

Hadn't Forgotten VISIT TO HOLLYWOOD

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Mr. Maddock.

In turning out dresses for the stars, the dressmakers use a model corresponding exactly to the figure of the star. Thus there is no need for fittings.

There are rooms full of nothing but beautiful crockery, others full of nothing but old weapons, or wigs, or almost anything else you can imagine.

M.-G.-M. has the third largest music library in the world. The others are the one at Liepsic, and the State Music Library at Washington.

The studio keeps its own international collection of taxi-cabs and buses, but it hires ordinary cars for its pictures from people who make a living by renting them out.

MR. MADDOCK saw the State coach in which Norma Shearer will travel when she plays Marie Antoinette in her forthcoming picture. He saw the canals and the paddle steamer in which Marie Dressler and Wallace Beery sailed in "Min and Bill." He came upon a real English garden, full of real English flowers.

"It's rather uncanny walking about the studios and seeing the 'sets' which have been kept over from old pictures. I went through the Great Wall of China which was built for 'The Good Earth.' I crossed the square of old Verona, where Leslie Howard and Basil Rathbone fought their duels in 'Romeo and Juliet'; I wandered down the cobbled streets of old France which were built for 'A Tale of Two Cities'; and I visited Aunt Betsy Trotwood's cottage where David Copperfield spent part of his life.

"Contrary to what we often hear, everybody goes about their work of making pictures in a quiet way, without fuss and noise," Mr. Maddock told me. "It gives you a funny feeling, though, to have known these people just as shadow-folk and then suddenly to find yourself shaking them by the hand."

Stand Up And Sing WORK BEHIND SCENES

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the man whose voice they know and wait for all through the year.

Yet another personality is Mr. H. Marsden ("Harry" to most people!)—the manager of the Strand—who helps Himmy send his "cheerios" over the air. Harry is in his element as a helper. A care-free personality brightens the whole show.

SPONTANEOUS as they seem, there's really a lot of work running these sings. . . . Arranging and organising items every Friday is not in itself easy. In addition, hundreds of letters and "cheerios" have to be checked up and condensed for broadcast.

But the committee enjoys the work. It is well rewarded by the response and often expressed appreciation.

Entertainment is never lost sight of in planning those shows. Therein, perhaps, lies the real secret of their success.

"The object of the sings," says Himmy, "is to give pleasure—not only to those who attend, but also to people who, through sickness or some other disability, can only listen in. The financial aspect has been a secondary consideration, and the committee feels that if it has given pleasure for an hour, then its object has been attained and its efforts rewarded."

On May 27, Demmy, Himmy and Alfie will be busy again, for at 12.15 that day the 1938 sings start.

Listen in, New Zealand.

God Defend N.Z.

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FOR a long time it was difficult to get the conservative services to realise that aircraft were making the gun obsolescent.

It was not realised until later that the plane was the most effective weapon for bringing the missile to the target.

In the next war, says Dr. Bayly, things will be different. The navy will be still needed, but many ships will have taken wings.

More and more, ships will carry planes and bombs rather than immense cannon.

THIS, then, is the danger to New Zealand. In a moment of crisis, there is nothing to prevent ships launching their aircraft far off the coast and playing havoc with New Zealand's cities and oil supplies, unless they can be adequately protected.

"What might such a moment of crisis be?" I asked.

"We don't know," said Dr. Bayly, "what agreement Germany and Italy have with Japan. But it may be a military agreement that would encourage Japan to attack British possessions in the Pacific while Britain had her hands full at home."

It would not be possible to prevent raiders from circling Singapore and coming south. For this reason it is essential that New Zealand should make preparations for some form of local defence until Britain's hands are free at home to send assistance.

AFTER BABY CAME

Mother Put On Weight

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