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began by being a caricature anyway. If you're in a comic strip I suppose you're so used to having conversation bursting out of you in balloons that you're not much good at talking in the ordinary manner. Tilly (Kay Harris) has a tendency to say her lines rather than live them, and she covers up all the joins by smiling, a smile that exploits the possibilities of her india-rubber mouth and engulfs the rest of her face.

Office boy Mac (William Tracy—another brand-new discovery) has a Cro-Magnon look about him. His brain, judging by his actions, is certainly under-developed, or maybe it's just that he's in love with Tilly.

The story has its moments. There's the time Tilly takes her shorthand to a former teacher to decipher and the teacher suggests taking it to an Egyptologist. "But," says Tilly, "neither the boss nor I know Egyptian." And if you do have to sit through a fair amount of watching people being thrown out of windows and basted with custard-pie equivalents, the dénouement of the film is at any rate worth waiting for. On a double bill programme "Tilly the Toiler" would be worth at least 6d. of your 1/6.

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COLIN TAPLEY, the New Zealand actor who achieved a measure of success in Hollywood, is now Flying-Officer Colin Tapley, of the Royal Canadian Air Force, being stationed at Toronto as a Link Trainer instructor. He joined the R.C.A.F. in company with another film actor, Bert Coote, who

appeared in *The Charge of the Light Brigade* and *A Yank at Oxford*. Coote is also a Link Trainer instructor.

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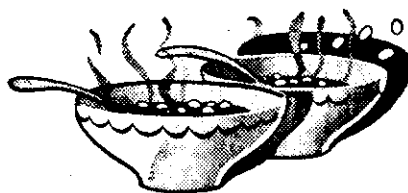
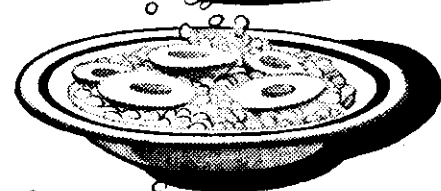
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