

IN HOLLYWOOD

By ERSKINE JOHNSON

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 2.—Those disgruntled Hollywood tourists' comments—"Where is everybody this summer?"—are easy to answer.

The stars, whom tourists usually come to see, are back in the towns where the tourists came from. They're starring in summer stock, wanting to see a live audience for a change.

The list: Erlik Rhodes, Jeffrey Lynn, Guy Kibbe, Sylvia Sidney, Michael Auer, Richard Arlen, Sam Allgood, Edmund Lowe, Jackie Cooper, Roland Young, Buddy Ebsen, Grant Mitchell, Eddie Horton, Betty Field, Virginia Gilmore, Arthur Treacher and Blanche Yurka.

FOR THE FIRST time in his 18 years in Hollywood, John Wayne is headed for the top 10 box-office stars.

Look at his record: "Fort Apache" breaking records, "Red River" coming up and "Wake of the Red Witch" currently before the cameras.

MYRNA DELL, ex-girl friend of Jimmy Stewart, gets her first leading role in Republic's "Rose of the Yukon."

Quote of the week: "I want no top billing. Let me go along being one of those who hold up the line and I'm content."—Charles Bickford.

Strange trio of Bill Robinson, Noel Coward and Toots Shor will be competing as painters when New York's Urban League exhibits celebrity paintings. Shelley Winters, who was given last-minute co-star billing in "Larceny" committed just that. Preview audiences, I hear, are agreeing that she steals the show.

THE RECENT dispute between Abbott and Costello and the UI

Chicagoan Quotes

1787 Law to Force

Wife to Return

CHICAGO, Sept. 2 (UPI)—Victor Billiberto, 27, today invoked the Northwest Territories law of 1787, which says a man's wife is his chattel, in an attempt to force his wife to return to him.

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SCORNFUL — Jean Peters, who scorns Dana Andrews' career as lobster-fisherman in "Deep Waters," drama currently at the Lyric.



DISGUISED — Jack Carson, wearing whiskers for a gag in "Two Guys From Texas," comedy co-starring Dennis Morgan, which opens today at the Circle.

TRUMAN SPEECH SHORT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (UPI)—President Truman's Labor Day speech in Detroit will be about 20 minutes long, the White House said today.

Promised but I'm not sure about being hoped for: Joan Crawford as a carnival entertainer in "Flamingo Road" doing the hootchie-kootchie dance of "Little Egypt."

NOTE FROM A READER: "Why doesn't Hollywood do something about the type of entertainment on the screen?"

"My grandchildren go around imitating the groans of dying men and the screeching of frightened women." Sounds like a need a diet of Donald Duck.

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