Johnson's Hollywood

By ERSKINE JOHNSON.

HOLLYWOOD — NEA — Producer Hal Wallis is introducing a stick French chick named Corinne Calvert as Burt Lancaster's leading lady in "Rope of Sand."

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It is Wallis' belief that Corinne is the hottest thing to Hollywood since they burned Ingrid Bergman at the stake.

"Honest," one of Wallis' press agents said, "this gal will raise your blood pressure. Come on over and we'll show you some scenes from the picture."

The press agent was mighty clever about it. A Paramount nurse named Lillian Rock was there to take my blood pressure while I looked at Corinne on the screen.

Nurse Rock is a professional lady, so of course she thought it was rather ridiculous. She smiled friendly-like while she unpacked her blood pressure gauge, but her eyes told me her heart wasn't in it.

She took my blood pressure—"128 over 76," she said.

Then I sat back and saw a sequence from the picture in which Corinne rips off part of her dress, trying to compromise Claude Rains in a hotel room. Corinne is mighty easy on the eyes indeed, and I was sorry that the film ended so quickly.

Nurse Rock took my blood pressure again.

"A hundred and forty-five over 76," she said. The disbelief was gone from her face. "I'll be darned," she said, "it really did go up."

I'm not sure whether it was because of Corinne or those onions I had for lunch.

"Stinks" Returns.

"Mr. Stinks" is back from the Army and there's a murderous gleam in the eyes of every producer and director in Hollywood. "Mr. Stinks" is a Hollywood character who has gone to almost every sneak preview in the past 13 years. He gets an audience reaction card and writes, whether the picture is good or not, "It stinks."

There can be 128 cards saying the picture is sensational but there's always that one ego-deflator from Mr. Stinks saying, "It stinks."

Then came the war and "Mr. Stinks" was drafted. He wound up in the South Pacific, and liking every motion picture they showed him. But now he's back.

Director Robert Siodmak showed me a batch of audience reaction cards on his latest film, "The Great Sinner." Two hundred cards raved about the film.

One was in familiar handwriting.

It read: "It stinks."

"I wish," Siodmak said, "that he was back in the South Pacific."

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Note from reader Howard Harris:

"I don't mind people eating popcorn in movie theatres, but the other night I went to see the French picture, 'Symphonie Pastorale,' and the guy in back of me was eating French toast."

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The James Masons' book, "The Cats in Our Lives," will hit the book stalls soon. Some of the cats are of the two-footed variety. . . . Albert Dekker, once a California state assemblyman, is finished with politics. His wife says so.

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Aside to pedestrians: Pioneertown, the new Hollywood for western films near Palm Springs, has a low set down by movie star president Russell Hayden. You can't drive your car on the main street. It's unpaved, will remain that way, and is only for horses and people.

Claudette's Cagey.

Claudette Colbert has a reputation for being as good a businesswoman as she is an actress. I asked her how she did it.

"When I'm in front of the camera," she said, "I try to be a full-time actress. When I'm in back of a camera, I try to be a full-time businesswoman."

Many a producer who has faced Claudette across a desk will attest to this.

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Radio Daily's Main Street col-umn gives this travelogue of a gag:

A 13-year-old high school humor editor originates a joke. Press agent clips gag. Joke appears in a Broadway column. Bennett Cerf reprints as anecdote which happened to Alex Woollcott or John Barrymore.

Famous toastmaster picks it up and relates it as happening on his way to the dinner. Radio gag writer at dinner swipes same for his next week's radio show. Night club comic hears it on the air and tells it at his cafe. High school teacher attending cafe hears joke there. They plan to come back and tells it to the principal of the school.

Principal remembers seeing it in school paper and drops the 13-year-old editor from paper for printing old jokes.

Boy quits school and becomes a $1,000-a-week gag writer.

THIEF TAKES FIERY REVENGE

COLUMBUS, O.—(AP)—A thief, apparently exasperated at finding only 15 cents in a cash register at Vivian's Beauty and Gift Shoppe, started a fire which caused about $1,000 damage to the shop.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Lyle Boyd, Van, and Madalyn Monks Pilewski, Oil City.

Heisters Corners

By MRS. WAYNE JONES.

HEISTER'S CORNERS, April 6. —Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moffitt and son, Rickie, of Maple Dale spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Snyder.

Mrs. Oliver Shiner and daughter, Saundra, were business callers in Stoneboro Saturday evening.

Revival services will continue this coming week at Center Church. On Tuesday evening, the Gospel Singers from WKRZ were there. They plan to come back this week and will announce the time on their broadcast.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowery Beach went to Elmira, N.Y., on Wednesday to attend the funeral of their son, Delbert, who was killed in action in Europe. Interment was in the military cemetery in Elmira.

There was a grass fire on Wednesday across the road from the school house. The Polk Fire Department came and it was soon under control without any damage.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mowry were business callers in Franklin Saturday.

Mrs. Orrin Snyder was a Franklin shopper Saturday evening.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rummel at the Franklin Hospital on Tuesday evening.

Rev. C. L. Hays, of Sandy Lake, was a caller in our community Thursday.

Wayne Hovis and children, Daryl and Gayle, spent Sunday afternoon with his mother, Mrs. Melda Hovis, of Polk.

Chuck Wheeler called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wheeler Sunday. Robert Wheeler has been on the sick list but is better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fox and daughter, Martha, of Franklin, called on Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hovis and family Sunday evening.

CHRONIC OFFENDER.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—UP — When police towed Ernest P. Housley's automobile to the city lot they found 10 unpaid overtime parking tickets inside a glove compartment.

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