

## In Hollywood

By ERSKINE JOHNSON

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 30.—Of all the caricaturists I've seen work, balding, pug-nosed Len Ward is my favorite.

Len has brought a new twist to caricatures—he draws them on the wall for everyone to see. Not really on the wall but on an intricate machine which projects every turn of his pencil on the wall like a movie.

It's so much fun that Len is the floor show at the Manhattan Supper Club. Len draws his caricature for a dollar. There's a laugh for everyone in the place with every caricature.

LEN, a one-time accountant in Ontario, Canada, has been drawing caricatures for 12 years. First on the college circuit, then at the El Gaucho night club on Chicago's North Shore and now in L. A.

A lot of things can happen to a caricaturist because, as Len says, "The caricaturist is, a rat."

Len remembers the president of an insurance firm who didn't like his caricature and poured a pitcher of water over him; the cadet from the Glenview Naval Air Base in Chicago who didn't like the comic Len did of his lieutenant and socked Len in the jaw.

BUT there are laughs, too. Len remembers a customer named John Barrymore who mugged and quoted Robert Burns while posing. And all bold-headed men, who whisper a wish for hair for a slightly better price.

And drama: "I'll never forget her," Len said. "She was a beautiful blonde. I drew her caricature but she was so lovely I'm afraid I didn't draw a caricature. She tossed me a \$50 bill. They found her the next day—a suicide. It read: 'I can't go on. I'm broke.'"

WALTER HUSTON, as a good-luck charm, was a radio voice in "Key Largo" which his son John directed. Now he'll play the bit role of a banker in John's "Rough Sketch." Lynn Bari and her husband, Sid Luft, are off to New York. Lynn acknowledged that she might do a stage play on one condition. The condition, she explained, was that someone offer her a part.

The feud is still on between Paramount and its suspended star Ray Milland. Ten minutes after Ray checked into the Ojai Valley Inn, his boss, Henry Ginsberg, checked out.

DANNY THOMAS' six-year-old daughter, Teresa, went to school for the first time and the teacher asked the children what they could do to write their name, read a story, etc. "The teacher came to Teresa and said, 'And what can you do, my dear?'" she asked. Teresa smiled proudly and said, "I can tell jokes."

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