

# Anna Lee Once Only Girl At British Boys' School

ANNA LEE, British screen star, was once the only girl student in a boys' school in England.

The daughter of the Vicar of Ightham, Kent, England, Anna is 23.

It was her father's boys' school she attended. She didn't mind it, going to school with all those boys, but when the time came to send her off to a girls' school the picture changed.

## Revolt

Anna ran away to join a circus, an idea which sounds suspiciously as though it may have been picked up at her father's school.

Promptly caught, she was brought back only to flee again when the headmistress wouldn't let her hang pictures of Gary Cooper and Ivor Novello (heart-throb of England) in her room.

After a thrill laden trip to the far east, Anna tried the stage, had a brief success and was cast for a screen role with Jack Hulbert in a Gaumont-British film, "The Camels are Coming."

## Signed

That screen appearance resulted in a long term contract.

She was with Jessie Matthews in "First a Girl," which was widely shown in America.

A London-to-New York flight is the subject of her current picture, "Non-Stop New York."

Taking no chances on red propaganda, Canadian censors hired a Russian to translate dialog in "A Son of Mongolia."

The interpreter listened a few minutes, shook his head and gave up the job.

The characters were speaking Chinese.

## His Story

JACK PEARL fears high-speed elevators so much he rides to his broadcasts in the freight elevator.

James Dunn is considering building a home that can be hermetically sealed against gas attacks.

Edmund Lowe found a quick cure for his 80-year-old aunt's pneumonia. He promised her a movie role if she recovered. She got well in a hurry—and he found a small movie bit for her.

## Title Plus

LULU DESTE is a baroness by birth and also by marriage.

HARRIET HOCTOR, the ballerina, rests her feet by propping them higher than her head.

PAUL MUNI has grown 2½ beards.

Did you know DASHIELL HAMMETT, author of "The Thin Man," went to Spain to fight for the loyalists?

Shirley Temple the other day tapped Victor McLaglen's 33-inch chest and asked: "Mr. McLaglen, do you have a pillow under your coat?"

Pajamas and nightgowns irk MYRNA LOY.

## Where He Is

Charles Boyer spends an extra lot of time on the Garbo set.

## Firemen

"Fire Over England" survived the Hays office with one deletion—the scene where an actor called "Fire, fire!" Censors feared audiences might rush the exits.

John Boles takes eggs from his chicken ranch to market personally. Each carton contains his picture.

JOHN BARRYMORE regained his health and sense of humor in the desert, friends report.

PEGGY STRATFORD, leading lady of "A New Trail Ahead," was born in Nicaragua.

Her father is an Australian and her mother was born in Paris.

## What? None for Romance?

Virginia Bruce thinks the perfect escort would be:

Robert Taylor (to make the girls jealous).

Clark Gable (for manliness).

Noel Coward (he's witty).

Fred Astaire (needs no explaining).

G. B. Shaw (sparkling conversation).

James Stewart (not affected).

William Powell (good humored).

Cesar Romero (he's got manners).

Francis Lederer (charming).

Jack Dempsey ("Take your hand off that girl's shoulder!").

Red dresses bother CAROLE LOMBARD.

The first rough print of "Lost Horizon" ran five hours, but finally was cut down to only two hours and 11 minutes.

Whom would you pick for Elmer Lane in "All Is Confusion"? Joe E. Brown got the role.

MARGOT GRAHAME has a "runt" chow. The dog is eight inches long.

Fifteen hundred dollars worth of mustaches bristled on the "Toast of New York Set," so Makeup Artist Sam Kauffman stationed himself at the payroll table as the extras filed by.

"Check your mustaches here," he ordered, "and nobody gets out with hair on his face, unless he can prove it's his own."

MICHAEL WHALEN couldn't sleep the other night because he kept seeing pretty girls.

Six of them, one at a time, called to get his autograph for a scavenger hunt.

Robert Taylor hates to carry money and sometimes borrows from Barbara Stanwyck when they date, and then repays her at the end of the week.

Total for a typical week: \$20.

ALICE FAYE doesn't play on the beach much, because her skin burns instead of tanning.

DONRUE LEIGHTON, who plays a leading role in "Oh, Doctor!" refused to rehearse kissing scenes.

Anita Loos was 12 when she wrote her first scenario.

## Yeah Man!

Martha Raye has a new town car and a chauffeur.

CORNELIUS VANDERBILT, JR., trained 30 pounds off before he started a "personal appearance" tour.

## 'Here, Take It'

As a reward for stealing so many pictures, Gregory Ratoff has been given one of his own.

He stars in "Lancer Spy."

Director James Whale of "The Road Back" says, "Men in great anger do not swear. Their hate is expressed most succinctly in biting sarcasm."

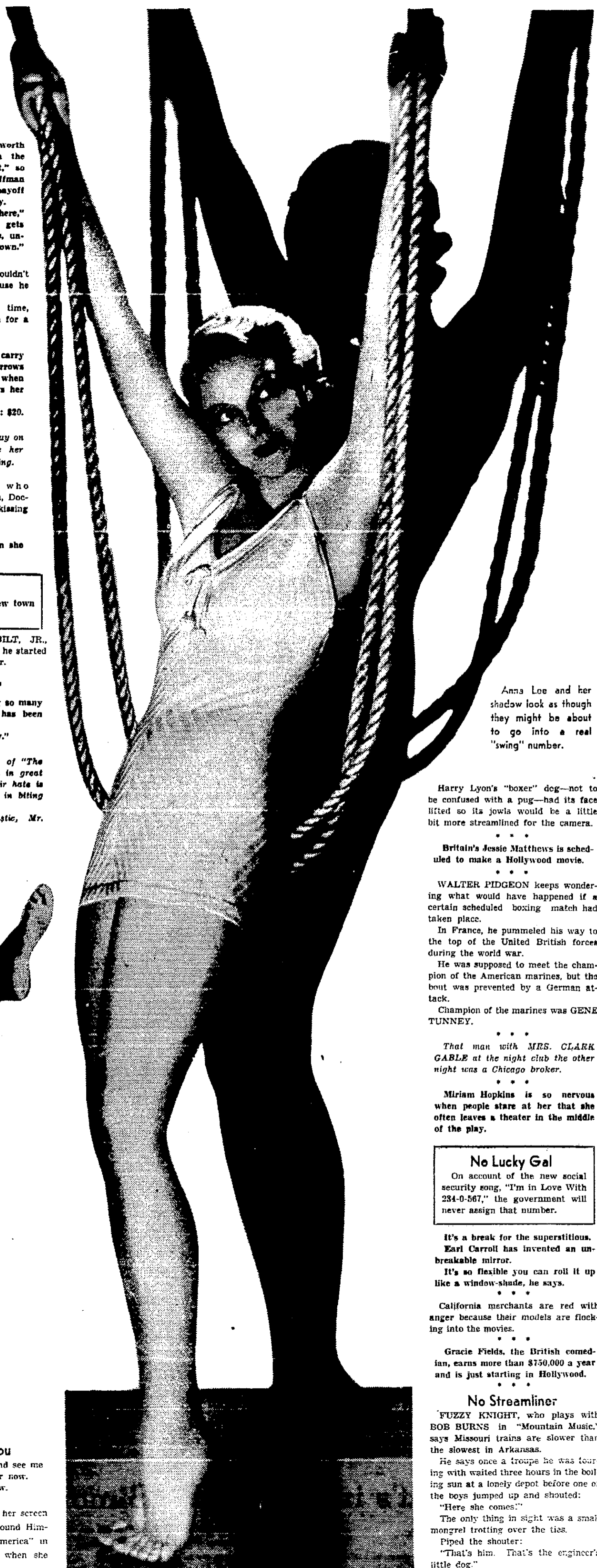
Are you being sarcastic, Mr. Whale?

Dorothy White, dancer in "Walkie Wedding," adds a few fancy trimmings of her own to Hawaii's hula.

## Down to See You

Mae West's "come up and see me sometime," is out of order now. Mae lives in a bungalow.

Marie Marks, who makes her screen debut in "The Man Who Found Himself," was chosen "Miss America" in a national beauty contest when she was 15.



Anna Lee and her shadow look as though they might be about to go into a real "swing" number.

Harry Lyon's "boxer" dog—not to be confused with a pug—had its face lifted so its jaws would be a little bit more streamlined for the camera.

Britain's Jessie Matthews is scheduled to make a Hollywood movie.

WALTER PIDGEON keeps wondering what would have happened if a certain scheduled boxing match had taken place.

In France, he pummeled his way to the top of the United British forces during the world war.

He was supposed to meet the champion of the American marines, but the bout was prevented by a German attack.

Champion of the marines was GENE TUNNEY.

That man with MRS. CLARK GABLE at the night club the other night was a Chicago broker.

Miriam Hopkins is so nervous when people stare at her that she often leaves a theater in the middle of the play.

## No Lucky Gal

On account of the new social security song, "I'm in Love With 234-0-567," the government will never assign that number.

It's a break for the superstitious. Earl Carroll has invented an unbreakable mirror.

It's so flexible you can roll it up like a window-shade, he says.

California merchants are red with anger because their models are flocking into the movies.

Gracie Fields, the British comedian, earns more than \$750,000 a year and is just starting in Hollywood.

## No Streamliner

FUZZY KNIGHT, who plays with BOB BURNS in "Mountain Music," says Missouri trains are slower than the slowest in Arkansas.

He says once a troupe he was touring with waited three hours in the boiling sun at a lonely depot before one of the boys jumped up and shouted: "Here she comes!"

The only thing in sight was a small mongrel trotting over the ties.

Piped the shout: "That's him. That's the engineer's little dog."

