own funeral! All the men he has "rubbed out" come to life and in a madcap finish he gets his adversary put behind bars.

The entire cast, which also features Stanley "Stash" Clements, Sheldon Leonard, Frank Jenks and Barnett Parker, turns in effective, convincing performances. Four new, catchy tunes by Leo Robin and Ralph Rainger are blended into the glittering night club scenes.

## LOCAL SCOUTS PLAN CAMPOREE

Boy Scouts of Allen-co will hold a district camporee on May 23 and 24. It was announced Saturday, by F. O. Fockler, district commissioner, who asked that all patrols intensify their camping activities so they will be able to make a good showing at the district camporee and also at the council camporee in the new camp site near Defiance June 13, 14, 15.

A Court of Honor was announced for March 24 to be held in Central high school.

For the benefit of scoutmasters, assistant scoutmasters and troop committeemen who have not completed their elementary training work, a series of training meetings will start on March 21 and continue each Friday over a period of eight weeks. After the first three weeks, sessions will be devoted to troop operation. A large number of scoutmasters are expected to participate. The training courses will be conducted by the training committee, headed by W. P. Dudley, 1016 Richie-av.

A city-wide project in which all Lima troops will engage will involve the beautification of city property and the planting of trees by each troop.

Henry Laravie reported recent progress in the field of cubbing and recommended that troops assist in the organization of cub packs in their sponsoring institutions.

The South Pacific island of Yap uses stone coins, some of which weigh more than 100 pounds.

## NEWS IN COLORED CIRCLES

Social Items, Lodges, Societies, Personals

Rev. B. L. White, who conducted services at Fourth Street Baptist church for the past two weeks, returned to his home in Marion, Ind., on Saturday.

Last Tuesday evening Rev. and Mrs. Leroy C. McGee entertained at dinner in their home, Oakland-pkwy, for Rev. B. L. White of Marion, Ind. Rev. M. C. Pollock, pastor of the A. M. E. church, Rev. and Mrs. G. J. Johnson, pastor of Second Baptist church.

Lima quartet union will give its regular monthly program Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Fourth Street Baptist church.

Mrs. Lydia King was hostess to the Ladies Aid of Second Baptist church Wednesday evening in her home, S. McDonel-st. Those present were Mrs. Hazel Watson, Mrs. Rosie McGruder, Mrs. Lura Brown, Mrs. Grace Webb, Mrs. Fannie Baker, Mrs. Gladys Lewis, Mrs. Emma Wilson, Mrs. Flora Haightcock, Mrs. Florence Cook, Mrs. Ada Carr, Mrs. Catherine Brown, Mrs. Ora Byrd. The Aid will meet in two weeks at the call of the president.

Mrs. Nora Shoecraft will be hostess to the Needlework club Friday afternoon in her home, W. Wayne-st.

John Hunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hunter, was hurt in Marion, in shop work and now is in Marion hospital.

Mrs. Joseph Whitaker and two daughters, Nancy and Sonja, of New York City, who have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Nancy Bobson, for two weeks, have returned to her home.

Mrs. Ethel Roddy of Chicago is visiting her mother and friends.

The Nonpariel club met with Mrs. Charles Moss, S. Nye-st, as hostess Wednesday afternoon. Included in attendance were Mrs. Dulce Black, Mrs. Mary F. Barnett, Mrs. Frank Jackson, Mrs. Elmer Brown, Mrs. Anna B. Crockett, Mrs. Harold Harper, Mrs. Wallace Stewart, Mrs. Harold Haightcock, Mrs. L. P. Jones, Mrs. John Moxley, Mrs. Lehman Black. An old-fashioned spelling bee was conducted.

The Aeolian club met with Mrs. Linnie Richardson Thursday afternoon in a business session. Members attending were Mrs. Louise Haightcock, Mrs. Alberta Davis, Mrs. Martha Burden, Mrs. Mattie Turner, Mrs. Josephine Vaughn, Mrs. Hazel Clemens, Mrs. Tina Tucker, Mrs. Clara Haightcock, Mrs. Erna Haightcock, Mrs. Nora Shoecraft, Mrs. Erna Haightcock who was hostess in two weeks.

The Baptist Ladies league will present the following program Sunday evening, March 9, at Second Baptist church: solo, Raymond Beasley; recitation, Diana Phillips; duet, Cecil and John Henry Lester; recitation, Patsy Ware; song, Vivian Lester; duet, Bertha Reynolds and Marguerite Cotman;

## PERRY JUNIORS TO GIVE PLAY

The Music department of Perry Junior High school will present the operetta, "Paints and Patches" Wednesday at 8 p. m.

The cast follows: June Davis, Margery Sidener, Ruth Kerr, Nancy Jacobs, Marguerite Settlemente, Martha Johnson, Mary Werff, Helen Frank, Bill Hunt, Adrian Shoemaker, Harold Henderson, John Quinn, Robert Terrell, Charles Moehler, Junior Butterfield, Bernard Morris, Rufus Williamson, Harold Ridemour, Richard Rudibaugh, Mary Anderson, Miss Sidener, Dorothy Burgess, Margaret LaPoint, Mrs. Ellen Frank, and Mrs. Harold Younkman.

recitation, Marilyn Phillips; trio, Janet Black, Harriet Harrison, Evelyn Reynolds; recitation, James Lester; pantomime, "The Old Rugged Cross," Rose and Dorothy Jones, Bertha and Ruth Reynolds and Doris Marie Brown.

Samuel W. Clark lodge entertained members Tuesday evening with a program and lunch, F. T. Woods was principal speaker.

The program for the Quartet union meeting on March 9 will be: selection, by Henderson Four quartet; solo, Sonny Woodley; group selection, by Junior Five quartet; numbers from Second Baptist; group selection, by Gospel Four; solo, Lestine Ewing; group selection, "Heavenly Rest"; piano solo, Bennie Jones; group selection, Star quartet.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howard of Third-st announce the marriage of their daughter, Louise, to Overton Sauer, son of Mrs. Mary Gibson, of Lima. A candlelight ring ceremony was conducted Saturday night in the home of the bride's mother with Rev. Leroy McGee officiating. Miss Dorothy Lyons and Sam Howard were attendants. The bride was dressed in a dark blue princess dress with white lace collar and corsage of roses, sweet peas and carnations. A beautiful wedding cake trimmed with rosebuds and a miniature bride and groom decorated the table. About 75 friends attended the ceremony. The couple will reside at 109 E. Third-st. Sauer is employed at the Argonne hotel. Mrs. Sauer is employed by Dr. A. A. Dalton.

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## NITE LIFE FOOTNOTES

WALDO—Break out of that chimney corner. Forget the war willies and whip into this sure-cure sanatorium for the howling fidgets. Dim out the doldrums and get a touch of the march hare wildness. Either grill or rathskeller will do the trick.

BOXY ORILL—A must-do in any man's tour book. Prime potables and elegant eats. Also fast chatter provided by the barkeeps. Good spot in the daytime—even if you just want to eat.

CASTLE FARM—Limaville's showiest showplace. Some shakes, and we don't mean jitters, in the floershows. Come out and meet the girls. Serge Fockler and Frank Schirmer double in drums, emcee opening and formal introductions.

JUDY'S CAFE—Bock beer time is practically upon us, so polish up the old suds bucket and get ready to rush the growler.

MILANO CAFE—A slight touch of spring weather (that was a slight shaft of sunlight today, wasn't it?) always makes me long for this place, my second home. Make mine a steak. Frank. Smothered in lamb chops. And landscaped with horns of beef.

PARK CAFE—Really, folks, you haven't been out and among 'em until you've checked into this N. Jack-on-st refreshment haven.

COURT CAFE—Operated with considerable swish and salsam by Richard (Harding) Davis, the incomparable.

ANDY'S CAFE—The interior is a study in blue, but the mood of Andy's devotees is tinged with anything but that shade. A mighty fine establishment.

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## Simone Simon To Be Guest On 'What's Your Idea' Show

Petite French Actress Will Have Lead In Dramatization Of One Of The Ideas Submitted By Listener

Simone Simon, petite French actress, will make a guest appearance on the premiere broadcast of "What's Your Idea," Sunday at 6:30 p. m. over WEA-F. Simone will have the lead role in a dramatization of one of the ideas submitted by listeners for presentation on the program.

The "What's Your Idea" series will feature as regular members of the cast Ted Fio Rito and his orchestra; Little Jackie Heller, tenor; Nelson Olmsted, master of ceremonies; Cliff Williams, announcer; and Candy Candido, entertainer with Fio Rito's orchestra.

Conrad Thibault, baritone, will sing "I Give You My Word" and Lucy Monroe, soprano, will be heard in "Quiereme Mucho" when they make their debut as new stars of "Manhattan Merry-Go-Round," Sunday over WEA-F at 9:00 p. m. Together they will be heard in duets of "Mexicali Rose" and "In the Hush of the Night."

Jack Benny and his gang will remain in Palm Springs for another week and will again present their WEA-F broadcast from the Plaza theatre in the famous desert resort at 7:00 p. m. Sunday.

If you tune in the WJZ's "Behind the Mike" program at 4:30 p. m. Sunday you'll hear a recitation of "The Shooting of Dan McGrew."

Bette Davis and Brian Aherne will be guests on the Screen Guild show Sunday, in a radio dramatization of "Jane Eyre," at 6:30 p. m.

Lucille Ball will be the guest of Charlie McCarthy and Edgar Bergen, Sunday at 8 p. m.

"The Thief of Bagdad" is adventurous, romantic spectacle at its best. The screen is literally dominated by the immense crowd scenes in dazzling Technicolor and the magic and "miracles" in the picture leave one in breathless amazement. The Flying Horse, The Magic Carpet, The Dancing Dolls, The All-Seeing Eye and a Djinni who changes at will from a titan 200 feet high into a tiny being who can fit into a bottle, are but a few of the memorable feats accomplished in this picture.

Needless to say, "The Thief of Bagdad" utilized new and revolutionary as well as secret technical methods in achieving the spectacular sequences that, far from ever having been equaled, have never been attempted before. In short, it brings the exciting, mystic essence of ancient Persia to the screen in all its glory.

Board of directors of Bradford Center will meet Monday at 7 p. m. Reports will be given of activities in January.

The Comwolei club will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Thursday night the Comwolei club is presenting Findley and Hill, local magicians, in a public program at the Center. A chili supper will be served after the program.

The public speaking class will also meet at 8 p. m. Thursday. Friday there will be a panel discussion on etiquette. This is one of the joint programs of the Siemra Amigas club of YWCA and Comwolei club of Bradford Center. The persons taking part in the panel are: Jules Hatchet, King Chavous, Henry Ballard, Audrey Watson, Anita Cottman, and Muriel Young. The president of the Comwolei club is Llovd Watson and the president of the Siemra Amigas is Lucille Woodley. Refreshments will be served after the discussion. Members of the refreshment committee are: Muriel Young, Henry Ballard, and Anita Cottman.

Friday from 4 to 10 p. m. there will be activities at the Recreation-bldg, on E. Elm-st, Esker Brown, Thomas Campbell and Pearl Phillips, WPA recreation leaders, have charge.

Saturday from 2 to 4 p. m. the story telling class will meet at the center. Mrs. Pearl Phillips, WPA recreation leader, will have charge of this class.

The famous library of law and other books in the Middle Temple, London, founded in 1641, contains about 70,000 volumes.

## MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED DELPHOS

DELPHOS, March 1—Collette Friend, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Laune and owner of the Casa Nova night club near here, was married to Howard Metcalfe, an employe of the Delphos Bending Co., on Saturday afternoon at Wheeling, W. Va. The couple was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Barth of Wheeling. Mrs. Barth is a sister of Metcalfe.

Great Britain has a toy output valued at more than \$200,000,000 annually, in normal times.

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## SEEK TO EXPAND JOB BENEFITS

Ohio Bureau's Advisory Council Suggests Five Possible Methods

COLUMBUS, O., March 1—(AP)—The advisory council of the Ohio Bureau of Unemployment Compensation, without making a definite recommendation, today suggested five methods of liberalizing unemployment insurance benefits.

As for taxes levied on employers to finance benefits, however, the council in a report to Gov. John W. Bricker said there is an "inference" that the rate should be lowered.

It asserted that the insurance fund now contains \$175,000,000—enough to pay benefits at their current rate for seven years if no further contributions were received—and that the bureau is collecting twice as much money as is needed to meet the costs.

The legislature, now considering liberalization proposals, could adopt any one of the following methods, the council reported:

1. Reduction of the three-week period which claimants now must wait before receiving benefits;

2. Increasing the maximum weekly benefit, now \$15;

3. Extension of the duration of benefits, now 16 weeks;

4. Adjustments of the weekly benefit amount (now averaging about \$10.23) upward to an even dollar figure, or.

5. Adoption of a more liberal formula for computing benefits for total and partial unemployment.

Turning to the employers' contributions the council said they could be reduced by cutting the tax rates, now 2.7 per cent of the pay roll, or by lowering the individual employer's "excess" reserve, on which tax rates are based.

The council also recommended establishment by the legislature of a definite formula for determining the average weekly wage of workers, which is the basis for computing benefits.

## APPROVAL FOR REVISED SETUP BEING SOUGHT

COLUMBUS, March 1—(AP)—Thomas Conway Jr. and John C. Duffrey, receivers, asked a state utilities commission approval of a proposed plan of reorganization for the Cincinnati and Lake Erie Railroad.

The receivers sought to sell the Dayton City and Suburban Railway line, and transfer certain bus certificates to a new corporation known as the Cincinnati and Lake Erie Transportation Co. The new firm would issue 29,340 shares of \$20 common stock and also acquire assets of the C. and L. E. Bus Co., The Hamilton City Lines, Inc., Lima City Lines, Inc., and The Dayton and Suburban Railway Co.

Hearing on the plan, already approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission, was assigned for March 25.

## CENTER BOARD WILL MEET TO HEAR REPORTS

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