



THE HAPPY ERWINS AND THEIR FOUR-MONTH-OLD DAUGHTER, RUTHIE

## Gene And Mary Love Their Baby With Heart-Touching Tenderness

DAYTON, Ohio (AP)—Gene and Mary Louise Erwin watch their only child with their hearts. Both blind, the Erwins are devoted to rearing 4-month-old Ruthie, the blue-eyed daughter they've never seen. It's a complicated and tender business, shared by mother and father. Gene mixes the formula, using an ordinary measuring cup with slightly raised meninges. Mrs. Erwin, with more than the usual pride and work in being a mother, washes the baby's clothes three or four times. She can't see the results and she wants to make sure the clothes are clean. "We wanted a baby for three years, and prayed for her," she said. In the Erwin household, everything must be neat and in place. The diapers, the nipples and the baby food when needed. Mrs. Erwin admitted that spoon-feeding Ruthie is difficult. She guides the spoon with a finger until she finds Ruthie's mouth. "We usually get more in her than we want on her," she said. Both time and play time are favorites for Ruthie. The Erwins use baby oil instead of powder, to avoid getting the powder in the baby's eyes. They bathe her face with soapsless water, to guard

## Phenix City Story Is Now Told On Film

PHENIX CITY, Ala. (AP)—A new film, "Phenix City," presented by Allied Artists, produced by Samuel Broderick and David Diamond, directed by Phil Karlson, screens at the Regency Theatre here today.

"Phenix City" is a lurid movie account of what went on across the river from Columbus, Ga., in the town where the pay of soldiers from Fort Benning went to build a little empire for prostitution, gambling, a s.d. narcotics racketeers.

The film is likely to give small children nightmares, filled as it is with sluggings, pistol whippings, and murder. One particularly shocking scene is the camera view of a Negro child, slain in the course of gang efforts at intimidation, shown dead and sightless after being tossed from the gangsters' car.

BASICALLY TRUE But the story is basically true. Al Patterson, nominee-elect for Attorney General of Alabama, was indeed murdered for fighting the vice of Phenix City, and his son John was elected attorney general in his place.

Martial law came to the town and at least temporarily cleaned up its sordidness. Obviously sensationalized for it is used for the best of the picture, nevertheless "Phenix City" does point out again the old truth that, in a democracy the moral well being of a community rises or falls in direct proportion to the interest in clean government or the apathy of its citizens.

## N.C.-S.C. Safety Winners Named

CHICAGO — (AP)—The National Safety Council Sunday named 48 organizations in 24 states as winners of its National Home Safety awards. They were cited in recognition of public service in home accident prevention during the year. In some cases, the organizations conducted safety surveys or educational programs, developed effective methods for classifying accidents and their causes or studied safety hazards.

Organizations cited included: North Carolina—Raleigh, North Carolina State Board of Health. South Carolina—Charleston, Charleston County Health Department, Charleston County Safety Council and Business and Professional Women's clubs.

## Lake Swimmer Reported Lost

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, Ont., Sept. 18 (UPI)—A swimmer, 25 of Orillia, Ont., disappeared while trying to swim across Lake Ontario to Toronto today and no trace of him has been found.

He disappeared at 3 a.m., an hour after setting out from here. He was about 3 1/2 miles from shore at the time.

A young artist-patient who had designed drapes-with-a-meaning for the clinic heads for the river and suicide when he sees his work ignored; Dr. Oscar Levant topples into sedation and hydrotherapy; and the other patients dance through the night in hysterical misery.

But then humanity's good traits come into play. The young artist fights his way back to reality, the alcoholic director quietly resigns, the nurse sends the psychiatrist back to his wife, and the clinic returns to normal again.

The difficult task assigned by the plot is well handled. There are easier ways to reach an exciting climax, but this one's well done.

STADEN — W. D. Killian of Staden Press, president of the Killian Clan at its annual reunion at Salem Lutheran and Reformed Church, is a Maude He succeeds O. C. Carpenter of Lincoln. Other officers named were William D. Killian of Gastonia, vice president; Mrs. Frank A. Killian of Bora in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Lincoln, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Martin Carpenter, Jesse C. Sigmon Jr., and John F. Carpenter, historians.



RUBY KEELER is pictured at left as tap dancer in movie with Al Jolson in 1935, and at right as Mrs. John Lowe of 1955 on the golf course.

## Ex-Dancing Star Is Golfing Mama

BALBOA ISLAND, Calif. (AP)—The famous legs of Ruby Keeler today get more exercise on the golf course than on a dance floor.

Miss Keeler, who tapped her way from Broadway to Warner Bros. musicals, the dropped out of the movies in the late '30s.

After divorcing Jolson, she married John Lowe, who handles investments. Their children are Teresa, 11, Christine, 10, Johnny, 9, and Kathleen, 7.

"We used to live in Van Nuys," she said, "and we had a summer house here on Balboa Bay. This year we decided to stay here all the time. It's rather a small house, but it will do until we find a bigger one."

"I play golf and swim. Sure, I'm in a rut, but it's a good rut. And the recreation is wonderful for the children."

Miss Keeler manages to escape her so-called rut in this sunny resort community for an occasional appearance on TV.

"It usually happens that someone in the East gets an idea," she said. "They think they've run out of names, so they say, 'Let's try Ruby Keeler.'"

Her active life here, though, keeps her in good trim. Tanned, slim and attractive, she looks much less than her 45 years.

Born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Miss Keeler became famed as a star for Florenz Ziegfeld. She married Al Jolson in 1928 and retired as a performer. She returned to

## Waste-Disposal Inspection Proposed In New Ordinance

Inspection of all developments for proper waste disposal will be proposed in a new Subdivision Ordinance, City-County Planning Director William E. McIntyre said yesterday.

Let's not served by the city sewer system will be checked to determine their adequacy for septic tanks, he said.

Such a move, it is hoped will prevent recurrence of a situation that developed in the near-by Thornshorn community.

Health authorities have questioned the adequacy of sewage-disposal facilities in that area.

Under the subdivision-control program being drafted for consideration by the City Council, the Health Department would inspect all subdivisions to determine whether sanitary waste can be disposed of each lot.

McIntyre said the regulation would protect both the prospective home owner and the developer.

Without protection, a buyer can be stranded with a lot that either is not adequate for any waste disposal or will not permit use of a large number of major appliances in the home.

At the same time, a subdivision might find that a lot already surrounded by developed property is inadequate.

The possibility of such wasted land would be eliminated if the developer is forewarned of the requirements before lots are laid out.

## Double Amputee Dies In Wreck

EFFINGHAM, Ill. — (AP)—A double amputee motorist was killed early today when his car, specially fitted with hand controls, rammed the rear of a semitrailer some 10 miles south of this central Illinois community.

Dead is Francis O'Donnell, 43, of Mason, Ill. His brother, Joe M. O'Donnell, 44, was critically injured. Francis lost both legs in World War II.

The truck driver, Paul St. John Jr., 27, of Montpelier, Vt., was uninjured.

## Announce New Way To Shrink Painful Piles

Science Finds Healing Substance That Does Both—Relieves Pain—Shrinks Hemorrhoids

New York, N. Y. (Special)—For the first time science has found a new healing substance with the astonishing ability to shrink hemorrhoids and to relieve pain—without surgery.

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All this, without the use of narcotics, anesthetics or strychnine of any kind. The secret is a new healing substance (Bio-Dyne)—the discovery of a world-famous research institution. Already, Bio-Dyne is in wide use for healing injured tissue on all parts of the body.

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## THE COBWEB

## Problem Of Mentally Ill Handled With Gentleness

THE COBWEB, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Eastman Color-CinemaScope, starring Richard Widmark, Lauren Bacall, Charles Boyer, Gloria Grahame, Lillian Gish, and Oscar Levant. At the Regency Theatre, Pineville Road, and Third Street, Charlotte.

By DICK BANKS Observer Staff Writer

"The Cobweb" approaches with gentleness the problems of the mentally ill and handles roughly the "normal" people who associate with them at a clinic for the treatment of nervous disorders.

Seldom has the camera tried to interpret irrational fears born of childhood insecurity and shock while at the same time holding a magnifying glass on the harm done by the willful and selfishness and jealousies of the more fortunate.

## Probe Threats To Negro Boy

TAHOCA, Tex. (AP)—A grand jury will investigate reports of threats to a 16-year-old Negro youth admitted to Tahoka's formerly all-white high school.

The school board ruled Sept. 2 that the boy, Andrew Nance, should be allowed to attend the school as a junior because the Tahoka Negro school offers only 10 grades. Nance registered that day and in a class meeting a few hours later was elected vice president of the junior class.

The youth said he was accosted later by three Tahoka men who threatened him with personal harm if he tried to attend the school. Sheriff Norvel Redwine said he was investigating an apparent act of vandalism—scratching of the finish of three new cars—last Tuesday night at the sales office of A. M. Bray, car dealer and school board member.

In a joint statement calling the grand jury into special session Wednesday, the county and district attorney said: "The issue before the grand jury will not be segregation . . . but squarely whether or not mob violence can be substituted for a duly constituted authority."

The statement said the jury will investigate "threats, intimidation, anonymous telephonic calls and destruction of property."

It violated fundamental rules of good government. And it was a rotten deal when he was forced by public opinion to cancel it."

McClellan has been mentioned frequently in Chicago Democratic circles as a possibility for the Illinois 1956 Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

## Play Scheduled

SUMNER, S. C. — "The Hasty Heart" will be presented by Sumner's Little Theatre on Oct. 24, as their first offering of the 1955-56 season.

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