

It Happened Last Night—

Name Game Wins Supporters

Columnist Says He's Buried Under 6-Postcard Deluge

By Earl Wilson

NEW YORK, Jan. 22—"The Name Game" is the greatest invention to take your mind off your troubles since whisky—and it's free.

Elmer Reilly, one of my readers, devised this game, which consists of distorting the names of celebrities.

He suggested—as a starter—"Jinx Talkenburg," "Frank Thinatra," and that brand-new father, "Humphrey Gocart."

Now I find myself buried under an avalanche of six postcards with additions to "The Name Game" as follows:

Mickey Funn, Judy Darlin'—from Mike Kurland.

Rita Haywire, Cecil B. DeMille, Eddie Cantor, Yvonne Moore—from Bill Quinn.

GYPSY ROSE Whee, Joe Stalilin', Joe E. Clown, Ethel Ermine—From Cab Calloway. Errol Flynn, Artie Shaw—from Myron Clegg.

Kate Widmer, Jack Penny, Hokey Carmichael, Shmoe Adams—From Dave Rabbey. Joe DiMaggio, Nasal Rathbone—From Ted Hartman. Peter Gory, Leonardi Lines—From Al Posta Ah-Man! Miranda—From Harry Schwartz.

AND SOME others: Patter Donald, Mel Torment, Murray Wangle, Joe Hustle, Vickie Bomb, Joe E. Loses, Pan Parker, Noordick Kenny, Dear Garson, Howard Shoo, Ralph Edwards.

P. S. Any resemblance between the names above and those of real people is of course a shocking coincidence. And, oh boy, does it take brains to write a column nowadays!

The Midnight Earl

WHAT'S HOT: George Jessel will spend most of next summer writing a serious religious book

(He says the California snowdrops were bigger than anybody with the William Morris Office).

Gentleman George Soltane's much improved and looking forward to his release from the hospital.

Gene Tierney jokingly asked this question: Miss Hayworth Will? Rita Hayworth want Aly Khan to get fatter and fatter so he can collect more gold each year when it's handed out to him according to his weight?... His

Commissioner Quayle left his dinner on the plate at the Colony and whipped off to attend a fire...

New Orleans is already practically a sell-out for the Mardi Gras.

RAY FOR BUFFALO: Carmen Miranda's here proclaiming about the wonderful people in Buffalo where she just played the Town House. Congressman Jack Tuckero and Nate D. Seeger, attorney, interceded with the Bureau of Immigration to delay the departure to South America of her singing group. Carmen's rushing back to do the March of Dimes show after appearing in the Texaco TV show.

Bar Buzz

DEAN MARTIN and Jerry Lewis had to join the musicians' union because of the trumpet and trombone they use in their act... Elliot Lawrence escaped injury when his auto turned over in Kentucky.

Our Town

SEN. MAGNUSON joined a party at El Morocco (not a party of seven)... Monica Lewis takes

Mrs. H. and Son

Enjoyed Stay Here

Mrs. Jackson Halsingford and son, Jimmy, have just left for their home in Cedar Rapids. They stayed at the Graylyn for three days. They liked it...

Mrs. H., who stopped off here to (in her own words) "tend to some stuff" for her husband, a Cedar Rapids business man, claims she was never more completely comfortable in her life than she was at the Graylyn.

"Our quarters were charming and beautifully furnished—with plenty of elbow room," says Mrs. Halsingford. "Jimmy liked the Graylyn, too, and made many friends on the hotel staff and among the other guests. We will certainly look forward to our next trip to Indianapolis."

Yes—nice people stay at the Graylyn. Our guest list shows extreme variation: Ranch owners, business men, technical men, doctors, lawyers, salesmen—and a lot of just plain, nice people.

That may be why we do everything possible within the limits of our moderate rates—to make our guests comfortable and happy. We like to know that when they leave the chances are excellent that they will come back. And most of them do—again and again.

The Graylyn Blue Room offers facilities for pleasant lunching, dining—and for late suppers. We believe you'll agree the food is outstandingly good, swiftly and attractively served... Visit us soon, won't you?

Graylyn

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1043 NORTH PENNSYLVANIA

Earl's Pearls

Jack Barry tells us of a lawyer whose practice is so bad that he's divorcing his wife just to have a case.

Some people are name-droppers but Ted Lewis figures out that Artie Shaw is a dame-dropper.

over Jack Eiger's disc job Friday for two weeks while Jack vacations in Florida... Martin Block will do a jockey show for the State Department when he's b'casts on the Voice of America... Ray Robinson sprained his ankle tap dancing at the Savannah Club... NBC may televise a concert by Guido Cantelli, the young terrific conductor, whose biggest booster, Arturo Toscanini.

The Old Romanian's Sasha Leonoff was asked whether he was a white or red Russian. "I'm a yellow Russian," he replied. "I'm afraid of both of them..." That's Earl, brother.

London Ballet To Tour U. S.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 (UPI)—The famed Sadler's Wells Ballet of Covent Garden, London, will make its first appearance in America next fall.

The company will do a three-week season at the Metropolitan Opera House, after which it will make a brief tour of the eastern United States and Canada.

From its large repertoire, the company will present ballets new to this country and will innovate in the United States the performance of evening-length single ballets.

Among the latter will be Tchaikovsky's "The Sleeping Beauty," of which only one act has been seen heretofore. Another three-act production will be the company's latest London success, "Cinderella," by Serge Prokofieff, which had never been seen outside Russia.

Other premieres will include "Hamlet," with music by Tchaikovsky; three works by Frederick Ashton, the company's choreographer; "Don Juan," with music by Strauss; "Scenes de Ballet," by Stravinsky; and "Symphonic Variations," by Cesare Franchetti.

Among the cities to be visited by the company are Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, Boston, Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa and London, Ont.

Symphony Prefers

Viols From Dumps

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Jan. 22 (UPI)—The Boston Symphony Orchestra uses bass violins that were born on the Springfield city dump.

Stephen Strycharz, garbage collector, fashioned the violins from strips of spruce he picked up on his routine calls at the dump.

Mr. Strycharz a part-time violinist and craftsman in addition to his municipal duties, says Boston Symphony musicians pay him \$500 each for his hand-made violins.

Gene Autry and his horse, Champion, will head a cast of screen, stage and radio stars coming to the Murat Theater, Wednesday, Feb. 2. There will be two complete shows, a children's half-price matinee at 4 p. m. and a second performance at 8:30 p. m.

Belmont

West Washington & Belmont, Today, 1 P. M.—MON. & TUES.

Greer Garson—Walter Pidgeon

"JULIA MISBEHAVES"

Plus "GALLANT LEGION"

Saturday, Jan. 29, 8:30 P. M.

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