

## In Hollywood— Crosby Shuns Award Dinner

Doesn't Bother to Drop In  
And Get Annual Gold Medal

By Erskine Johnson

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 26—Everyone stepped up and accepted his Gold Medal award from Photoplay Magazine except Bing Crosby. Bing, voted the most popular actor of the year, didn't show up.

This has been going on for some time. Bing has won the Gold Medal five consecutive years. For five years

Photoplay has given a big formal dinner party at the Beverly Hills Hotel and dusted off a chair for the Groucher.

Once, at the second dinner, Bing did come. He even sang a couple of songs. But now he's missed three in a row. And this time, according to a Photoplay spokesman, he didn't even bother to decline the invitation.

George Jessel handed the gold medal to Bing's boss, Y. Frank Freeman, and said: "We'll give this to you just in case you see him sometime." Ingrid Bergman accepted her medal and said: "Maybe one of these days I'll catch up with Bing."

THERE'S A NEW respect for Dan Dailley around the Fox lot since that Academy nomination. He's in fast company for a hopper and he's plenty flattered. . . . Susan Peters is talking about doing a motion picture in Italy. . . . Dennis O'Keefe will do "The Lark" for Eddie Small and then goes to England and a movie about the Berlin airlift, "Operation Vittles."

THERE'S A STORY making the rounds that touches both on the value of publicity and the incongruity of the studio economy waves. Here it is: Studio executives sign up a new personality and assign a press agent to get it in all the newspapers that he's a sensational discovery. The press agent does. The executives are so impressed they give the star a raise. Then they fire the press agent.

CONNIE HAINES may be the singer on the Dean Martin-Jerry Lewis album. . . . Nick Russo will produce a play by Craig Rice, "The Gallows Tree." . . . Angela Lansbury may be the star. . . . The Al Jolson minstrel show for television is beyond the talking stage. Plans now are for it to originate in New York.

A SCHOOL for theater managers just opened in New York. Roy Rowland wonders if a student will be taken to the woods if he comes home with a report card showing only 70 in popcorn and 65 in candy bars.

NO WORRIES about type casting for character actor John Hoyt. In rapid succession he's played a fanatical Nazi, a horse trainer, a psychiatrist and a bare tiddie accompanist to an opera star in "Everybody's Doing It."

ONE OF THE CHIEF complaints against Hollywood is the lack of new faces on the screen. Exhibitors and public both claim the producers use the same old faces over and over and make little effort to find new talent. Things may be changing. Five unknowns are being introduced in five new films. In fact, the words "And Introducing" are used in the ads and in the screen billing. The five are:

Peter Miles in "The Red Pony," Betty Drake in "Every Girl Should Be Married," Patricia Neal in "John Loves Mary," Harry Carey Jr. in "Three Godfathers" and Beatrice Pearson in "Force of Evil."

Day of hundreds of gorgeous femmes flocking to Hollywood for film breaks seems to be over. Ben Bard complains that he can't even

## Apartment Dwellers Make Discovery

A young couple who live in an apartment recently made what, to them, seemed to be a wonderful discovery.

They had always believed it impossible to invite out-of-town guests for the week end. "In our apartment we couldn't give overnight accommodations to Tom Thumb," was the way they put it.

Then, one Saturday afternoon, good old Joe and Millie from back in Illinois turned up and—wham! . . . a state of emergency existed.

But, guided by what apparently was genuine inspiration, our young friends put Millie and Joe up at the Graylynn—and their troubles were over as quickly as they had begun.

They all had a wonderful dinner at the Graylynn Blue Room—Joe and Millie were even better cared for than they could have been in the average home—host and hostesses were saved a barrel of work and worry. Everything, as the expression goes, was lovely.

And the moral of this happy yarn, friends, is: When you are hard put to handle guests in your own tepee—turn them over to the Graylynn. For the Graylynn is set up to make their stay a pleasant one—an extension, you might say, of your own hospitality. Try us.

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