



■ While Charlie McCarthy is locked up in his room, Edgar Bergen escorts Joan Valerie to a preview. Above right, Kay Kyser is back again in Hollywood talking over plans for his second film.



■ Below, when Blondie can get away from her business partner, Dagwood, she goes places with Robert Sparks.



■ Jim Bannon is a real, honest-to-goodness cowboy when he's not announcing on the Bergen show.

come into its own. In Hollywood, you'll find practically every film star toting one to and from the studio, where everyone on the set crowds around to hear the latest war bulletins. Bing Crosby has about nine of these midget sets. They're scattered in every direction. No matter where he goes, his ear is never off the radio.

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Between dives into Al Pearce's new swimming pool, the popular radio star told this amusing story about his first meeting with Henry Ford, the man whom Pearce claims is responsible for his present nation wide popularity. "Mr. Pearce," said Henry Ford, when they were ushered into his office, "do you think you can sell Ford motor cars?" "I don't know," replied honest Al, "but if you ever saw a man that needed a job worse than I need it, show him to me." "You'll need it no longer," concluded Mr. Ford. Two days later contracts were signed, and you know where Al Pearce is today.

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The day Kay Francis came to Hollywood Radio City to guest star with Bing Crosby was a hot one. Miss Francis came into the studio without a coat. Not until she faced the mike at rehearsal did she remember that she gets nervous unless she can keep one hand in her coat pocket. So she borrowed one from

Bob Burns—a trifle oversized but she read her lines without a single "blub".

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Oscar Levant of "Information Please," was hosted by all the stars, when he vacationed in Hollywood with his former actress-wife, June Gale.

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Lana Turner's completely overcome her nervous disorder and has fully recovered from her recent hospitalization. Lana, incidentally, will co-star with band-leading husband, Artie Shaw, in his next picture.

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Andy Devine was bitten by a black widow spider the morning I went out to his ranch for lunch. But it didn't phase Andy one bit . . . He rushed to a doctor—and rushed back to cook our lunch.

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Marriage bulletin: Ed Beloin, writer for Jack Benny, quietly married Powers model, Lynn Hayden, in Hollywood this month.

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Eddie Robinson, of the "Big Town" shows, owns one of the finest private art collections in the country. He will have two of his treasures on display at the New York World's Fair, and three other pictures on exhibition at the Golden Gate Exposition on Treasure Island, San Francisco. (Continued on page 79)

