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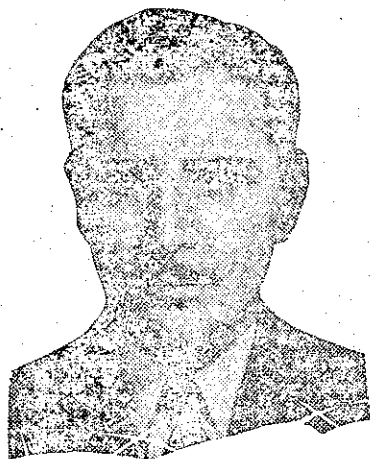
BELIEVING that two actors in a family are enough, Dick Powell and his wife, Joan Blondell, have refused an acting contract offered their four-year-old son, Norman Scott Powell.

Columbia Studio sought the youngster for the role of "Baby Dumpling" in the picture of the "Blondie" cartoon comic strip.

In declining the contract offered Norman, the Powells said there would be no acting for him or his new sister, Ellen, until their education had been completed.

Rule Breaker

FUNNY how some people can get by with breaking all the rules... take Ronald Colman... he never does any of the things that are supposed to be necessary for success in Hollywood... never goes places, never gives parties,



RONALD COLMAN

"Hollywood's handsomest man."

never gets talked about, seldom grants interviews, rarely signs autograph books, doesn't spend his money, never bothers with publicity; but he's been a major star for fifteen years now and "If I Were King," his next film, is rumored to be the finest thing he's ever done... if you could see him as he is off screen with his skin tanned mahogany and those dashes of grey at his temples I believe you'd agree that he is easily the handsomest man in Hollywood.

Good Queen Bette

WARNERS have set writers to work upon preparing a screen biography of Queen Elizabeth. They plan to cast Bette Davis in the title role, with Errol Flynn as Essex, Miss Davis and Flynn were teamed together in "The Sisters."

Flynn Seriously Ill

ERROL FLYNN was critically ill for a week recently. At first it was thought to be a touch of influenza, but the illness developed into pneumonia.

His good friends, David Niven and the Earl of Warwick, were ready to offer their blood for a transfusion, but Errol took a turn for the better. He is now completely recovered.

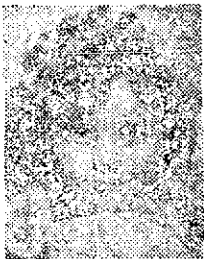
Lili Damita, his wife, was in New York ready to sail for Europe when she heard the news, and deferred her departure until Errol was declared out of danger. He recuperated from his illness at Director Eddie Goulding's home in Palm Springs.

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Quentin, Gives You The
Latest Hollywood Gossip

Shirley Grows Up

IF you need any final indication that Wonder Child Shirley Temple has really grown up at last, you should sit next to her some evening at one of her previews. Time was when she viewed her shadow on the screen detachedly, chortling with glee over the funny scenes and looking very sad when her film image displayed grief.



Shirley Temple.

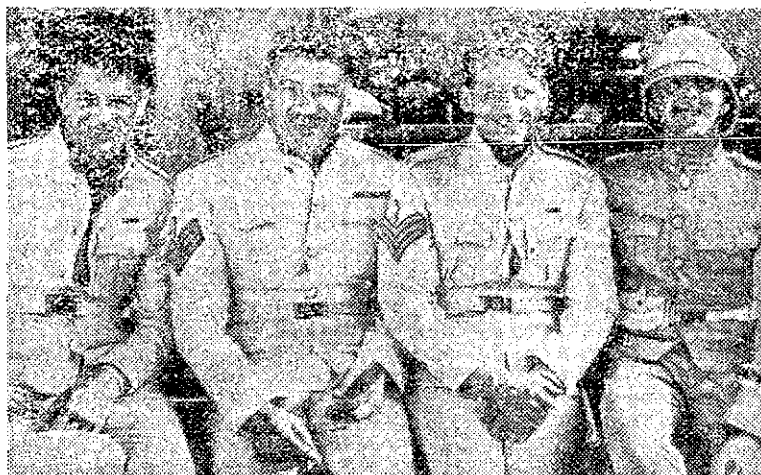
Now, like any one of the other Hollywood veterans, she shifts nervously about in her seat, watching critically.

"I shouldn't have done that," she whispers to her mother. "I could have read those lines faster. It drags." A moment later: "That routine needs one more break before George (Murphy) gets on the table."

Don't be sad, though. The evolution was necessary. With or without obvious technique, Shirley's still a trouper.

Can't Spank Her Now

FURTHER proof that Shirley has grown up is given by the fact that, in deference to the wishes of her fans, Shirley Temple will receive no spankings in her future pictures. According to character-actress Mary Nash, who played the hard-hearted governess in "Heidi," hundreds of fans have written to her and to the studio protesting against the scene in which Miss Nash slapped Shirley. Because of these letters a scene



FRIENDS ON THE FRONTIER: Cary Grant, Victor McLaglen, Douglas Fairbanks Jr., and Robert Coote (seen in the Australian "Rangle River"), who have the leading roles in RKO's "Gunga Din," a film "inspired" by Rudyard Kipling's poem. It is not yet known what actor, if any, will portray the man who is a better man than they are.

in the new film, "Little Princess," in which Miss Nash was to administer a spanking to Shirley, is being cut out of the script.

Conway Tearle's Death

THE most important people in movies turned out for the funeral of Conway Tearle, matinee idol of pre-war years. Yet these many years he was unable to get satisfactory film success.

His last real success was on the Broadway stage in "Dinner at Eight," when he played the passive actor who committed suicide. He got his first important lead in

Sydney in 1901, when he appeared in "Ben Hur."

He has played opposite such actresses as Ethel Barrymore, Grace George and Tallulah Bankhead.

Adele Rowland, his wife, was at his side when he died. He had two former wives. He was sixty years old.

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M-G-M's Big Films For 1939

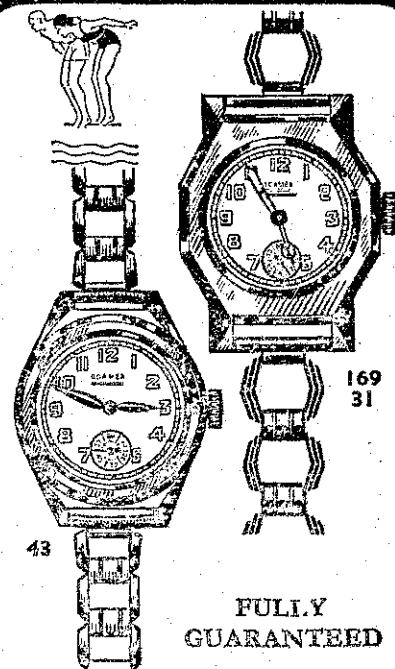
BIGGEST news of the week in the New Zealand film world is the signing of the contract for the release of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's pictures for 1939 by Fullers Theatre Corporation and John Fuller and Sons, Ltd., the J. C. Williamson Picture Corporation Ltd., and New Zealand Theatres, Ltd.

M-G-M. have just landed a big shipment of new films. The public can look forward to seeing, in the fairly near future, such shows as "Love Finds Andy Hardy" (the Mickey Rooney comedy which has created something of a sensation overseas), "The Crowd Roars" (an exciting boxing story starring Robert Taylor, Maureen O'Sullivan and Frank Morgan), "Marie Antoinette" (which marks Norm a Shearer's return to the screen after a long absence), "Too Hot to Handle" (Clark Gable and Myrna Loy), "The Citadel" (Robert Donat and Rosalind Russell in the film of Dr. Cronin's book), "Sweethearts" (Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy, in colour), and "Boy's Town" (with Spencer Tracy).

That merely picks some of the eyes out of M-G-M's list for 1939.

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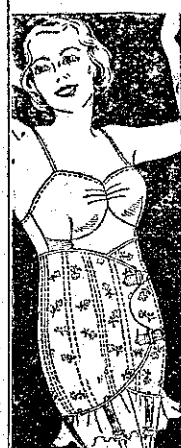
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